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Subject: Generic Letter 88-20, Updated Response to Request for Additional Information (TAC No. M74414)
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R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-244

Reference: (a) Letter from A.R. Johnson, NRC, to R.C. Mecredy, RG&E, Subject: *Ginna Probabilistic Risk Assessment Project Report of March 15, 1994, to the NRC in Response to Generic Letter No. 88-20; Request for Additional Information (TAC No. M74414)*, dated February 23, 1996.

(b) Letter from R.C. Mecredy, RG&E, to A.R. Johnson, NRC, Subject: *Generic Letter 88-20, Response to Request for Additional Information (TAC No. M74414)*, dated April 19, 1996.

(c) Letter from R.C. Mecredy, RG&E, to G.S. Vissing, NRC, Subject: *Generic Letter 88-20, Updated Response to Request for Additional Information (TAC No. M74414)*, dated July 31, 1996.

Dear Mr. Vissing,

By Reference (a), the NRC forwarded a request for additional information (RAI) related to the RG&E submittal of a Level II Probabilistic Safety Assessment (PSA) for Ginna Station per Generic Letter 88-20. The RAI asked for a written response to the NRC questions within 60 days of receipt of the letter. By Reference (b), RG&E indicated that the response to Enclosures 1 (Level 1) and 2 (Human Reliability Analysis) would be provided to the NRC by July 31, 1996 and the response to Enclosure 3 (Level 2) would be provided by November 15, 1996. Subsequent to this, RG&E notified the NRC that responses to all three enclosures will be delayed until November 15, 1996 (Ref. (c)).

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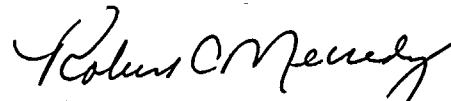
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The purpose of this letter is to notify the NRC that responses to all three enclosures will be delayed until January 15, 1997. As indicated in Reference (b), RG&E has elected to re-perform the Level 2 PSA of Ginna Station. RG&E has made substantial progress has been made in re-performing the Level 1 evaluation and is in the final stages of releasing the study for internal review. An outside consultant has also been retained to review the document for completeness. Following these reviews, RG&E will submit a revised Level 1 PSA for Ginna Station which specifically addresses Enclosures 1 and 2 of the February 23, 1996 RAI. A response will also be provided for the Level 2 questions (i.e., Enclosure 3) with a revised Level 2 evaluation to be submitted by May 1, 1997.

RG&E has made substantial changes to the previously submitted PSA in order to remove unnecessary conservatism, and to reflect conversion to 18 month fuel cycles and implementation of improved technical specifications which significantly affected surveillance testing intervals and allowed equipment outage times. In addition, all NRC comments provided in the RAI were specifically incorporated into the new analysis. The implementation of these changes has proved to be more difficult than originally forecasted. Preliminary results indicate a much different risk profile due to these changes which has required additional verification in order to confirm. It is also noted that a design flaw with respect to the PORVs and their DC electrical power supply was recently identified by the revised PSA and subsequently corrected during an unrelated forced outage. RG&E is confident that the revised PSA more accurately reflects the current risk profile of Ginna Station and will be of greater use for other areas (e.g., support of the Maintenance Rule).

As such, RG&E will respond to the February 23, 1996 RAI by January 15, 1996 with a revised Level 2 evaluation provided by May 1, 1997. If you have any further questions or comments, please contact George Wrobel, Manager of Nuclear Safety and Licensing, at (716) 724-8070.

Very truly yours,


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