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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION FORMATING CHANGE AND REVISION TO  
10 CFR 50.59 (TAC NO. MB1184)

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Sincerely,

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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. 80  
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 14, 2001, 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;
  - 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. 80, 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 the date of its issuance and shall be implemented within 30 days.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Attachment:  
Changes to the Technical  
Specifications

Date of Issuance: June 26, 2001

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 80

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-18

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Replace all the pages of the Appendix A Technical Specifications (TS) with the attached revised pages. The revised pages are identified by amendment number. Most changes are format changes and are not marked with marginal lines. Marginal lines indicate the areas of changes that are other than format changes.

Remove

All pages of Appendix A TS

Insert

All page of Appendix A TS

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION  
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 80 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 14, 2001, the Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (the licensee) submitted a request for changes to the R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant Technical Specifications (TSs). The requested changes would make minor revisions in the Ginna Station Improved Technical Specifications (ITS) format to allow for maintaining, viewing, and publishing them with a different software package. The amendment also includes a revision to ITS Section 5.5.13, "Technical Specifications (TSs) Bases Control Program," to provide consistency with the changes to 10 CFR 50.59 as published in the Federal Register (64 FR 53852) dated October 4, 1999.

2.0 EVALUATION

Following is a listing of proposed changes that are being generically or specifically proposed to the ITS:

- A. At the bottom of each page, the words "Amendment No." would be replaced with "Amendment."
- B. The solid line at the bottom or top of a page of continued text would be deleted.
- C. The use of the words "(continued)" at the bottom or top of a page of continued text would be deleted. Within the Actions tables the page break would be maintained only after a first level logic so that the continuation is implicit.
- D. The sub-section title or topic would be deleted from each additional page of the sub-section or topic.
- E. The proposed change would add the word "MODES" to the Definitions sub-section.
- F. Section 3.0 would be given a combined title of "LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION (LCO) AND SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENT (SR) APPLICABILITY" to be consistent with the numbering in the Standard Technical Specifications.
- G. For all notes, the words "NOTE" or NOTES," which currently appear in the middle of a dashed line, would be moved under the dashed line and the word "NOTE" would be used in all cases including plural.
- H. The page numbers would be restarted for each individual sub-section.

- I. In Table 3.3.1-1, the footnotes (c) and (d) would be reversed to account for the order they first appear in the table.
- J. In all tables, the footnotes would appear at the end of the table, not on every page of the table.
- K. In Table 3.3.1-1, for Functions 5 and 6, the reference to the page number where Note 1 and Note 2 can be found would be deleted.
- L. In Table 3.3.1-1, minor changes would be made to the titles of the Note 1 and Note 2 pages.
- M. Section 4.0, DESIGN FEATURES, would be three sub-sections. All sub-sections including Sections 2.0 and 3.0 would have a double title at the beginning.
- N. The defined term "CORE ALTERATION" would be revised to "CORE ALTERATIONS."
- O. Where multiple LCOs or SRs are being referred to, the term LCO or SR would be placed prior to each instance.
- P. Section 5.5.13 would be revised consistent with TSTF-264 as a result of the changes to 10 CFR 50.59.

The proposed changes associated with formatting do not include any technical changes. These proposed changes are based on the requirements of the specific software package that has been chosen for maintaining, viewing, and publishing the ITS and have been minimized to the extent practical. The proposed changes do not result in any lack of understanding or affect the use of the ITS by plant personnel. Many of the proposed formatting changes are consistent with the draft NUREG-1431, Revision 2 which is in final review by the NRC staff. The NRC staff has reviewed the proposed changes and have determined that they are complete, administrative in nature, and that they have not changed the technical content of the ITS. Thus, they are determined to be acceptable.

The Bases Control Program required by ITS Section 5.5.13 allows licensees to make changes to the ITS Bases without NRC approval provided the changes do not involve either a change in the ITS incorporated in the license or a change to the updated final safety analysis report or ITS Bases that involves an unreviewed safety question (USQ) as defined in 10 CFR 50.59. In 1999, the NRC revised 10 CFR 50.59, which is the regulation (Federal Register - 64 FR 53582 dated October 4, 1999) controlling changes, test and experiments performed by the nuclear plant licensees. With the revisions to 10 CFR 50.59, the definition of USQs was eliminated. Therefore, the ITS is proposed to be revised consistent with the revision to 10 CFR 50.59. The proposed changes maintain control of the ITS Bases in accordance with the standards of 10 CFR 50.59 and are, therefore, determined to be acceptable.

### 3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

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

### 4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

The amendment changes administrative procedures or requirements 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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