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Subject: SEP Topic IX-1, Spent Fuel Storage
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Dear Mr. Crutchfield:

This letter is in response to a September 11, 1981 telephone conversation between Rochester Gas and Electric and Mr. Fred Clemenson of the NRC staff. The conversation was relative to the review of our letter dated June 9, 1981 regarding SEP Topic IX-1, "Fuel Storage". Specifically, Mr. Clemenson requested clarification of the spent fuel pool temperature to be maintained during normal refueling outages.

Two sets of design conditions, "Safety" and "Normal", have been established for the new spent fuel pool cooling system. In practice, the "Safety" basis conditions govern the sizing of the system. Therefore, for a "Normal" refueling outage (1/3 core, 100 hour decay heat) the system is capable of maintaining the pool temperature well below 120°F. Although not required for safety reasons, Rochester Gas and Electric intends to operate the system to minimize pool temperature during a normal refueling outage.

Very truly yours,

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