



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING APPEAL PANEL  
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Re: Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation, et al.  
(Sterling Power Project, Nuclear Unit No. 1),  
Docket No. STN 50-485

Dear Mr. Voigt:

Your January 30, 1980 letter to Mr. Rosenthal reported that the co-owners of the proposed Sterling facility would not reach a final decision respecting the continuation of the pending licensing proceeding involving that facility until after they had reviewed the then un-released opinion of the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment. The letter went on to indicate that, when a decision had been made, he would be notified "as soon as possible".

Not having heard further from you in that regard, Mr. Rosenthal assumes that the Sterling co-owners remain undecided as to the course of action which they should pursue. He has asked me, however, to request confirmation of the correctness of that assumption. The request is prompted in part by a letter to the editor of the Rochester (N.Y.) Times-Union, which was published in that newspaper on March 31, 1980. Signed by Judith E. Houston, a public relations specialist in the employ of the Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation, the letter flatly stated that "the Sterling Project was cancelled". Presumably, that step had been taken following the issuance of the Siting Board's opinion on February 11, 1980.

Sincerely yours,



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