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SUBJECT: R. E. GINNA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT; SAFETY EVALUATION REGARDING  
THE LICENSEE'S RESPONSE TO GENERIC LETTER 96-05, "PERIODIC  
VERIFICATION OF DESIGN-BASIS CAPABILITY OF SAFETY-RELATED  
MOTOR-OPERATED VALVES (TAC NO. M97050)

Dear Dr. Mecredy:

On September 18, 1996, the NRC issued Generic Letter (GL) 96-05, "Periodic Verification of Design-Basis Capability of Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valves," requesting each nuclear power plant licensee to establish a program, or to ensure the effectiveness of its current program, to verify on a periodic basis that safety-related motor-operated valves (MOVs) continue to be capable of performing their safety functions within the current licensing bases of the facility.

On November 18, 1996, Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation submitted a 60-day response to GL 96-05 notifying the NRC that it would implement the requested MOV periodic verification program at R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant. On March 3, 1998, you submitted a response to GL 96-05 providing a summary description of the MOV periodic verification program being implemented at Ginna. On June 11, 1999, you provided a response to a request for additional information regarding GL 96-05 forwarded by the NRC staff on February 3, 1999.

The NRC staff has reviewed your submittals and applicable NRC inspection reports for the MOV program at Ginna. The NRC staff finds that you have established an acceptable program to verify periodically the design-basis capability of the safety-related MOVs at Ginna through your commitments to all three phases of the Joint Owners Group (JOG) Program on MOV Periodic Verification and the Westinghouse Owners Group (WOG) methodology for ranking MOVs by their safety significance, and the additional actions described in its submittals. As discussed in the enclosed safety evaluation (SE), the staff concludes that you are adequately addressing the actions requested in GL 96-05. The NRC staff may conduct inspections at Ginna to verify the implementation of the MOV periodic verification program is in accordance with your commitments; this NRC SE; the NRC SE dated October 30, 1997, on the JOG Program on MOV Periodic Verification; and the NRC SE dated April 14, 1998, on the WOG methodology for ranking MOVs by their safety significance.

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If you have questions regarding this letter please contact me by phone on (301) 415-1441 or by electronic mail at gsv@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Guy S. Vissing". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "V".

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