

March 26, 2008

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-08-003A

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the Region IV, Arlington, Texas, staff on this date.

Facility

Omaha Public Power District
Fort Calhoun Station
Fort Calhoun, NE 68023

Dockets: 50-285
Licenses: DPR-40

Licensee Emergency Classification

Notification of Unusual Event
 Alert
 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 Not Applicable

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL PN - FORT CALHOUN STATION REACTOR TRIP AND SHUTDOWN EXPECTED TO BE GREATER THAN 72 HOURS

DESCRIPTION: On March 15, 2008, Fort Calhoun Station tripped. A malfunction of the electro-hydraulic control system caused a turbine trip, which resulted in a reactor trip.

On March 22, 2008, the licensee completed repairs and started up Fort Calhoun Station. Operators achieved criticality at 3:30 p.m. CST, achieved Mode 1 at 4:09 p.m., and closed the station output breakers at 11:54 p.m. The station achieved 100 percent power on March 24, 2008. Resident inspectors verified that necessary repairs were made to the electro-hydraulic control system, as well as various other plant components. The resident inspectors also monitored startup activities. No significant problems were noted during the startup and power ascension.

This information has been discussed with licensee management and is current as of 11:30 a.m., on March 26, 2008.

This preliminary notification is issued for information only.

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