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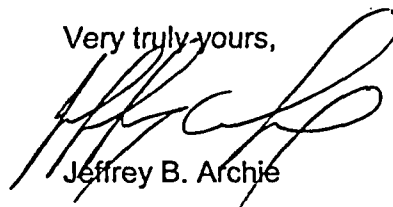
Dear Sir / Madam:

Subject: VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION
DOCKET NO. 50-395
OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-12
LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER 2004-003-00)
SAFETY SYSTEM ACTUATION DUE TO INADVERTENT ACTUATION OF 1DA
UNDERVOLTAGE TEST SWITCH

Attached is Licensee Event Report (LER) No. 2004-003-00, for the V. C. Summer Nuclear Station (VCSNS). The report describes the starting and loading of the "A" Emergency Diesel Generator due to an inadvertent actuation of the 1DA undervoltage test switch. This LER serves to report the safety system actuation in accordance with 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(iv)(A).

Should you have any questions, please call Mr. Ronald B. Clary at (803) 345-4757.

Very truly yours,



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4. TITLE
Emergency Diesel Generator Start and Load Due to Inadvertent Actuation of 1DA Undervoltage Test Switch

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| 9. OPERATING MODE 1 | 11. THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR §: (Check all that apply) | | | |
| | 20.2201(b) | 20.2203(a)(3)(ii) | 50.73(a)(2)(ii)(B) | 50.73(a)(2)(ix)(A) |
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12. LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER

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

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| 14. SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED | | | | 15. EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE | MONTH | DAY | YEAR |
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16. ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately 15 single-spaced typewritten lines)

At 2152 on October 26, 2004, the normal incoming ESF feed (1DA) to the V. C. Summer Nuclear Station (VCSNS) opened on an undervoltage condition. The "A" Emergency Diesel Generator (EDG) started and loads sequenced on as designed. The "A" Residual Heat Removal (RHR) pump started but did not inject any water into the Reactor Coolant System (RCS). The "A" Emergency Feedwater (EFW) pump started and ran for approximately 19 minutes. Other plant equipment and systems also responded as expected.

At the time of the event restoration of "A" EDG from scheduled maintenance was in progress. While resetting the "A" Engineered Safety Features Loading Sequencer (ESFLS) the Operator inadvertently bumped the bus undervoltage (UV) toggle switch. This action caused the ESFLS to trip open the normal and emergency feeder breakers to 1DA, resulting in an auto-start of the "A" EDG. Closure of the "A" EDG output breaker initiated the blackout sequence on "A" train ESF equipment. Loads sequenced on as designed and equipment operated as expected. Operations personnel monitored the plant and verified conditions were stable prior to realigning the ESF bus to its normal feed and securing the EDG at approximately 2231 on October 26, 2004.

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

PLANT IDENTIFICATION

Westinghouse - Pressurized Water Reactor

EQUIPMENT IDENTIFICATION

- "A" Emergency Diesel Generator (EDG)
- "A" Residual Heat Removal Pump (RHR)
- "A" Emergency Feedwater Pump (EFW)

IDENTIFICATION OF EVENT

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EVENT DATE

October 26, 2004

REPORT DATE

December 21, 2004

CONDITIONS PRIOR TO EVENT

Mode 1, 100% Power

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DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

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Condition Evaluation Report C-04-3386 was generated to document the event and lessons learned.

CAUSE OF EVENT

At the time of the event restoration of "A" EDG from scheduled maintenance was in progress. While resetting the "A" Engineered Safety Features Loading Sequencer (ESFLS) the Operator inadvertently bumped the bus undervoltage (UV) toggle switch. This action caused the ESFLS to trip open the normal and emergency feeder breakers to 1DA, resulting in an auto-start of the "A" EDG. Closure of the "A" EDG output breaker initiated the blackout sequence on "A" train ESF equipment. Loads sequenced on as designed and equipment operated as expected.

Subsequent to the event, the Operator informed the Control Room Supervisor that he had inadvertently bumped the "A" undervoltage toggle switch as he was resetting the sequencer. Operations personnel monitored the plant and verified conditions were stable prior to realigning the plant to the normal feed and securing the EDG at approximately 2231 on October 26, 2004.

ANALYSIS OF EVENT

The undervoltage and degraded voltage relays associated with 1DA functioned properly upon detecting the loss of voltage on the incoming 115kV line subsequent to the inadvertent undervoltage test switch signal. The "A" EDG started and loads sequenced on as designed. Operators acknowledged alarms and walked down the main control board to ensure equipment was functioning properly. Building operators were also dispatched to monitor proper operation of some of the more critical equipment such as the EDG, the RHR pump, and the EFW pump. Once operations personnel were satisfied that conditions were stable, operating equipment that was not needed was secured. The "A" RHR pump was secured without injecting any water into the RCS. The "A" EFW pump was also secured after running for approximately 19 minutes. Additional plant equipment was also restored to normal alignment as necessary. Reactor power remained at approximately 100% throughout the event.

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ANALYSIS OF EVENT (Continued)

All normal offsite power sources were available at all times throughout the event. Operations personnel monitored the plant to ensure conditions were stable prior to realigning 1DA to its normal offsite power feed. This realignment occurred at approximately 2225 hours on October 26, 2004, and the "A" EDG was subsequently secured at approximately 2231 hours. There was no equipment damage or abnormal operation noted and no unexpected transients occurred. Since "A" train equipment was the 'maintenance' train, no "B" train protected equipment supplying normal functions was affected.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

All equipment at VCSNS responded as expected.

VCSNS corrective actions include:

Condition Evaluation Report C-04-3386 was generated to document the event and lessons learned. A discussion of the event will be provided as an operating experience item during operator requalification training. A root cause evaluation is being performed to determine additional appropriate corrective actions.

PRIOR OCCURRENCES

There are no prior occurrences of the loss of the normal incoming ESF feed to the plant due to an inadvertent actuation of the undervoltage test switch on the ESFLS.