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Docket No. 50-245

Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation  
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Gentlemen:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 20 to Provisional Operating License No. DPR-18 for the R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant. This amendment consists of changes to the Technical Specifications in response to your request dated October 10, 1978 (which was transmitted by letter dated October 12, 1978) and our letter dated August 11, 1978.

The amendment revises the Technical Specification to more explicitly define the existing requirements for surveillance frequency.

The changes eliminate the possibilities of misunderstandings related to surveillance test frequency and are therefore acceptable.

We have evaluated the potential for environmental impact of plant operation in accordance with the enclosed amendment. Since the amendment applies to administrative details, we have determined that the amendment does not authorize a change in effluent types or total amounts nor an increase in power level, and will not result in any significant environmental impact. Having made this determination, we have further concluded that the amendment involves an action which is insignificant from the standpoint of environmental impact and pursuant to 10 CFR 51.5(d)(4) that an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

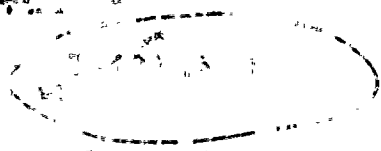
Since the amendment applies only to administrative details, it does not involve significant new safety information of a type not considered by a previous Commission safety review of the facility. It does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident, does not involve a significant decrease in a safety margin, and therefore does not involve a significant hazards consideration. We

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have also concluded that there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by this action, and that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations and the issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

A copy of the related Notice of Issuance is also enclosed.

Sincerely,

Original Signature:  
Dennis L. Ziemann

Dennis L. Ziemann, Chief  
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Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. 20 to DPR-18
2. Notice of Issuance

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