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Re: In the Matter of Metropolitan Edison Company
(Three Mile Island Nuclear Station)
Docket No. 50-289

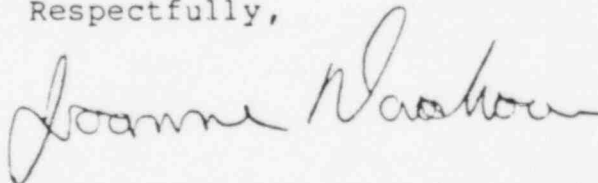
Dear Commissioners:

This letter and the attached "TMIA's Motion for Postponement of Prehearing Conference" is to bring to your attention a very serious situation which the parties in the TMI-1 restart case are currently facing.

The TMI-1 ASLB has initially scheduled the reopened hearing process involving the "Hartman allegations" to run simultaneously with hearings on TMI-1's steam generator tube license amendment. In the interest of basic fairness and in seeing an extremely serious issue resolved properly, TMIA has urged the management ASLB to postpone its scheduled prehearing conference and any subsequent discovery on the "Hartman allegations" until after the steam tube hearings are complete.

As the attached motion explains, if a postponement is not granted, the intervenors will be unable to meaningfully participate in hearings in which they have an absolute right to participate. If the parties are rushed through the reopened management case, which has become a matter of particular concern to this Commission, and which still has not yet been finally reevaluated or investigated by OI or the Staff, proper resolution of the issues will not be possible.

Respectfully,



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