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 TSS battery cell parameters limit for specific gravity
 (SR 3.8.6.3 & SR 3.8.6.6). Supporting TSS, encl.

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Subject: Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License
Battery Cell Parameters Change
Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation
R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-244

Dear Mr. Vissing:

The enclosed License Amendment Request (LAR) proposes to revise the Ginna Station Improved Technical Specifications battery cell parameters limit for specific gravity (SR 3.8.6.3 and SR 3.8.6.6).

The LAR is being proposed since Rochester Gas and Electric (RG&E) has determined that the battery cell parameters limit for specific gravity that is currently contained within the referenced surveillances is not consistent with the guidance of NUREG-1431 Rev.1, Standard Technical Specifications for Westinghouse Plants. The minimum specific gravity value as recommended by NUREG-1431 is to be based on "the manufacturer recommended fully charged, nominal specific gravity". The values currently in the RG&E Improved Technical Specifications were based on the actual observed fully charged specific gravity of the batteries at the time of installation, not the manufacturers nominal value, and may not be sufficiently conservative. The immediate corrective actions performed by RG&E as the result of this discovery were to review previous surveillance results to verify operability and to place administrative controls within the Technical Requirements Manual to control the battery cell surveillances in accordance with the more conservative NUREG-1431 guidance.

RG&E requests that upon NRC approval, this LAR should be effective immediately and implemented within 30 days.

Very truly yours,

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