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The Honorable John F. Ahearne, Chairperson
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Commissioner Ahearne:

As you know it has been over 1 and 3/4 years since the accident at Three Mile Island. In as much as TMI 1 was not involved in the accident and apparently is safe to operate, may I urge you to use your influence to restart this plant as soon as possible for the following reasons:

1. We need all of the nuclear power we can generate in our country to reduce our dependence on foreign energy sources. This would help our balance of payments and help fight inflation by reducing the cost of producing electric power.

2. It is extremely unfair for our government to encourage utilities for many years to invest billions of dollars in nuclear power, and yet when one of these corporations has an accident, as G.P.U. (Met-Ed) had in TMI 2 that the other unit, TMI 1 which was not involved, would not be allowed to restart for a period going on two years.

3. A regulated industry such as G.P.U. has to be financially healthy in order to fulfill its obligation to furnish power to the customers it was licensed to serve. It should not be deprived of the income that TMI 1 could generate.

I guess I'm just asking for simple justice.

Your help in allowing TMI 1 to restart at the earliest opportunity would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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