Docket No. 50-244

Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Licensed Operator Requalification Program Evaluation 50-244/84-14

This refers to the Licensed Operator Requalification Program Assessment conducted by Region I during the period of January 3 through May 11, 1984. The Evaluation Team was composed of members of the NRC Region I staff and covered activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-18.

The enclosed report describes our actions throughout the evaluation period including interviews with licensed operators, the conduct of Region I onsite oral and written examinations, followup meetings and discussions with you and members of your staff. Also discussed within this report are comments pertaining to implementation of the evaluation, its impact on licensed operators and onsite followup of a training program related allegation.

Within the scope of this inspection, no violations of licensed activities were observed, however, the Evaluation Team concluded that significant weaknesses existed in the implementation of your approved operator requalification program. This determination was substantiated by the results of Region I and contractor administered examinations and program reviews which indicated a lack of depth in the annual requalification examination, inconsistency in the implementation of staff license training requirements and an over emphasis on the annual requalification examination as the sole measure of requalification training program effectiveness.

As noted within our report, your corrective actions to date have been timely and comprehensive. The ongoing implementation of your actions will be reviewed by region I with the goal of achieving an effective long-term upgrade of your licensed operator requalification program.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room unless you notify this office, by telephone, within 10 days of the date of this letter and submit written application to withhold information contained herein within 30 days of the date of this letter. Such applications must be consistent with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790(b)(1).

No reply to this letter is required at this time. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

## Original Signed By:

Richard W. Starostecki, Director Division of Project and Resident Programs

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