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Dear Mr. Schaaf:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the draft supplemental environmental impact statement (EIS) on renewing the operating license for Ginna Nuclear Power Plant (CEQ # 030299) (NUREG-1437, Supplement 14). This review was conducted in accordance with Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7609 12 [a] 84 Stat. 1709), and the National Environmental Policy Act.

The draft supplemental EIS was prepared in response to an application submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) by Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation to renew the operating license for Ginna Nuclear Power Plant for an additional 20 years. The document evaluates the impacts associated with license renewal (preferred alternative) and other alternatives. The alternatives include the no-action alternative (not renewing the operating license), and three alternative methods of replacing the current power generation (coal-fired, natural gas-fired, nuclear). The no-action alternative would result in the loss of 490 Megawatts (MW) net electrical output when the current operating license expires in September 2009. Based on our review of the draft supplemental EIS, EPA offers the following comments.

Based on our review, EPA does not believe that renewing the operating license would result in significant adverse environmental impacts. Accordingly, EPA does not object to the preferred alternative, renewing the operating license for Ginna Nuclear Power Plant.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Mark Westrate of my staff at (212) 637-3789.

Sincerely yours,


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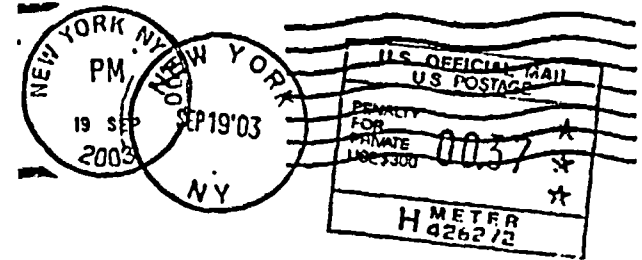
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