

Case 14-E-0270

Petition Requesting Initiation of a
Proceeding to Examine a Proposal for
Continued Operation of the R.E. Ginna
Nuclear Power Plant, LLC.

Hearing Exhibit 39

Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation

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the R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant
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INFORMATION REQUEST

Requesting Party and No: Utility Intervention Unit (UIU-7)

Request No.: GNP-15-045

Date of Request: March 19, 2015

Response Due: March 30, 2015

Date of Reply: March 30, 2015

Respondent: Javier Bonilla

Re: Utility Intervention Unit's First Set of Information Requests

Question:

Footnote two on page three of the letter dated December 23, 2014 states that the GRTA "is in the pre-conceptual engineering phase."

Please distinguish between a "pre-conceptual" engineering phase and a "conceptual" engineering phase. In which phase is the GRTA now? How long will this phase last? Indicate subsequent stages and expected length of time of each stage. Also provide the amount of contingency that is or will be included in the cost estimate for each phase and the level of confidence of those cost estimates.

Response:

RG&E objects to this interrogatory because it requests information that is irrelevant and outside the scope of the current phase of this proceeding (i.e., the interrogatory seeks information that does not "involve[e] the request of RG&E for Commission acceptance of a Reliability Support Services Agreement between RG&E and R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant, LLC, and for approval of the allocation and recovery of the costs of that agreement.")

Subject to and without waiving these objections, RG&E provides the following response:

The "pre-conceptual phase" was the study phase performed by the Company's System Planning and System Engineering groups to define the scope of the project. The Conceptual Engineering Phase is the engineering work done by a contractor to perform engineering notes, floor site plans, and constructability review. RG&E estimates that the conceptual engineering phase will last four months. Due to the schedule, RG&E will start detailed engineering while finishing

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conceptual engineering. GRTA is currently in the conceptual engineering phase, and procurement of detailed engineering services has commenced.

The current cost estimate was calculated using a Monte Carlo probabilistic methodology with an uncertainty of -10% to 50% of accuracy range. Re-baselines of the cost estimates will be done at two more stages of the project, one during the end of conceptual engineering and one before construction starts. At this stage RG&E has assumed 7.1% for contingencies associated with the identified risks and 6.5% of management reserve for the unknown risks.