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Docket No. 50-244

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Dear Mr. Kober:

SUBJECT: SPENT FUEL STORAGE AND HANDLING

Re: R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant

In the Safety Evaluation accompanying Amendment No. 65 issued on November 14, 1984, to the R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant Provisional Operating License, the staff noted that the licensee had committed to using a portable funnel for inserting the fuel assemblies into storage locations in the spent fuel pool (Region 2 storage locations).

In a letter dated December 6, 1984, Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&E) requested approval to have the option of not using the fuel funnel for fuel handling operations. RG&E reported excellent results of drag tests upon completion of the modification of the first rack, and relatively close fit of tolerances for the portable funnel.

The request was verbally approved by the NRC staff in a conversation between Mr. John Cook of RG&E and Mr. George Dick of NRC on December 5, 1984. The purpose of this letter is to formally approve the RG&E request provided that RG&E continues the practice of using a load cell to provide indication to the hoist operator of any interference between the storage cell and fuel assembly during insertion. This practice will provide a mechanism for the operator to know when to adjust the position of the fuel assembly to prevent damage and continue with insertion into the proper storage location.

The granting of this request does not alter the conclusions rendered in the aforementioned Safety Evaluation. Any questions or comments with regard to the condition of this approval should be directed to your Project Manager, Dr. Charles Miller, who evaluated this request.

Sincerely,  
Original signed by:

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