

September 23, 1991

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Dear Dr. Mecredy:

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 DPR-18 - R. E. GINNA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT (TAC NO. 79830)

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Sincerely,

original signed by Allen Johnson

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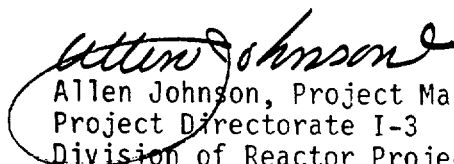
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ROCHESTER GAS AND ELECTRIC CORPORATION

DOCKET NO. 50-244

R. E. GINNA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 46
License No. DPR-18

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or the NRC) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment filed by the Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (the licensee) dated February 15, 1991, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance: (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.
2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. DPR-18 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 46, are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

3. This license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Attachment:
Changes to the Technical
Specifications

Date of Issuance: September 23, 1991

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 46

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-18

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Replace the following page of the Appendix A Technical Specifications with the attached page. The revised page is identified by Amendment number and contains vertical lines indicating the area of change.

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6.5-9

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REVIEW (Continued)

- h. Any indication of an unanticipated deficiency in some aspect of design or operation of safety related structures, systems, or components.
- i. Reports and meeting minutes of the Plant Operations Review Committee.

AUDITS

- 6.5.2.8 The NSARB shall direct the establishment of an audit program and evaluate audits performed to ensure safe facility operation. Audits shall encompass:
- a. The conformance of facility operation to all provisions contained within the Technical Specifications and applicable license conditions at least once per year.
 - b. The performance, training and qualifications of the operating and technical staff at least once a year.
 - c. The results of all actions taken to correct deficiencies occurring in facility equipment, structures, systems or method of operation that affect nuclear safety at least once per six months.
 - d. The performance of all activities required by the Quality Assurance Program for R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant to meet the criteria of Appendix B, 10 CFR 50, at least once per 24 months.
 - e. The Radiation Emergency Plan and implementing procedures at least at the frequency required by 10 CFR 50.54(t).
 - f. The Station Security Plan and implementing procedures at least at the frequency required by 10 CFR 73.40(d).



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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NO.46 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-18
ROCHESTER GAS AND ELECTRIC CORPORATION
R. E. GINNA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated February 15, 1991, the Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (the licensee) submitted a request for changes to the R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant, Technical Specifications (TS). The requested changes would modify the requirements in the TS regarding the administrative controls for conducting audits of the quality assurance program (QAP).

2.0 EVALUATION

The licensee has proposed to change the requirements for conducting audits of the QAP for conformance to Appendix B of Part 50 to the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR Part 50). The current requirements in TS 6.5.2.8(d) specify that, at least once each year, the licensee shall audit the performance of all activities required by the QAP to meet the criteria of Appendix B, 10 CFR Part 50. The proposed change would modify the frequency of this audit requirement by specifying that it be performed at least once every 24 months.

The licensee has noted that it has been changing the audit program at Ginna over the past year to facilitate the conduct of performance-based audits and assessments. Furthermore, the licensee is incorporating these improvements in the Ginna QAP submittal. To justify the proposed changes, the licensee has made the following points:

1. By implementing the proposed amendment, the licensee's management will continue to obtain timely and relevant information regarding the performance and compliance of all activities to meet the criteria of Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 50.
2. The proposed amendment permits the licensee to more efficiently use resources and thus conduct more special and diagnostic assessments. Furthermore, the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has encouraged the use of these performance-based assessments in the "Standard Review Plan," NUREG-0800, August 1990.
3. The proposed change in the audit frequency is consistent with the guidance in the "Standard Technical Specifications for Westinghouse Plants," NUREG-0452.

The staff finds that the modification of frequency for audits for the Ginna QAP for conformance to the criteria of Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 50 is consistent with regulatory requirements and the intent of the TS requirements as defined by the guidance provided in the Standard Technical Specifications. Therefore, the staff finds that the proposed TS changes are acceptable.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, the State of New York, State official was notified of the proposed issuance of the amendment. The State official had no comments.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

This amendment relates to changes in administrative procedures. Accordingly, the amendment meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(10). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of the amendment.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission has concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and (3) the issuance of the amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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