

June 15, 1998.

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Sincerely,

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Docket No. 50-244

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FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant

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REVOCATION OF EXEMPTION

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The Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-18, which authorizes operation of the R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant. The license provides that the licensee is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) now or hereafter in effect.

The facility consists of a pressurized-water reactor at the licensee's site located in Wayne County, New York.

II

On March 21, 1985, the NRC issued 11 exemptions from the requirements of Section III.G of Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50. The first exemption, relevant here, related to the Refueling Water Storage Tank (RWST). The licensee was granted an exemption from the technical requirements of Section III.G.2 in connection with the absence of a required continuous fire-rated barrier between redundant shutdown systems in the Auxiliary Building Fire Areas ABBM and ABI. The RWST extends through the concrete floor/ceiling at elevation 271 feet, which provides the common boundary between Fire Area ABBM and ABI. An 8-foot concrete block wall partially circles the circumference of the RWST on the upper side of the barrier. At the time the exemption was granted, there was a 3-inch gap around the circumference of the RWST.

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