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National Marine Fisheries Service
Northeast Regional Office (NERO)
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SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF THE OPERATING LICENSE FOR THE
R.E. GINNA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Dear Ms. Kurkul:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is evaluating an application submitted by Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation for the renewal of the operating license for the R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant (Ginna), located on the south shore of Lake Ontario in Wayne County, New York. The NRC is preparing a site-specific supplement to its "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants" (NUREG-1437) for this proposed license renewal, for which we are required to evaluate potential impacts to threatened and endangered species.

The proposed action would include use and continued maintenance of existing facilities and transmission lines, and would not result in new construction or disturbance. The Ginna plant and the associated transmission corridor, that is under review as part of the license renewal application, is located in Wayne County, New York. The transmission corridor is approximately 3 ½ miles long and is 500 feet in width. The plant uses once-through cooling water from Lake Ontario to remove waste heat from the facility.

To support the environmental impact statement preparation process, and to ensure compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, the NRC requests a list of species and information on protected, proposed, and candidate species and critical habitat that may be in the vicinity of the Ginna plant and its associated transmission lines.

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The NRC requests NMFS comment on any aspects of the license renewal application that may fall under other legislation or NMFS authority. Such comment is especially important during the scoping period of the environmental review. If you have any questions regarding this nuclear facility or the application, please contact Mr. Robert Schaaf, Project Manager, at (301) 415-1312 or by email at RGS@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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