

November 27, 2002

Mr. David A. Stilwell  
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SUBJECT: R.E. GINNA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT APPLICATION FOR OPERATING  
LICENSE RENEWAL

Dear Mr. Stilwell:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is reviewing an application for the renewal of the operating license for the R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant (Ginna), located in the Town of Ontario, Wayne County, New York. As part of the review of the license renewal application, the NRC is preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) which includes analyses of pertinent environmental issues, including endangered or threatened species and impacts to fish and wildlife.

While preparing its application, Rochester Gas and Electric, contacted your office by letter dated 23 January 2002, and your office responded on 25 February, 2002. In the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) response letter, it was indicated that there are no known listed or proposed threatened or endangered species, nor candidates for such listing in the vicinity of the Ginna plant, or its associated transmission right-of-way. The NRC reviewed the available information concerning threatened or endangered species that may occur in New York, inspected the Ginna site, and contacted the New York Department of Environmental Conservation concerning New York State listed species. Based on its analysis, the NRC has concluded, that consistent with your determination in your letter of 25 February 2002, that no federally-listed or proposed threatened or endangered species, any candidate for such listing, nor any designated critical habitat for threatened or endangered species are known from the site or the associated transmission corridors. Therefore, the renewal of the license will not effect any Federally protected species.

The NRC requests FWS comment on any aspects of the license renewal application that may fall under other legislation or FWS authority. Such comment is especially important during the scoping period of the environmental review. The NRC has inspected the site and has consulted the National Wetland Database, and has determined that the proposed action will not impact any wetlands. NRC staff has also met with the New York Department of Environmental Conservation concerning potential water use, water quality, fisheries, and other environmental impacts.

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Your office will receive a copy of the draft SEIS along with a request for comments when it is published. If you have any questions concerning the R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant, the license renewal application, or other aspects of this project, please contact Mr. Robert Schaaf, Project Manager, at (301) 415-1312 or by email at RGS@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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