

October 9, 2003

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SUBJECT: LICENSE RENEWAL SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT FOR THE R.E. GINNA
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Dear Dr. Mecredy:

By letter dated July 30, 2002, Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&E) submitted, for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) review, an application pursuant to 10 CFR Part 54, to renew the operating license for the R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant (Ginna) for an additional 20 years. The NRC determined that the License Renewal Application (LRA) was complete and acceptable for docketing on August 19, 2002. The NRC staff has reviewed the Ginna LRA and has developed the enclosed "Safety Evaluation Report With Open Items Related to the License Renewal of the R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant," herein after referred to as the Safety Evaluation Report (SER). This SER reflects the status of the staff's review of the applicant's LRA, requests for additional information and clarification, and the applicant's responses to the NRC staff's requests through September 16, 2003, unless otherwise noted. Issuance of the enclosed SER is an important milestone for both the applicant and the staff.

The NRC staff has identified open and confirmatory items in its review that must be resolved before it can make a final determination on the application. These open items and confirmatory items, the majority of which were previously discussed with your staff, are summarized in Sections 1.5 and 1.6, respectively, of this SER.

In accordance with the schedule for completing the review of the Ginna LRA, the applicant is requested to review the enclosed SER, verify its accuracy, and provide comments and responses to the open and confirmatory items by December 24, 2003. The NRC staff plans to review the current content and format of the SER to further improve the SER while incorporating the applicant's responses. A complete, revised SER will then be issued by March 8, 2004.

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The staff is committed to completing the review of the Ginna SER in a timely manner. If you have any questions regarding this matter, you can contact the project manager, Russell J. Arrighi, at 301-415-3936.

Sincerely,

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