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Subject: Ginna - Acceptance Review for LAR of December 4, 2008 (TAC ME0203)

Mr. Harding:

By letter dated December 4, 2008, the R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant, LLC submitted a license amendment request (LAR) for the R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant (TAC No. ME0203). The proposed LAR would revise Technical Specification 3.9.3, "Containment Penetrations," to allow refueling operations inside containment with both personnel hatch airlock doors open under administrative control. The LAR would also involve regulatory review and approval of supporting dose analysis. The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this LAR. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Consistent with Section 50.90 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), an amendment to the license (including the technical specifications) must fully describe the changes requested, and following as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 50.34 of 10 CFR addresses the content of technical information required. This section stipulates that the submittal address the design and operating characteristics, unusual or novel design features, and principal safety considerations.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concludes that it provides technical information in sufficient detail to enable the staff to proceed with its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. If additional information is needed for the staff to complete its technical review, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

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