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Subject: Request to Extend Time for Approval of Revision of Pressure Temperature Limits Report (PTLR) to December 31, 1997
R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-244

Ref.(a): Letter from Guy S. Vissing, (NRC), to Robert C. Mecredy, (RG&E) "R.E. Ginna - Acceptance of Request to Extend Time for Approval of Revision of Pressure Temperature Limits Report (PTLR) (TAC No. M97313)," dated December 10, 1996

Dear Mr. Vissing:

The referenced letter granted Rochester Gas and Electric (RG&E) an extension to July 1, 1997 to submit revision 2 to the Ginna Station Pressure Temperature Limits Report (PTLR). The extension was granted to allow for resolution of instrument inaccuracies that affected LTOP enable temperature and reactor vessel bolt-up temperature. It was found, during this resolution process, that the instrumentation uncertainties also impacted the LTOP pressure setpoint such that RG&E will seek an exemption to apply the guidance provided in American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code Case N-514, "Low Temperature Overpressure Protection (LTOP)", for the pressure setpoint of the LTOP function. This request for exemption has been submitted. However, to allow for adequate time for NRC review, RGE requires an extension for using the Ginna Station PTLR revision 1 until December 31, 1997 from July 1, 1997. This request is based on:

a. There was no technical reason for selecting the July 1, 1997 date since the fluence factor values used by RG&E were an engineering based conservative estimate based on previous Westinghouse experience in this area. As a result of further analysis, it was determined that these fluence factors were within 3% of each other. Instead, the date was chosen to ensure that a rapid closure of this issue would be obtained so that RG&E could place the PTLR under licensee control as originally intended.

b. The existing pressure/temperature (P/T) curves are valid until 22 effective full-power years (EFPY) which is not expected to be reached at Ginna Station until late 1998.

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c. RG&E has submitted a request to allow the use of ASME Code Case N-514 to resolve the instrument uncertainty issues.

Your action on this item is requested by June 30, 1997 to avoid an unscheduled plant shutdown. Should you have any further questions concerning this request, please contact George Wrobel at (716) 724-8070.

Very truly yours,

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