

Docket No. 50-244

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Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation  
ATTN: Mr. Leon D. White, Jr.  
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Gentlemen:

The Commission has filed the enclosed "Notice of Proposed Issuance of Amendment to Provisional Operating License" with the Office of the Federal Register for publication. This notice related to your request dated January 6, 1978, to authorize operation of the Ginna Plant in Cycle 8 with reload fuel supplied by Exxon Nuclear Company, Incorporated.

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Sincerely,

Original Signed By

A. Schwencer, Chief  
Operating Reactors Branch #1  
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Enclosure:  
Federal Register notice

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February 13, 1978

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 50-244

ROCHESTER GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO  
PROVISIONAL OPERATING LICENSE

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendment to Provisional Operating License No. DPR-18, issued to Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation (the licensee), for operation of the R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant located in Wayne County, New York.

The amendment would authorize operation in Cycle 8 with reload fuel supplied by Exxon Nuclear Company, Incorporated (ENC) and would make related changes to the Technical Specifications. The safety analysis for the ENC supplied fuel includes thermal hydraulic analysis, neutronic analysis, ENC fuel design, plant transient analysis, core rod ejection analysis, and an Emergency Core Cooling System analysis.

Prior to issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made the findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations.

By March 23, 1978, the licensee may file a request for a hearing and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a petition for leave to intervene with respect to the issuance of the amendment to the subject provisional operating license. Petitions for leave to intervene must be filed under oath or affirmation in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.714 of 10 CFR Part 2 of the Commission's regulations. A petition for leave to intervene must set forth the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, and the petitioner's contentions with respect to the proposed

licensing action. Such petitions must be filed in accordance with the provisions of this FEDERAL REGISTER notice and Section 2.714, and must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Section, by the above date. A copy of the petition and/or request for a hearing should be sent to the Executive Legal Director, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, and to Lex K. Larson, Esquire, LeBoeuf, Lamb, Leiby & MacRae, 1757 N Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036, attorney for the licensee.

A petition for leave to intervene must be accompanied by a supporting affidavit which identifies the specific aspects of the proceeding as to which intervention is desired and specifies with particularity the facts on which the petitioner relies as to both his interest and his contentions with regard to each aspect on which intervention is requested. Petitions stating contentions relating only to matters outside the Commission's jurisdiction will be denied.

All petitions will be acted upon by the Commission or licensing board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel. Timely petitions will be considered to determine whether a hearing should be noticed or another appropriate order issued regarding the disposition of the petitions.

In the event that a hearing is held and a person is permitted to intervene, he becomes a party to the proceeding and has a right to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing. For example, he may present evidence and examine and cross-examine witnesses.

For further details with respect to this action, see the licensee's request dated January 6, 1978, NRC letter December 16, 1977 dealing with Ginna's ECCS model and RG&E's response of January 16, 1978, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. and at the Rochester Public Library, 115 South Avenue, Rochester, New York 14627.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 13th day of February 1978.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. Schwencer".

A. Schwencer, Chief  
Operating Reactors Branch #1  
Division of Operating Reactors

PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

NOTICING OF PROPOSED LICENSING AMENDMENT

LICENSEE: Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation

REQUEST FOR: Technical Specification Changes for Cycle 8 operation with  
Exxon Nuclear Company (ENC) supplied fuel.

REQUEST DATE: January 6, 1978

PROPOSED ACTION: (X) Pre-notice Recommended  
( ) Post-notice Recommended  
( ) Determination delayed pending  
completion of Safety Evaluation

BASIS FOR DECISION: The application involves authorization for operation with fuel supplied by a different vendor (ENC) from the one (Westinghouse) who supplied the fuel for the first 7 cycles of operation of Ginna. The application includes the supporting analyses (thermal hydraulic, neutronic, plant transients, core rod ejection, and ECCS) to demonstrate that the bases for the existing Technical Specifications (that are not being changed) remain valid and that those for the proposed changes are acceptable.

PROPOSED NEPA ACTION: ( ) EIS Required  
( ) Negative Declaration (ND) and Environmental Impact Appraisal (EIA) Required  
(X) No EIS, ND or EIA Required  
( ) Determination delayed pending completion of EIA

BASIS FOR DECISION: The proposed amendment does not constitute a change in licensed power level, it does not increase the amounts or types of effluents from the facility and will not adversely affect the environment or the health and safety of the public.

CONCURRENCES:

DATE:

1. T. V. Wambach	<i>W.J. Russell for TVW</i>	<i>January 27, 1978</i>
2. A. Schwencer	<i>A. Schwencer</i>	<i>1-27-78</i>
3. K. R. Goller	<i>KRG</i>	<i>2/1/78</i>
4. OELD	<i>A Mitchell</i>	<i>2/3/78</i>