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LICENSEE: PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS CO.

SITE: HOPE CREEK 1 EN NUMBER: 25756

DOCKET: 05000354 EVENT DATE: 04-29-93

RX TYPE: BWR EVENT TIME: 00:00

VENDORS: GE-4 NOTIFY DATE: 07-07-93

EMERGENCY CLASS: N/A REGION: 1 STATE: NJ TIME: 13:52

OPS OFFICER: GREG SCARFO

10 CFR SECTION: CDEG 21.21(c)(3)(i) DEFECTS/NONCOMPLIANCE UNIT SCRAM RX INIT INITIAL MODE CURR CURRENT MODE

CODE CRIT PWR PWR

1 N Y 100 POWER OPERATION 100 POWER OPERATION

A PART 21 WAS SUBMITTED BY THE LICENSEE ON COMSIP SERIES PTW-5300.

A PART 21 WAS SUBMITTED REGARDING HEAT-DEGRADATION OF COMSIP SERIES PTW-5300 DC-POWERED MICROSWITCHES AND A POTENTIAL FAILURE MECHANISM WHICH CAN RESULT. THE DAMAGE IS CAUSED BY OVERHEATING DURING USAGE WHICH DEGRADES THE EPOXY INSULATION WITHIN THE MICROSWITCH. THE FAILURE MECHANISM DISCOVERED IS A POTENTIAL SHORT-TO-GROUND WHICH COULD BLOW A FUSE AND DISABLE THE MICROSWITCH AND ITS ASSOCIATED CIRCUITRY. THESE MICROSWITCHES ARE LOCATED IN 16 SAFETY-RELATED CONTROL PANELS. AN ANALYSIS SHOWED THAT THE EPOXY WILL PERFORM ITS FUNCTION FOR APPROXIMATELY 7.7 YEARS IN A HARSH HEAT ENVIRONMENT. THE 7.7 YEAR LIFE EXPECTANCY OF THESE MICROSWITCHES WILL EXPIRE ON 11/15/93.