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In the Matter of
Metropolitan Edison Company
(Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1)
Docket No. 50-289 (Restart - Remand) *SP*

Dear Chairman Smith and Administrative Judges Wolfe and Linenberger:

Enclosed is a personal letter from Dr. Coe, Director, Training and Education, GPU Nuclear, to NRC Chairman Nunzio Palladino, dated October 2, 1984. This letter came to counsel's attention today and, in order to avoid any appearance of improper ex parte communication, Licensee is serving the letter on the parties to the restart proceeding, the Licensing Board, the Appeal Board and the Commission.

Sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Palladino,

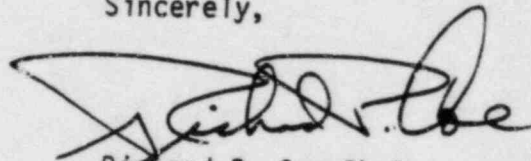
For nearly a year and a half I have served as Director of Training and Education at GPU Nuclear Corporation, and as such, have an intimate knowledge of the overall training effort being expended. I am aware of the ASLB/PID, Milhollen Report, your staff assessments and our own internal reviews of training. I have personally initiated an additional internal audit of the Operator Training function at TMI and have been directly involved in the effort to purchase the TMI simulators. It was my initiative to accelerate the formal accreditation of our training programs by INPO. During this past year we have required our operators to attend regular and special training programs at the B & W Simulator totalling 80 hours. GPU Nuclear is the only utility, without a replica simulator, to require all new license applicants to be tested on a simulator. Since the TMI-2 accident, all of the Unit 1 licensed personnel have requalified and that in itself is unprecedented. The above mentioned efforts are but a small portion of the overall effort being expended to qualify and requalify licensed operators at TMI-I. The training management and staff at TMI are highly qualified professionals who are dedicated to properly training all nuclear station personnel.

The reason for contacting you directly is my concern for the inordinate delay in the restart of TMI-I, partially due to training related concerns. Like many of the other previous issues GPUN has actively addressed these concerns, sometimes several times over. We are prepared, if necessary, to fully address the recent ALAB remand for additional hearings. I am confident that we will again satisfactorily address these concerns and feel that they should not be an impediment to a prompt favorable restart decision for TMI-I. As Commission Chairman, you are as familiar as anyone with the history of TMI-I and are also aware that current facts overwhelmingly support a favorable restart decision.

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I therefore urge you to consider a face to face meeting, at the Commission's convenience, with me, my training management, and the operator training instructors at TMI to address any lingering concerns you and your fellow commissioners may have. Such a meeting could be arranged at the TMI Training Center or at the Commission headquarters as you prefer. GPU Nuclear, unlike any other utility, has had an unprecedented scrutiny of its TMI-I facility and has more than adequately addressed the myriad of concerns accumulated over the past five years. I respectfully urge the immediate and favorable decision for TMI-I and ask your serious consideration to our meeting request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard P. Coe", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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