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Docket No. 50-244

Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation
ATTN: Mr. Roger W. Kober
Vice President
Electric and Steam Production
49 East Avenue
Rochester, New York 14649

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 50-244/84-16

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. W. A. Cook and Mr. W. J. Lazarus of this office on June 9, 1984 through July 31, 1984 at the R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power plant of activities authorized by NRC license No. DPR-18 and to the discussions of our findings by Mr. Cook with Mr. B. Snow and other members of your staff periodically during the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures, and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that one of your activities was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. Specifically, the operability of a Technical Specification designated fire protection safety system was not properly controlled in accordance with station procedures. This violation has been categorized by severity level in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy (10 CFR 2, Appendix C) published in the Federal Register Notice (49 FR 8583) dated March 8, 1984. You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

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 ten days of the the date of this letter and submit written application to withhold information contained therein within thirty days of the date of this letter. Such application must be consistent with the requirements of 2.790(b)(1). The telephone notification of your intent to request withholding, or any request for an extension of the 10 day period which you believe necessary, should be made to the Supervisor, Files, Mail and Records, USNRC Region I, at (215) 337-5223.

The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

original signed by: H. B. Kister/for

Richard W. Starostecki, Director
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Enclosures:

- 1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
- 2. NRC Region I Inspection Report
Number 50-244/84-16

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