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Subject: Licensee Event Report # 2006-003-00, "Manual Reactor Trip Due to a Mismatch Between Reactor Power and Turbine Load Caused by Cycling of Steam Dump Valves After a Power Reduction for Loss of Heater Drain Tank Pumps"

Dear Sir:

The attached Licensee Event Report (LER) 2006-003-00 is the follow-up written report submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73. This event is of the type defined in 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(iv)(A) for an event recorded in the Entergy corrective action process as Condition Report CR-IP2-2006-05066.

There are no commitments contained in this letter. Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Patric W. Conroy, Manager, Licensing, Indian Point Energy Center at (914) 734-6668.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: LER-2006-003-00

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On August 23, 2006, at 1319 hours, a four hour non-emergency notification was made to the NRC (Log Number 42797) for a reactor trip while critical and included the eight hour non-emergency notification for the actuation of the AFW system. Both notifications were in accordance with 10CFR50.72(b)(3)(iv)(A). The RT event was recorded in the Indian Point Energy Center corrective action program (CAP) as CR-IP2-2006-05066. The HDT controller condition was recorded as CR-IP2-2006-05065 and the HPSD condition recorded in CR-IP2-2006-05081.

The initiator of this event was decreasing HDT level. The discharge of Condensate System **(SG)** and Heater Drain System (HDS) {SN} supplie's water to the suction of the two turbine driven MBFPs which maintains the water level in the four SGs. At 100% power, approximately 27% of the FW flow to the SGs comes from the discharge of the HDS and its loss will result in decreasing SG level as the Feed Water System (FWS) {SJ} will not be able to maintain SG level. Therefore, power reduction is necessary to stabilize **SG** level. Two .HDT pumps take suction from the HDT and pump the water collected in the HDT back to the supply for the MBFPs. HDT level control is maintained by modulating HDT pump discharge valves with level controllers LCV-1127 and 1127A. The HDT discharge valves close on decreasing level and will trip the HDT pumps on HDT low level. Investigation of the HDT level control determined the HDT level controller (LC-1127) power supply (LIC-5003) failed. Upon loss of power to LC-1127, the output signal was suspended in state, maintaining the last output signal. Based on system demand at the time of the failure, the HDT pump discharge valves were maintained at at the time of the failure, the hpi pump discharge varves were maintained<br>approximately 60% open. The failed level controller condition resulted in slowly decreasing HDT level until it reached the HDT pump low-low level trip setpoint. The level controller (LC-1127) {LC} and power supply (LIC-5003) are manufactured by Yokogawa {Y006}.

The High Pressure Steam Dump System (HPSDS) {SB} cycled during the downpower for this event. The HPSDS consists of twelve valves, instrumentation, and controls that provide a means of discharging main steam directly to the main condensers **(SG}** to reduce transients on the reactor coolant system (AB) during load rejections or plant trips. Each HPSD is an air-operated valve that can be used to either modulate the steam flow or dump steam by going to its fully open position. The steam dumps and automatic rod control will accommodate a load rejection while reactor power is reduced to a new equilibrium power level. The HPSDS controller mode selection switch during normal operation is the temperature mode. The temperature mode controls the steam dumps after either a load rejection of greater than 10% or a turbine trip. In the temperature mode, the steam dump valves are prevented from operating from the load rejection controller unless the loss of load interlock has been actuated (actuated with either a greater than 10% decrease or 5% per minute ramp decrease as sensed by turbine inlet pressure). A large load rejection (i.e., >10%) requires the actuation of the steam dumps to return the plant to a stable condition. The temperature mode controls the steam dumps to match T(Ref) and RCS T(Avg) after a load rejection of greater then 10% or a ramp rate decrease of 5% per minute rate (loss of load interlock). The HPSD modulating signal during a load rejection is the comparison between RCS T(Avg) and T(Ref). T(Ref) is derived from turbine inlet pressure and compared in the load rejection controller with RCS T (Avg). Since the output of the controller is proportional to the difference between RCS T(Avg) and T(Ref), it is used to control the position of the steam dumps.



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reduction in FW flow and a subsequent reduction in SG level is a credible alternative condition for which the plant is analyzed. This event was bounded by the analyzed event described in FSAR Section 14.1.9, Loss of Normal Feedwater. A Low-Low water level in any one **SG** initiates actuation of two motor-driven AFW pumps and a Low-Low water level in any two SGs actuates the steam driven AFW pump. The AFW System has adequate redundancy to provide the minimum required flow assuming a single failure. The analysis of a loss of normal FW shows that following a loss of normal FW, the AFWS is capable of removing the stored and residual heat plus reactor coolant pump heat, thereby preventing either over pressurization of the RCS or loss of water from the reactor coolant system and returning the plant to a safe condition.



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A high level in any **SG** could result in excessive carryover to the main steam line and damage the main turbine if not isolated. Damage to the main turbine could result in a main turbine protection system trip and a subsequent reactor trip. Water carryover in the steam would not impact the motor driven AFWS which has adequate redundancy to provide the minimum required flow assuming a single failure. FW is isolated to the SGs upon a RT, high SG level, and Safety Injection. A high **SG** water level greater than 75% of the normal operating span in any **SG** narrow range level initiates a SG High-High level trip via the SG Water Level Control System which closes the main feed regulating valve and actuates closure of the MBFP discharge valves which trips the MBFPs. A trip of any one of two MBFPs will actuate the start of the AFWS.

The limits on the AFD ensure that the reactor core Heat Flux Hot Channel Factor is not exceeded during either normal operation or in the event of xenon redistribution following power changes. For postulated accidents, the **AFD** limits ensure that fuel cladding integrity is maintained for these transients. Overheating of the fuel cladding is prevented by restricting fuel operation to within the nucleate boiling regime. The Reactor Protection System (RPS) is designed to actuate a RT for any anticipated combination of plant conditions, when necessary, to ensure a minimum departure from nucleate boiling **(DNB)** ratio (DNBR) equal to or greater than the applicable safety analysis limit DNBR. In addition, a manual RT can be initiated by control room operators. The manual RT actuating devices are independent of the automatic trip circuitry. The RPS design is of sufficient redundancy and independence to assure that no single failure or removal from service of any component or channel will result in loss of the protection function. The protection system design is to fail into a safe state or state established as tolerable. Therefore, there are no reasonable or credible alternative conditions that would have resulted in serious consequences.