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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Date: January 17, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-80-10

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff on this date.

Facility: General Public Utilities, Holding Company for
Jersey Central Power and Light Company (Oyster Creek DN 50-219) and
Metropolitan Edison Company (Three Mile Island Units 1 and 2
DNs 50-209 and 50-320), Parsippany, New Jersey

Subject: FORMATION OF GPU NUCLEAR CORPORATION

The Chairman for General Public Utilities (GPU) announced a proposed reorganization to take place over the next few months if necessary approvals are obtained. The company plans to place all nuclear operations under the direction of a new organization, the GPU Nuclear Corporation. This corporation will be charged with design, construction, operation, and maintenance responsibility for the two nuclear units at Three Mile Island, Pennsylvania, as well as the Oyster Creek Station in New Jersey. It will assume full responsibility for the cleanup and recovery of TMI-2; and construction of the Forked River Nuclear Facility, when reactivated. Mr. Robert C. Arnold will become president of the GPU Nuclear Corporation. This reorganization is being made to consolidate and expand the Companies' nuclear experience. As a part of this reorganization, the management of the Corporation's two Pennsylvania operating utilities will be combined.

General Public Utilities issued a press release today. A press release by the NRC is not planned. Media interest is expected because of interest in the events associated with activities related to nuclear power plants.

This Preliminary Notification is issued for information only.

Region I received notification of this announcement at 1:00 PM by various sources.

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