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Subject: Part Length CRDM Housing Issue
Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation
R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-244

Dear Mr. Vissing:

In a letter to Mr. Frank J. Miraglia, Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, dated March 6, 1998 (OG-98-037) the Westinghouse Owners Group responded to the NRC's formal request to activate the Regulatory Response Group (RRG) and address concerns regarding the generic implications of the part length control rod drive mechanism (CRDM) housing issue identified at Prairie Island Unit 2. That letter documented the information provided by the WOG during a meeting with the NRC on February 27, 1998. At that meeting the WOG presented information regarding the current assessment of the CRDM housing issue and the activities planned to continue to resolve the potential generic concerns. The condition assessment report provided to NRC emphasized that the incident is an isolated one, and that it is unlikely to occur in other housings. Furthermore, even if it were to occur, and it led to severance of a part length housing, the event has already been considered as part of the plant design basis, and therefore there is no safety concern.

The affected WOG member utilities met on March 2, 1998, to review and discuss the same information presented to the NRC. The outcome of this meeting was the formation of a subgroup which will continue to support Westinghouse member utilities in responding to this issue. From the discussions at that meeting, the WOG RRG recommended that the affected utilities voluntarily consider notifying the NRC of their plans to address this issue. For those units continuing to operate with part length CRDM housings installed, it was further recommended that the plant operators increase reactor coolant system leakage monitoring awareness and identify how this is being accomplished in their individual response letters.

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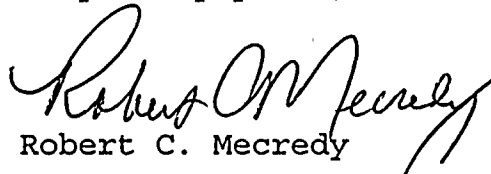
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This letter provides our present plans for addressing the CRDM housing issue at the Ginna Nuclear Power Plant. The plant is currently operating and the next scheduled refueling outage is April, 1999.

Our specific plans to address the CRDM housing issue for Ginna will be based upon the results of the inspection and removal of the housings from other plants and on the progress of related WOG and utility activities between now and that time. We plan on attending another meeting with WOG and affected utilities. At that meeting the WOG and the utilities will continue to develop the details of a potential integrated plan to address this issue. The shift supervisors at Ginna have been briefed on the CRDM housing issue as it relates to monitoring for reactor coolant system leakage.

Very truly yours,


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