

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 24

Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation

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INFORMATION REQUEST

Requesting Party and No: Utility Intervention Unit (UIU-5)

Request No.: GNP-15-043

Date of Request: March 19, 2015

Response Due: March 30, 2015

Date of Reply: March 30, 2015

Respondent: Timothy Lynch

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

Question:

The first full paragraph on page two of the letter dated December 23, 2014 states that the Rochester Area Reliability Project or RARP "was designed to meet load growth and planned or forced outages of the Ginna Plant" and "was not designed to address the retirement of the Ginna Plant." The letter also states that RG&E advised the Commission in a letter dated December 16, 2013 that "other additional system upgrades are necessary besides the RARP."

Please describe those "other additional system upgrades" referred to by the letter of December 16, 2013, their purpose and their status. What plans did RG&E make to identify and implement an alternative to the Ginna Plant before June 30, 2014?

Please provide all of RG&E's annual and multi-year plans for specific transmission projects and substation modifications for each year 2011-2015.

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 "involv[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:

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Please describe those “other additional system upgrades” referred to by the letter of December 16, 2013, their purpose and their status.

RG&E was specifically referring to upgrades at Station 80 to reconfigure the 345kV substation arrangement in order to eliminate the potential negative impact of a “stuck breaker” contingency. More generally, RG&E was indicating that it would undertake further studies using an updated system model and forecast, as well as the revised planning criteria relating to stuck breakers discussed in the December 16, 2013 letter and anticipated it may find that additional reinforcement projects were indicated.

What plans did RG&E make to identify and implement an alternative to the Ginna Plant before June 30, 2014?

RG&E did not study the permanent retirement of Ginna previous to learning of Ginna’s proposed retirement.