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December 23, 2004

Mr. Robert L. Clark
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
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Subject:

Follow-on item associated with the 60 Day response to NRC Bulletin

2003-01, "Potential Impact of Debris Blockage on Emergency Sump

Recirculation at Pressurized-Water Reactors"

R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant

Docket No. 50-244

Dear Mr. Clark:

By letter dated August 8, 2003 the R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant committed to "If feasible, implement at-power RHR NPSH calculation aid, including procedure changes and operator training" by December 31, 2004.

The purpose of the RHR NPSH calculation aid was to provide information to the operator as to when and to what extent, to reduce RHR flow during the sump recirculation phase following a loss-of-coolant-accident (LOCA). Since the time of that commitment, Ginna personnel have worked closely with the Westinghouse Owner's Group (WOG) to develop possible improvements in Emergency Operating Procedures (EOPs) to ameliorate the effects of sump clogging following a LOCA.

As stated in our November 8, 2004 response, we are pursuing procedure changes to reduce both the number of pumps (1 vs. 2) and the required flowrate during the post-LOCA sump recirculation phase. Analytical accident analysis tools as well as simulator scenarios are being used to justify these changes, which are expected to be implemented by August 1, 2005.

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Use of currently available measures such as RHR pump motor current or RHR pump flow to assess NPSH availability, coupled with the implementation of these pending EOP changes, are considered to eliminate the need for additional RHR NPSH calculational aids. If our analyses determine that these EOP changes are not feasible, we will further review the implementation of such measures.

Very truly yours,

Mary G. Korsnick

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I, Mary G. Korsnick, being duly sworn, state that I am Vice President – R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant, LLC (Ginna LLC), and that I am duly authorized to execute and file this response on behalf of Ginna LLC. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements contained in this document are true and correct. To the extent that these statements are not based on my personal knowledge, they are based upon information provided by other Ginna LLC employees and/or consultants. Such information has been reviewed in accordance with company practice and I believe it to be reliable.

Subscribed and sworn before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of New York and County of MONROE, this 23 day of December, 2004.

WITNESS my Hand and Notarial Seal:

My Commission Expires:

Cc: Mr. Robert L. Clark (Mail Stop O-8-C2)

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