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26 December 1984

Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeal Board
Washington, D.C.

To Whom it may concern:

The five enclosures within are communications dealing with the necessity of TMI facilities in the power base structure.

Enclosure 5 is ambiguous in that it states, "the only question to be resolved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is the safe operation of Unit 1." Mr. Crowley then states "Dependent upon that decision this....how best to satisfy the power needs of its customers." (See enclosure 5).

There would be no need to determine the safety question if the power base data indicated there was no need for the TMI facility. The question to be resolved is whether the TMI facility would be granted a license now, based upon how it would function in the power base structure. No one wants to pay for what might, relative to the consumer in the overall power base, be a light bulb.

Efficiency, as used in enclosure 1, which is the basic question involved, is with respect to not only the purely electrical consideration, but all others as well.

Respectfully,


Larry D. Edmonson

enclosures (5)

cc Senator Arlean Specter
Representative George Gekas

P.O. Box 334
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25 October 1984

Representative George W. Gekas
The United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Representative Gekas:

Five years have passed since Three Mile Island ceased to operate as an electrical energy supplier for the power base. Since TMI shut-down, data of supply and demand for electrical power has accumulated. If possible this data should be used to determine the necessity of this facility in the power structure. ie. will TMI increase the efficiency of the power base.

Respectfully,



Larry D. Edmonson

cc Senator Arlean Specter
Governor Richard Thornburgh
Senator John Shumaker
Dauphin County Commission

GEORGE W. GEKAS
17th DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

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Congress of the United States
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Washington, D.C. 20515

November 7, 1984

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Mr. Larry Edmonson
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Dear Mr. Edmonson,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding Three Mile Island.

Generally, the number of operable nuclear reactors in the United States increased from 20 in 1970 to 58 in 1975, and is currently 87. However, in recent years, due to a marked decline in new reactor orders and numerous plant cancellations, the total number of plants operating, under construction, or planned has decreased from 220 to 128. In addition to the decline in new orders, 72 plants have been cancelled since the beginning of 1979.

Reasons given for the decline in new reactor orders and cancellation of plants include a slackening in the growth of demand for electric power, increased regulatory uncertainties, high interest rates, difficulties in financing the large capital costs of a nuclear plant, and increases in the time required to construct and license new plants.

I am certain that both the private sector and the U.S. Department of Energy are reviewing the facts surrounding the need for the power that was supplied by Three Mile Island when it was operating in an effort to determine the need for any reopening of a power plant on the TMI site.

I hope that this information has been helpful to you.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE W. GEKAS
Member of Congress

GWG/wac

15TH DISTRICT
JOHN J. SHUMAKER

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December 17, 1984

Mr. Larry D. Edmonson
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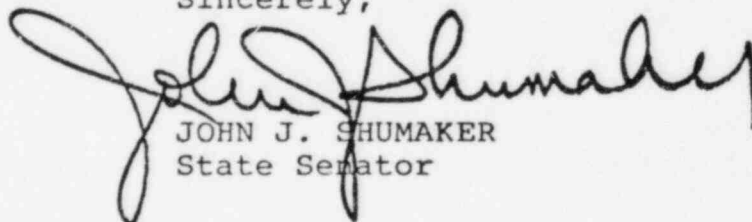
Dear Mr. Edmonson:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding Three Mile Island (TMI). As you will note from the enclosed letter from the Public Utility Commission (PUC), the decision to restart Unit One is not based on a demand/supply rational; rather, it is based on the safety factor.

As you may be aware, I am opposed to the restart of the Unit One reactor. I have chosen not to support the restart effort due largely to the obvious mismanagement and unprofessional manner in which the accident was handled. As an elected official with no vested interest in TMI other than the safety of my constituency, I cannot in all good conscience support the restart.

Once again, thank you for bringing your views to my attention. If I may be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


JOHN J. SHUMAKER
State Senator

JJS/cclc

Enclosure

MEMO*Senate of Pennsylvania*

TO: Joe Wydra, Legislative Liaison
Public Utility Commission

DATE: 11-21-84

FROM: Senator John J. Shumaker

SUBJECT: THREE MILE ISLAND (TMI)

As per your conversation with my assistant, Tracy Conrad, on November 20, 1984, I have enclosed Mr. Edmonson's letter concerning his question regarding TMI.

Please direct your letter of response to Mr. Edmonson through my office.

Thank you.

JJS/cclc

Enclosure

cc ✓ Mr. Larry D. Edmonson



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 3265, HARRISBURG, Pa. 17120

December 5, 1984

IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO OUR FILE

The Honorable John J. Shumaker
Member, Senate of Pennsylvania
c/o Senate Post Office
Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Senator Shumaker:

Thank you for your memo of November 21, 1984 regarding your constituent, Mr. Larry D. Edmonson, and the question regarding the use of supply and demand data to determine the necessity of Three Mile Island.

Since the accident at Three Mile Island, G.P.U. has had to purchase power to meet the demands of its customers. Over the years, through conservation measures, improvements in production of other facilities, and cooperation of its customers, the cost of purchased power has declined. However, the only question to be resolved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is the safe operation of Unit I. That question must be adjudicated upon its own merit without regard for supply or demand.

Dependent upon that decision this Commission will then determine the need of Unit I (which was previously in rates) or the utility will have to determine (if the NRC decision is negative) how best to satisfy the power needs of its customers. That could be accomplished in a number of ways, including the construction of new facilities.

Until the necessary safety issues are resolved, the issue of capacity cannot prudently be addressed.

Sincerely,

Paul Crowley, Director
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

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