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R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant  
Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-18  
NRC Docket No. 50-244

**Subject:** High Frequency Supplement to Seismic Hazard Screening Report, Response to NRC Request for Information Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.54(f) Regarding Recommendation 2.1 of the Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-ichi Accident

**References:**

1. NRC Letter, Request for Information Pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations 50.54(f) Regarding Recommendations 2.1, 2.3, and 9.3, of the Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-ichi Accident, dated March 12, 2012 (ML12053A340)
2. NRC Letter, Electric Power Research Institute Report 3002000704, "Seismic Evaluation Guidance: Augmented Approach for the Resolution of Fukushima Near-Term Task Force Recommendation 2.1: Seismic," As an Acceptable Alternative to the March 12, 2012, Information Request for Seismic Reevaluations, dated May 7, 2013 (ML13106A331)
3. NEI Letter, Final Draft of Industry Seismic Evaluation Guidance (EPRI 1025287), dated November 27, 2012 (ML12333A168 and ML12333A170)
4. NRC Letter, Endorsement of Electric Power Research Institute Final Draft Report 1025287, "Seismic Evaluation Guidance", dated February 15, 2013 (ML12319A074)
5. Constellation Energy Nuclear Group letter to NRC, Seismic Hazard and Screening Report (CEUS Sites), Response to NRC Request for Information Pursuant to 10CFR50.54(f) Regarding Recommendation 2.1 of Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-Ichi Accident: R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant, dated March 31, 2014 (ML14099A196)
6. NRC Letter, Screening and Prioritization Results Regarding Information Pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations 50.54(f) Regarding Seismic Hazard Re-evaluations for Recommendation 2.1 of the Near Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-Ichi Accident, dated May 9, 2014 (ML14111A147)

7. NRC Letter, Support Document for Screening and Prioritization Results Regarding Seismic Hazard Re-Evaluation for Operating Reactors in the Central and Eastern United States, dated May 21, 2014 (ML14136A126)
8. NEI Letter, Request for NRC Endorsement of High Frequency Program: Application Guidance for Functional Confirmation and Fragility Evaluation (EPRI 3002004396), dated July 30, 2015 (ML15223A100/ML15223A102)
9. NRC Letter, September 17, 2015 to NEI: Endorsement of Electric Power Research Institute Final Draft Report 3002004396: "High Frequency Program: Application Guidance for Functional Confirmation and Fragility" (ML15218A569)
10. NRC Letter, Final Determination of Licensee Seismic Probabilistic Risk Assessments Under the Request for Information Pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations 50.54(f) Regarding Recommendation 2.1 "Seismic" of the Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-Ichi Accident, dated October 27, 2015 (ML15194A015)

On March 12, 2012, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued a Request for Information per 10 CFR 50.54(f) (Reference 1) to all power reactor licensees. The required response section of Enclosure 1 of Reference 1 indicated that licensees should provide a Seismic Hazard Evaluation and Screening Report within 1.5 years from the date of the letter for Central and Eastern United States (CEUS) nuclear power plants. By NRC letter dated May 7, 2013 (Reference 2), the date to submit the report was extended to March 31, 2014.

By letter dated May 9, 2014 (Reference 6), the NRC transmitted the results of the screening and prioritization review of the seismic hazards reevaluation submittal for R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant (Reference 5). In accordance with the screening, prioritization, and implementation details report (SPID) (References 3 and 4), and Augmented Approach guidance (as endorsed in Reference 2), the reevaluated seismic hazard is used to determine if additional seismic risk evaluations are warranted for a plant. Specifically, the reevaluated horizontal ground motion response spectrum (GMRS) at the control point elevation is compared to the existing safe shutdown earthquake (SSE) or Individual Plant Examination for External Events (IPEEE) High Confidence of Low Probability of Failure (HCLPF) Spectrum (IHS) to determine if a plant is required to perform a high frequency confirmation evaluation. As noted in the May 9, 2014 letter from the NRC (Reference 6) on page 4 of Enclosure 2, R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant is to conduct a limited scope High Frequency Evaluation (Confirmation).

Within the May 9, 2014 letter (Reference 6), the NRC acknowledged that these limited scope evaluations will require additional development of the assessment process. By Reference 8, the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) submitted an Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) report entitled, High Frequency Program: Application Guidance for Functional Confirmation and Fragility Evaluation (EPRI 3002004396) for NRC review and endorsement. NRC endorsement was provided by Reference 9. Reference 10 provided the NRC final seismic hazard evaluation screening determination results, and the associated schedules for submittal of the remaining seismic hazard evaluation activities. This submittal is provided in accordance with Reference 10, Table 1a, to address the High Frequency Evaluation information request for R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant.

The High Frequency Confirmation for R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant, provided in the attachment to this letter, shows that the GMRS exceedance area between the control point GMRS and SSE is "on the order of 10% or less" (Reference 8, Section 3.1.2) over the frequency range of exceedance. As such, the GMRS exceedances are consistent with the criteria identified in Section 3.1.2 of Reference 8. Therefore, no additional evaluation is necessary. The attachment to this letter provides the SSE and GMRS information from Reference 5.

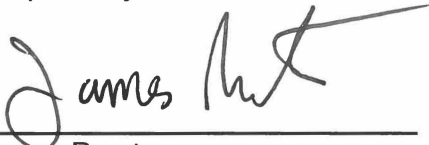
This transmittal completes the scope of work described in Section 4.2 of Reference 5, for R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant.

This letter contains no new regulatory commitments and closes the associated regulatory commitment contained in Reference 5 for R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Ronald Gaston at 630-657-3359.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 2015.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant GMRS and SSE Supporting Information

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# Attachment

R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant  
GMRS and SSE Supporting Information  
(Reference 5)

(2 Pages)

**Table 1**  
**R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant**  
**SSE and GMRS Data**

SSE		GMRS	
Freq (Hz)	Accel (g)	Freq (Hz)	Accel (g)
0.25	0.094	0.1	5.86E-03
0.31	0.112	0.125	7.33E-03
0.38	0.133	0.15	8.79E-03
0.47	0.158	0.2	1.17E-02
0.58	0.188	0.25	1.47E-02
0.7	0.219	0.3	1.76E-02
0.88	0.265	0.35	2.05E-02
1.1	0.318	0.4	2.34E-02
1.4	0.388	0.5	2.93E-02
1.7	0.456	0.6	3.40E-02
2	0.521	0.7	3.86E-02
2.5	0.626	0.8	4.26E-02
2.8	0.616	0.9	4.58E-02
3.2	0.604	1	4.89E-02
3.5	0.597	1.25	5.70E-02
4	0.586	1.5	6.48E-02
4.5	0.576	2	8.10E-02
5	0.567	2.5	8.68E-02
5.6	0.558	3	1.01E-01
6.4	0.548	3.5	1.16E-01
7	0.541	4	1.30E-01
8	0.531	5	1.60E-01
9	0.522	6	1.76E-01
10	0.483	7	1.88E-01
11.5	0.436	8	2.03E-01
13	0.398	9	2.17E-01
14.5	0.367	10	2.26E-01
16	0.341	12.5	2.33E-01
18	0.313	15	2.32E-01
20	0.289	20	2.33E-01
23	0.261	25	2.27E-01
26	0.238	30	2.19E-01
29	0.22	35	2.08E-01
33	0.2	40	1.93E-01
50	0.2	50	1.60E-01
		60	1.36E-01
		70	1.25E-01
		80	1.21E-01
		90	1.20E-01
		100	1.19E-01

Figure 1

