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Ref.(a): Letter from Robert C. Mecredy, RG&E, to Guy S. Vissing,  
NRC "Relief Request No. 17 Ginna Nuclear Power Plant  
Inservice Inspection ASME Section XI Required  
Examinations," dated April 9, 1997

Dear Mr. Vissing:

The purpose of this letter is to describe the basis for the relief request presented in the referenced letter. Rochester Gas and Electric (RG&E) requests relief in accordance with guidance of 10CFR50.55a(g)(5)(iii) in that the attenuation variables associated with cast stainless steel components make it impractical to achieve meaningful ultrasonic examination results. An effects and impact description is provided in the referenced letter.

Should you have any further questions please contact George Wrobel at (716) 724-8070.

Very truly yours,

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