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Docket No. 50-244

Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation
89 East Avenue
Rochester, New York 14606

Attention: Mr. Francis F. Drake, Jr.
Chairman of the Board

Change No. 1
License No. DPR-18

Gentlemen:

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In those cases where the control rod drop time has safety significance, the initial insertion rate is the most important factor. Since the control rod drop time to the dashpot is not being changed from the values considered in the Final Facility Description and Safety Analysis Report (FSAR), the proposed change to the Technical Specifications to increase the total drop time does not increase the severity of any accident evaluated in the FSAR. The time the control rod takes to fully seat is used for evaluation of long-term control rod performance.

Based on the considerations discussed above, we conclude that the proposed change to the Technical Specifications does not present significant hazards considerations not described or implicit in the safety analysis report, and that there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation of the facility in the manner proposed. Therefore, Section 3.10.3 of the Technical Specifications is revised to read as follows:

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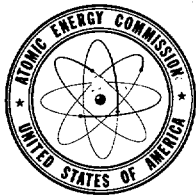
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