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Subject: Response to Request for Voluntary Use of Optional Approach to
NRC Emergency Telecommunications System (ETS)
R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-244

Ref. (1): NRC REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY 2000-11
NRC EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SYSTEM, dated June 30, 2000

By Reference 1, the NRC staff notified all power reactors about impending changes to the currently installed NRC Emergency Telecommunications System (ETS). The NRC Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) also notified addressees about a voluntary, optional approach that would utilize corporate emergency telecommunications systems in lieu of the NRC's dedicated circuits for providing ETS service and requested that licensees that desire to implement this option in lieu of the planned cutover to FTS 2001 notify the NRC. RG&E has determined that our communications network can route ETS calls to a long distance service independent of the local telephone switch and hereby requests the use of this option.

As discussed in Reference 1, attached is a summary of the system description and ETS functions that will be supported. Our current plan is to transition to the use of our corporate telecommunications system by November 22, 2000.

Should you have any further questions please contact Tom Harding at (716) 771-3384 or thomas_harding@rge.com.

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System Description:

Use Rochester Gas & Electric communications network to provide communications links to the NRC Operations Center on a regular basis and when normal telephone service (business dial tone) is unavailable.

The following ETS functions will be supported:

<u>Plant</u>	<u>Separate EOF</u>
ENS*	ENS*
HPN	HPN
RSCL	RSCL
PMCL	PMCL
MCL	MCL
OCL**	OCL**
ERDS**	

- (*) Direct inward dialing required.
- (**) Analog only.