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16.7 INSTRUMENTATION

16.7-11 POSITION INDICATION SYSTEM – SHUTDOWN

COMMITMENT:

One digital rod position indicator (excluding demand position indication) shall be OPERABLE and capable of determining the control rod position within ± 12 steps for each shutdown or control rod not fully inserted.

APPLICABILITY:

MODES 3*, 4*, and 5*.

REMEDIAL ACTION:

With less than the above required position indicator(s) OPERABLE, immediately open the Reactor Trip system breakers.**

TESTING REQUIREMENTS:

Testing Requirements are specified in Technical Specification Surveillance Requirement 3.1.7.1.

REFERENCES:

1. Letter from NRC to Gary R. Peterson, Duke, Issuance of Improved Technical Specifications Amendments for Catawba, September 30, 1998.

BASES:

OPERABILITY of the Digital Rod Position Indicators is required to determine control rod positions and thereby ensure compliance with the control rod alignment and insertion limits of the Technical Specifications.

As long as all shutdown and control rods are fully inserted, digital rod position indication is not required to be OPERABLE.

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* With the Reactor Trip System breakers in the closed position.

** Once the reactor trip breakers have been opened, alternate methods may be used to ensure there is no possibility of rod motion. These methods are pulling fuses or sliding links in the rod control cabinets, tagging open the MG set feeder breakers from LXC and LXD, or tagging open the MG set output breakers. After one of these alternate methods is used, the reactor trip breakers may be reclosed if desired.