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Nunzio Palladino
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We urge you and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to swiftly decide all remaining questions relating to the re-start of Three Mile Island Unit No. 1, owned by Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, and Jersey Central Power and Light, in order that the pending safety and economic concerns of consumers and businesses in Pennsylvania and across the country regarding the future use of the plant can be resolved with certainty and finality.

In particular, we urge the Commission to act expeditiously this Spring on all issues other than those pending before the Supreme Court, regardless of the pending nature of that case. If these other issues can be resolved prior to the Supreme Court's decision, then the Commission will not be the source of any regulatory delay after the Supreme Court hands down its decision.

Each year TMI Unit No. 1 remains idle Pennsylvania ratepayers pay over \$123 million in higher electric rates, according to General Public Utilities. This is disturbing in light of requests for rate increases and funding requirements for TMI Unit No. 2 clean-up

Each year TMI Unit No. 1 remains idle the top 20 industrial customers of Metropolitan Edison and Pennsylvania Electric pay \$13.8 million in higher electric rates (see attached data provided by General Public Utilities). Most of these industries, such as Bethlehem Steel, General Electric, Procter & Gamble, U.S. Steel, Caterpillar Tractor Company, Rochester and Pitt Coal, and Western Electric, provide jobs to thousands of Pennsylvanians. This higher electric cost represents monies that are sorely needed for industrial capital improvements to create new jobs and minimize the critical unemployment situation in Pennsylvania. The economic climate is difficult enough in Pennsylvania without jobs being strapped with avoidably high utility rates.

In short, delay by the Commission in resolving the TMI Unit No. 1 re-start issue is unacceptable when Pennsylvania jobs are on the line.

For these reasons, we urge you to give the TMI Unit No. 1 re-start case high priority this Spring.

Sincerely,

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20 Largest Customers of the GPU Operating Companies

METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY

Carpenter Technology Corp.
Caterpillar Tractor Company
Western Electric Company
Bethlehem Steel Corp.
National Gypsum Company
P. H. Glatfelter Company
P.P.G. Companies
Cabot Berlyco
Aluminum Co. of America
General Battery Corp.
Vitaallic Co. of America

Burditt Oxygen Co.
James River-Dixie/Northern
St. Regis Paper Co.
Borg Warner corp.
Dana Corp.
East Penn Mfg. Co.
Rockwell International
Bowen McLaughlin
Dolomite Brick Corp.

PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC COMPANY

Bethlehem Steel
Proctor & Gamble
Standard Steel
National Forge
Bethlehem Mines
Barner & Tucker
Greenwich
Appleton Paper
Sylvania
Masonite
Pennzoil

Rochester & Pitt Coal
Florence Mining Co.
Owens Corning
General Electric
Universal Cyclops
U. S. Steel
Edinboro State College
Hammer Mill
Glass Container Co.

JERSEY CENTRAL

Picatinny Arsenal
Anheuser Busch
Air Products
Div. of Factory Eng.
Nestles
M&M/Mars Div. of Mars
Brockaway Center
New York Life
National Lead
Chemico
Peter J. Schweitzer/
Kimberly Clark
Lakehurst
Toms River Chem. Corp.
Continental Group
Hercules Inc.
Ingersoll-Rand Co.
American Can Co.
Perkin Elmer Corp.
Ethyl Corp./Bisqueen
Carter's Products Inc.

GPU SYSTEM

Energy Cost Savings Associated
with the Operation of TMI-1*
(\$000)

	<u>Met-Ed</u>	<u>Penelec</u>	<u>Jersey</u>	<u>GPU</u>
Retail-PA/NJ	\$80,432	\$38,125	\$58,448	\$177,005
- NY	-	230	-	230
Resale	<u>1,663</u>	<u>2,695</u>	<u>1,412</u>	<u>5,770</u>
Total Company	<u>\$82,095</u>	<u>\$41,050</u>	<u>\$59,860</u>	<u>\$183,005</u>

* Gross energy savings - difference in energy cost rates with and without TMI-1.

TOP 20 CUSTOMERS
SAVINGS ASSOCIATED
TMI-1 OPERATION
(\$)

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Revenue Savings**	\$8,138,173	\$5,678,471	\$976,625	\$14,793,269

**Net savings includes the base rate increase, energy cost rate decrease and associated tax surcharge effect.

UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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CHAIRMAN

April 14, 1983

The Honorable James T. Broyhill
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Broyhill:

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We understand that the licensee currently believes ongoing repairs can be sufficiently completed so that the plant can be ready to return to criticality by mid-July. However, inasmuch as this estimate contains no contingencies for unforeseen problems, e.g. a need for additional work that might be revealed in post-repair testing, the mid-July target may be optimistic.

The Commission is striving to resolve restart issues in as expeditious a manner as possible. However, we cannot rule out the possibility that unforeseen problems may affect our schedule. For example, among the factors that lend uncertainty to the schedule is the possibility of last-minute allegations calling the safety of operating the plant into question. We are examining ways to surface and review such allegations earlier in the decision process. Although we cannot realistically guarantee a specific decision date, the Commission remains committed to rendering a decision on restart as soon as practicable.

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