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SUBJECT: NRC MAINTENANCE RULE BASELINE INSPECTION REPORT 50-244/98-005

Dear Dr. Mecredy:

This refers to the team inspection conducted on March 16 through 20, 1998, at the Ginna Nuclear Power Station. Additional in-office inspection occurred between March 23 - 27, 1998. The purpose of the inspection was to review the implementation of the maintenance rule program under 10 CFR 50.65 at the Ginna nuclear generating station. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection effort.

The team concluded that the requirements of the maintenance rule were being met at the Ginna nuclear generating station. Scoping, goal setting, and monitoring requirements were appropriately addressed. System engineers were generally knowledgeable. The plant safety assessment program for taking equipment out-of-service was appropriately utilized. The Equipment Out-Of-Service (EOOS) computer software system, just recently put into operation and designed to calculate probabilistic risk factors and record the operational status of plant equipment, was a good initiative. Several extensive assessments, both internal and external, were conducted in an effort to ensure that regulatory requirements were being met. It was evident that considerable work had been expended to ensure that mechanisms were in place to provide effective controls of structures, systems and components within the maintenance rule program.

The team was concerned with the performance of the "B" emergency diesel generator (EDG) output breaker to bus 16. While the multiple failures were determined to not be maintenance preventable, the repetitive nature indicated that corrective actions had not been fully effective. The subsequent "B" EDG breaker failure on March 23, 1998 supports this concern. These failures will be assessed in NRC Inspection Report 50-244/98-03.

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