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Dear Commissioner Asselstine:

On Nov 15, 84, during a scheduled GPU Road Show at the Conewago TWP. Bldg., York Co., Ronald Toole stated: "We have the material for new steam generators." (Ref. Alice Herman...Ph. 717-266-2452)

On Nov. 27, 84, at the TMI Observation Center, Steve Williams, GPU Radiological Engineer for Unit 1 and Dr. Gary Baker, GPU Manager for Radiological Mgt., responded to Debra Davenport's inquiries about new steam generators by stating: "Yes, we are negotiating for the purchase of new steam generators. However, this does not mean there is anything wrong with the present steam generators at Unit 1." Miss Davenport's inquiries about the source of these purchases were met with nebulous responses. (Lebbie Davenport....Ph: 717-763-9552).

On Nov. 28, a local newsman called GPU Public Relations Director Douglas Bedell. Mr. Bedell reported: "To the best of my knowledge GPU has not purchased any new steam generators. "

This controversy requires investigative confirmation to establish:

1. Did GPU purchase steam generators during the Cyster Creek sale several years ago or from any other source at any other time?
2. Were the Steam generator tubes at TMI Unit 1 in such jeopardy that GPU was able to foresee the necessity of replacement in the near future, thus the Cyster Creek purchase?
3. Cr, has GPU envisioned a method of turning a purchased error or regrettable investment into a bonanza by foisting Cyster Creek's cancelled reactor steam generators onto the hapless Met.Ed. ratepayers to the tune of \$100 million?

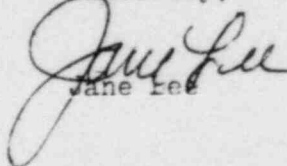
4. Is GPU pushing diligently for restart in order to regain the rate base only to shut down the plant operation under the guise of steam generator failure; thereby forcing the ratepayers to pay for the shut down and the steam generator replacement?
5. Are any of the NRC Commissioners aware of the true integrity of of Units 1's steam generators or has the Commission taken the word of the NRC Staff?

The Commission would be well served if a closer look was taken regarding the consequences of restarting a nuclear reactor which suffers from damaged and weakened steam generator tubes whose repairs are questionable at best and could create a chain of irreversible events.

Personally, I would not invest in a new stove, hot water heater of any other mechanical device, if the present one is in good operating condition.

We would appreciate an investigation to ascertain if GPU has in fact, purchased new steam generators from the Oyster Creek sale or from any other source and if so, what are the ramifications of such a purchase and how does it relate to the integrity of the present steam generators at TMI Unit 1?

Sincerely,


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