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Ladies and Gentlemen:

**DOCKET NUMBER 50-483
CALLAWAY PLANT UNIT 1
UNION ELECTRIC CO.
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-30
LICENSEE EVENT REPORT 2004-002-00
Reactor trip due to faulty electrical relay.**

The enclosed licensee event report is submitted in accordance with 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(iv)(A) to report a reactor trip that occurred as a result of a faulty electrical relay located in the main electrical generator protection circuitry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Warren A. Witt".

Warren A. Witt
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WAW/EWH/slk

Enclosure

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1. FACILITY NAME: CALLAWAY PLANT UNIT 1

2. DOCKET NUMBER: 05000 483

3. PAGE: 1 OF 3

4. TITLE: Reactor trip due to faulty electrical relay.

5. EVENT DATE			6. LER NUMBER			7. REPORT DATE			8. OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED	
MO	DAY	YEAR	YEAR	SEQUENTIAL NUMBER	REV NO	MO	DAY	YEAR	FACILITY NAME	DOCKET NUMBER
1	27	2004	2004	002	00	3	18	2004		05000
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										05000

9. OPERATING MODE	10. POWER LEVEL	11. THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR : (Check all that apply)			
1	100	<input type="checkbox"/> 20.2201(b)	<input type="checkbox"/> 20.2203(a)(3)(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/> 50.73(a)(2)(ii)(B)	<input type="checkbox"/> 50.73(a)(2)(ix)(A)
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12. LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER

NAME: Mark A. Reidmeyer

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13. COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT

CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO EPIX	CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO EPIX
X	TB	21	W351	Y					

14. SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED

YES (If yes, complete EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE) NO

15. EXPECTED SUBMISSION

MONTH: DAY: YEAR:

16. ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately 15 single-spaced typewritten lines)

At 1830, 1/27/04, while at 100 percent power, Callaway Plant experienced a main electrical generator trip which in turn caused a reactor trip due to power being above 50 percent. The cause of the generator trip was a failed electrical relay. This relay was designed to sense remote faults in order to prevent exceeding thermal limits for the stator windings. Plant systems responded as designed, including automatic actuation of the auxiliary feedwater system.

The faulted relay was repaired, calibrated, and reinstalled. This relay contained a second set of unused contacts which were used instead of the initial faulted contacts. This relay configuration was successfully retested and plant operation resumed without further problems.

A review of relevant operating experience did not identify similar failures, and a review of past plant preventative maintenance did not reveal abnormalities. Preventive maintenance procedures will be revised to provide additional detailed instructions for inspection of these relay contacts for this failure mechanism.

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NARRATIVE (If more space is required, use additional copies of NRC Form 366A) (17)

I. DESCRIPTION OF THE REPORTABLE EVENT

A. REPORTABLE EVENT CLASSIFICATION

This event is being reported per 10CFR50.73(a)2(iv)(A), system actuation. Both the Reactor Protection System (RPS) and PWR auxiliary feedwater systems were actuated during this event.

B. PLANT OPERATING CONDITIONS PRIOR TO THE EVENT

Callaway Plant was in Mode 1 at 100 percent power.

C. STATUS OF STRUCTURES, SYSTEMS OR COMPONENTS THAT WERE INOPERABLE AT THE START OF THE EVENT AND THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE EVENT

"B" Containment Spray pump, PEN01B, was inoperable due to planned maintenance when the reactor trip occurred. The unavailability of PEN01B did not contribute to this event.

D. NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF THE EVENT, INCLUDING DATES AND APPROXIMATE TIMES

At 1830, 1/27/04, while at 100 percent power, Callaway Plant experienced a main electrical generator trip which in turn caused a reactor trip due to power being above the P-9 setpoint of 50 percent power. Plant systems actuated per design. Plant operators responded to the reactor trip using plant procedures and stabilized the unit in Mode 3 at normal operating temperature and pressure.

The cause of the generator trip was a failed 321G relay contact. The 321G relay (Manufacturer: Westinghouse Elec. Corp.-Nuclear Energy Services, Model KD-11) is a distance relay which is connected to main generator current and voltage circuits. This relay was designed to sense remote faults in order to prevent exceeding thermal limits for the stator windings. A defective relay contact shorted, and resulted in actuation of the main generator lockout relays and tripping of the main generator output breakers, MDV53 and MDV55. The actuation of the main generator lockout relays generated the main turbine trip, and resulted in a reactor trip. The faulted relay was repaired using a second set of unused contacts, calibrated, and reinstalled. This relay configuration was successfully retested and plant operation resumed without further problems.

A review of relevant operating experience did not identify similar failures, and a review of past plant preventative maintenance did not reveal abnormalities. Preventive maintenance procedures will be revised to provide additional detailed instructions for inspection of these relay contacts for this failure mechanism.

E. METHOD OF DISCOVERY OF EACH COMPONENT, SYSTEM FAILURE, OR PROCEDURAL ERROR

Troubleshooting performed using planned work documents determined that the cause of the plant trip was a failed 321G relay contact. The 321G is a distance relay which is connected to main generator current and voltage circuits.

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II. EVENT DRIVEN INFORMATION

A. SAFETY SYSTEMS THAT RESPONDED

All safety systems responded as expected. When the reactor trip occurred, "B" Containment Spray pump, PEN01B, was out of service due to planned maintenance. The unavailability of PEN01B had no impact on this event.

B. DURATION OF SAFETY SYSTEM INOPERABILITY

Not applicable to this event.

C. SAFETY CONSEQUENCES AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE EVENT.

Based on the Conditional Core Damage Probability (CCDP) for this event being less than 1E-6, this event is of very low risk significance.

III. CAUSE OF THE EVENT

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IV. CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

Preventive maintenance procedures will be revised to provide additional detailed instructions for inspection of these relay contacts for this failure mechanism.

V. PREVIOUS SIMILAR EVENTS

A review was conducted of the Callaway Action Request System (CARS) and no additional failures of this relay were discovered. This event is described in Callaway Action Request (CAR) 200400629.

A review of Callaway LERs from 2000 until present did not reveal any similar events.

VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The system and component codes listed below are from the IEEE Standard 805-1984 and IEEE Standard 803A-1984 respectively.

System: TB

Component: 21