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B 3.8 ELECTRICAL POWER SYSTEMS

B 3.8.4 DC Sources-Operating

BASES

BACKGROUND

The DC electrical power system provides the AC emergency power system with control power. It also provides both motive and control power to selected safety related equipment. As required by 10 CFR 50, Appendix A, GDC 17 (Ref. 1), the DC electrical power system is designed to have sufficient independence, redundancy, and testability to perform its safety functions, assuming a single failure. The DC electrical power system also conforms to the recommendations of Regulatory Guide 1.6 (Ref. 2) and IEEE-308 (Ref. 3).

The Unit 1 DC power sources provide both motive and control power to selected safety related equipment, as well as circuit breaker control power for the nonsafety related 13.8 kV, 4.16 kV, and 480 V and lower AC distribution systems. Each DC subsystem is energized by one 125/250 V battery and at least 1 Class 1E battery charger. The 250 V DC batteries for division I are supported by two full capacity chargers; the 250 V DC batteries for division II are supported by a full capacity charger; and, the 125 V DC batteries are each supported by a single full capacity charger. Each battery is exclusively associated with a single 125/250 VDC bus and cannot be interconnected with any other 125/250 VDC subsystem. The chargers are supplied from the same AC load groups for which the associated DC subsystem supplies the control power. Transfer switches provide the capability to power Unit 1 and common DC loads from Unit 2 DC sources.

Diesel Generator (DG) E DC power sources provide control and instrumentation power for DG E.

During normal operation, the DC loads are powered from the battery chargers with the batteries floating on the system. In case of loss of normal power to the battery charger, the DC loads are automatically powered from the station batteries.

The DC power distribution system is described in more detail in Bases for LCO 3.8.7, "Distribution System-Operating," and LCO 3.8.8, "Distribution System-Shutdown."

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BASES

BACKGROUND (continued)

Each battery has adequate storage capacity to meet the battery duty load profiles in the FSAR, Chapter 8 Tables (Ref. 12). The battery is designed with additional capacity above that required by the design duty cycle to allow for temperature variations and other factors.

Each subsystem, including the battery bank, chargers and DC switchgear, is located in an area separated physically and electrically from the other subsystems to ensure that a single failure in one subsystem does not cause a failure in a redundant subsystem. There is no sharing between redundant Class 1E subsystems such as batteries, or battery chargers.

The batteries for the electrical power subsystems are sized to produce required capacity at 80% of design rating, corresponding to warranted capacity at end of life cycles and the 100% design demand. The minimum design voltage limit is 105/210 V, at the battery terminals.

The battery cells are of flooded lead acid construction with a nominal specific gravity of 1.215. This specific gravity corresponds to an open circuit voltage of approximately 124 V for a 60 cell battery (i.e. cell voltage of 2.06 volts per cell (Vpc)). The open circuit voltage is the voltage maintained when there is no charging or discharging. Once fully charged with its open circuit voltage ≥ 2.06 Vpc, the battery cell will maintain its capacity for 30 days without further charging per manufacturer's instructions. Optimal long term performance however, is obtained by maintaining a float voltage of 2.20 to 2.25 Vpc. This provides adequate over-potential, which limits the formation of lead sulfate and self discharge. The nominal float voltage of 2.2 Vpc corresponds to a total float voltage output of 132 V for a 60 cell battery as discussed in the FSAR, Chapter 8 (Ref. 12).

Each battery charger of DC electrical power subsystem has ample power output capacity for the steady state operation of connected loads required during normal operation, while at the same time maintaining its battery bank fully charged. Each battery charger has sufficient capacity to restore the battery from the design minimum charge to its fully charged state within design basis requirements while supplying normal steady state loads (Ref. 12).

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BASES

BACKGROUND (continued)

The battery charger is normally in the float-charge mode. Float-charge is the condition in which the charger is supplying the connected loads and the battery cells are receiving adequate current to optimally charge the battery. This assures the internal losses of a battery are overcome and the battery is maintained in a fully charged state.

When desired, the charger can be placed in the equalize mode. The equalize mode is at a higher voltage than the float mode and charging current is correspondingly higher. The battery charger is operated in the equalize mode after a battery discharge or for routine maintenance. Following a battery discharge, the battery recharge characteristic accepts current at the current limit of the battery charger (if the discharge was significant, e.g., following a battery service test) until the battery terminal voltage approaches the charger voltage setpoint. Charging current then reduces exponentially during the remainder of the recharge cycle. Lead-calcium batteries have recharge efficiencies of greater than 95%, so once at least 105% of the ampere-hours discharged have been returned, the battery capacity would be restored to the same condition as it was prior to the discharge. This can be monitored by direct observation of the exponentially decaying charging current or by evaluating the amp-hours discharged from the battery and amp-hours returned to the battery.

APPLICABLE SAFETY ANALYSES

The initial conditions of Design Basis Accident (DBA) and transient analyses in the FSAR, Chapter 6 (Ref. 4) and Chapter 15 (Ref. 5), assume that Engineered Safety Feature (ESF) systems are OPERABLE. The DC electrical power system provides normal and emergency DC electrical power for the DGs, emergency auxiliaries, and control and switching during all MODES of operation. The OPERABILITY of the DC subsystems is consistent with the initial assumptions of the accident analyses and is based upon meeting the design basis of the unit. This includes maintaining DC sources OPERABLE during accident conditions in the event of:

- a. An assumed loss of all offsite AC power or all onsite AC power;
and
- b. A worst case single failure.

The DC sources satisfy Criterion 3 of the NRC Policy Statement (Ref. 6).

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BASES (continued)

LCO

The DC electrical power subsystems are required to be OPERABLE to ensure the availability of the required power to shut down the reactor and maintain it in a safe condition after an anticipated operational occurrence (AOO) or a postulated DBA. Loss of any DC electrical power subsystem does not prevent the minimum safety function from being performed (Ref. 12).

The DC electrical power subsystems include:

- a) each Unit 1 DC electrical power subsystem identified in Table 3.8.4-1 including a 125 volt or 250 volt DC battery bank in parallel with a battery charger and the corresponding control equipment and interconnecting cabling supplying power to the associated bus; and,
- b) the Diesel Generator E DC electrical power subsystem identified in Table 3.8.4-1 including a 125 volt DC battery bank in parallel with a battery charger and the corresponding control equipment and interconnecting cabling supplying power to the associated bus.

APPLICABILITY

The DC electrical power sources are required to be OPERABLE in MODES 1, 2, and 3 to ensure safe unit operation and to ensure that:

- a. Acceptable fuel design limits and reactor coolant pressure boundary limits are not exceeded as a result of AOOs or abnormal transients; and
- b. Adequate core cooling is provided, and containment integrity and other vital functions are maintained in the event of a postulated DBA.

The DC electrical power requirements for MODES 4 and 5 are addressed in the Bases for LCO 3.8.5, "DC Sources—Shutdown."

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BASES (continued)

ACTIONS

A.1

Condition A represents one subsystem with a loss of ability to completely respond to an event, and a potential loss of ability to remain energized during normal operation. It is therefore imperative that the operator's attention focus on stabilizing the unit, minimizing the potential for complete loss of DC power to the affected division. The 2 hour limit is consistent with the allowed time for an inoperable DC Distribution System division.

If one of the required DC electrical power subsystems is inoperable, (e.g., inoperable battery, inoperable battery charger(s), or inoperable battery charger and associated inoperable battery), the remaining DC electrical power subsystems have the capacity to support a safe shutdown and to mitigate an accident condition. Since a subsequent worst case single failure could, however, result in the loss of minimum necessary DC electrical subsystems to mitigate a worst case accident, continued power operation should not exceed 2 hours. The 2 hour Completion Time is based on Regulatory Guide 1.93 (Ref. 7) and reflects a reasonable time to assess unit status as a function of the inoperable DC electrical power subsystem and, if the DC electrical power subsystem is not restored to OPERABLE status, to prepare to effect an orderly and safe unit shutdown.

Condition A is modified by a Note that states that Condition A is not applicable to the DG E DC electrical power subsystem. Condition C or D is applicable to an inoperable DG E DC electrical power subsystem.

B.1 and B.2

If the inoperable Unit 1 DC electrical power subsystem cannot be restored to OPERABLE status within the required Completion Time, the unit must be brought to a MODE in which the LCO does not apply. To achieve this status, the unit must be brought to at least MODE 3 within 12 hours and to MODE 4 within 36 hours. The allowed Completion Times are reasonable, based on operating experience, to reach the required plant conditions from full power conditions in an orderly manner and without challenging plant systems. The Completion Time to bring the unit to MODE 4 is consistent with the time required in Regulatory Guide 1.93 (Ref. 7).

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ACTIONS (continued)

C.1

If Diesel Generator E is not aligned to the class 1E distribution system, the only supported safety function is for the ESW system. Therefore, under this condition, if Diesel Generator E DC power subsystem is not OPERABLE actions are taken to either restore the battery to OPERABLE status or shutdown Diesel Generator E and close the associated ESW valves in order to ensure the OPERABILITY of the ESW system. The 2 hour limit is consistent with the allowed time for other inoperable DC sources and provides sufficient time to evaluate the condition of the battery and take the corrective actions.

D.1

If the Diesel Generator is aligned to the class 1E distribution system, the loss of Diesel Generator E DC power subsystem will result in the loss of a on-site Class 1E power source. Therefore, under this condition, if Diesel Generator E DC power subsystem is not OPERABLE actions are taken to either restore the battery to OPERABLE status or declare Diesel Generator E inoperable and take Actions of LCO 3.8.1. The 2 hour limit is consistent with the allowed time for other DC sources and provides sufficient time to evaluate the condition of the battery and take the necessary corrective actions.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SR 3.8.4.1

Verifying battery terminal voltage while on float charge for the batteries helps to ensure the effectiveness of the battery chargers, which support the ability of the batteries to perform their intended function. Float charge is the condition in which the charger is supplying the continuous charge required to overcome the internal losses of a battery and maintain the battery in a fully charged state while supplying the continuous steady state loads of the associated DC subsystem. On float charge, battery cells will receive adequate current to optimally charge the battery. The voltage requirements are based on the nominal design voltage of the battery and are consistent with the minimum float voltage established by the battery manufacturer (2.20 Vpc or 132 V at the battery terminals). This voltage maintains the battery plates in a condition that supports maintaining the grid life (expected to be approximately 20 years).

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SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SR 3.8.4.1 (continued)

The nominal required float voltage for OPERABILITY, per SR 3.8.4.1 is 129 VDC for 125 VDC batteries and 258 VDC for 250 VDC batteries. This voltage should be adjusted downward by 2.20 VDC for any cells jumpered out of the battery bank. This SR must be performed every 7 days consistent with manufacturer recommendations and IEEE-450 (Ref. 8).

SR 3.8.4.2

This SR verifies the design capacity of the battery chargers. According to Regulatory Guide 1.32 (Ref. 9), the battery charger supply is recommended to be based on the largest combined demands of the various steady state loads and the charging capacity to restore the battery from the design minimum charge state to the fully charged state, irrespective of the status of the unit during these demand occurrences. The minimum required amperes and duration ensures that these requirements can be satisfied.

This SR requires that each battery charger be capable of supplying DC current to its associated battery bank at the minimum established float voltage for greater than or equal to 4 hours. The ampere requirements are based on the output rating of the chargers. The voltage requirements are based on the charger voltage level after a response to a loss of AC power. The time period is sufficient for the charger temperature to have stabilized and to have been maintained for at least 2 hours.

The Frequency is acceptable, given the unit conditions required to perform the test and the other administrative controls existing to ensure adequate charger performance during these 24 month intervals. In addition, this Frequency is intended to be consistent with expected fuel cycle lengths.

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SURVEILLANCE
REQUIREMENTS
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SR 3.8.4.3

A battery service test is a special test of the battery's capability, as found, to satisfy the design requirements (battery duty cycle) of the DC electrical power system. The test can be conducted using actual or simulated loads. The discharge rate and test length corresponds to the design duty cycle requirements as specified in Reference 12.

The Frequency of 24 months is consistent with the recommendations of Regulatory Guide 1.32 (Ref. 9) and Regulatory Guide 1.129 (Ref. 10), which state that the battery service test should be performed during refueling operations or at some other outage, with intervals between tests not to exceed 24 months.

This SR is modified by two Notes. Note 1 allows the performance of a modified performance discharge test SR 3.8.6.6 in lieu of a service test SR 3.8.4.3.

The reason for Note 2 is that performing the Surveillance would remove a required DC electrical power subsystem from service, perturb the Electrical Distribution System, and challenge safety systems. Credit may be taken for unplanned events that satisfy the Surveillance. Examples of unplanned events may include:

1. Unexpected operational events which cause the equipment to perform the function specified by this Surveillance, for which adequate documentation is available; and
2. Post maintenance testing that requires performance of this Surveillance in order to restore the component to OPERABLE, provided the maintenance was required, or performed in conjunction with maintenance required to maintain OPERABILITY or reliability.

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SURVEILLANCE
REQUIREMENTS

SR 3.8.4.3 (continued)

Since the Diesel Generator E DC electrical power subsystem does not support loads other than the Diesel Generator E required loads, the mode restriction note need not be applied to the Diesel Generator E subsystem unless it is aligned to the class 1E distribution subsystem. The note does have applicability to the Diesel Generator E subsystem when the Diesel Generator E is substituted for one of the other Diesel Generators. When the Diesel Generator E is aligned to the class 1E distribution subsystem, the Diesel Generator E subsystem is required to support operability of the Diesel Generator E. Thus when in this configuration, the note does need to be applicable since performing the Surveillance would remove a required DC electrical power subsystem from service.

REFERENCES

1. 10 CFR 50, Appendix A, GDC 17.
 2. Regulatory Guide 1.6.
 3. IEEE Standard 308.
 4. FSAR, Chapter 6.
 5. FSAR, Chapter 15.
 6. Final Policy Statement on Technical Specifications Improvements, July 22, 1993 (58 FR 39132).
 7. Regulatory Guide 1.93.
 8. IEEE Standard 450.
 9. Regulatory Guide 1.32, February 1977.
 10. Regulatory Guide 1.129, April 1977, February 1978.
 11. IEEE Standard 485.
 12. FSAR, Chapter 8, Section 8.3.2.1.1.6
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B 3.8 ELECTRICAL POWER SYSTEMS

B 3.8.5 DC Sources-Shutdown

BASES

BACKGROUND	A description of the DC sources is provided in the Bases for LCO 3.8.4, "DC Sources—Operating."
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APPLICABLE SAFETY ANALYSES	<p>The initial conditions of Design Basis Accident and transient analyses in the FSAR, Chapter 6 (Ref. 1) and Chapter 15 (Ref. 2), assume that Engineered Safety Feature systems are OPERABLE. The DC electrical power system provides normal and emergency DC electrical power for the diesel generators (DGs), emergency auxiliaries, and control and switching during all MODES of operation.</p> <p>The OPERABILITY of the DC subsystems is consistent with the initial assumptions of the accident analyses and the requirements for the supported systems' OPERABILITY.</p> <p>The OPERABILITY of the minimum DC electrical power sources during MODES 4 and 5 and during movement of irradiated fuel assemblies ensures that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The facility can be maintained in the shutdown or refueling condition for extended periods;b. Sufficient instrumentation and control capability is available for monitoring and maintaining the unit status; andc. Adequate DC electrical power is provided to mitigate events postulated during shutdown, such as an inadvertent draindown of the vessel or a fuel handling accident. <p>LCO 3.8.5 is normally satisfied by maintaining the OPERABILITY of all Division I or all Division II DC sources listed in Table 3.8.4-1 and the Diesel Generator E battery bank. However, any combination of DC sources that maintain OPERABILITY of equipment required by Technical Specifications may be used to satisfy this LCO. The DC sources satisfy Criterion 3 of the NRC Policy Statement (Ref. 3).</p>
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BASES (continued)

LCO

The DC electrical power subsystems are required to be OPERABLE as needed to support required DC distribution subsystems required OPERABLE by LCO 3.8.8, "Distribution Systems—Shutdown." This requirement ensures the availability of sufficient DC electrical power sources to operate the unit in a safe manner and to mitigate the consequences of postulated events during shutdown (e.g., fuel handling accidents and inadvertent reactor vessel draindown).

The DC electrical power subsystems consist of the following:

- a) each Unit 1 DC electrical power subsystem identified in Table 3.8.4-1 including a 125 volt or 250 volt DC battery bank in parallel with a battery charger and the corresponding control equipment and interconnecting cabling supplying power to the associated bus; and,
- b) the Diesel Generator E DC electrical power subsystem identified in Table 3.8.4-1 including a 125 volt DC battery bank in parallel with a battery charger and the corresponding control equipment and interconnecting cabling supplying power to the associated bus.

APPLICABILITY

The DC electrical power sources required to be OPERABLE in MODES 4 and 5 and during movement of irradiated fuel assemblies in the secondary containment provide assurance that:

- a. Required features to provide adequate coolant inventory makeup are available for the irradiated fuel assemblies in the core in case of an inadvertent draindown of the reactor vessel;
- b. Required features needed to mitigate a fuel handling accident are available;
- c. Required features necessary to mitigate the effects of events that can lead to core damage during shutdown are available; and
- d. Instrumentation and control capability is available for monitoring and maintaining the unit in a cold shutdown condition or refueling condition.

The DC electrical power requirements for MODES 1, 2, and 3 are covered in LCO 3.8.4.

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BASES (continued)

ACTIONS

The ACTIONS have been modified by a Note stating that LCO 3.0.3 is not applicable. This is acceptable because LCO 3.0.3 would not specify any additional actions while in MODE 4 or 5 and moving irradiated fuel assemblies.

A.1, A.2.1, A.2.2, A.2.3, and A.2.4

If more than one Unit 1 DC distribution subsystem is required according to LCO 3.8.8, the remaining operable Unit 1 DC subsystems may be capable of supporting sufficient required features to allow continuation of CORE ALTERATIONS, fuel movement, and operations with a potential for draining the reactor vessel. Therefore, the option is provided to declare required features with associated DC power sources inoperable which ensures that appropriate restrictions are implemented in accordance with the affected system LCOs' ACTIONS.

In many instances, this option may involve undesired administrative efforts. Therefore, the allowance for sufficiently conservative actions is made (i.e., to suspend CORE ALTERATIONS, movement of irradiated fuel assemblies, and any activities that could result in inadvertent draining of the reactor vessel). Suspension of these activities shall not preclude completion of actions to establish a safe conservative condition. These actions minimize the probability of the occurrence of postulated events. It is further required to immediately initiate action to restore the required Unit 1 DC electrical power subsystems and to continue this action until restoration is accomplished in order to provide the necessary DC electrical power to the plant safety systems.

The Completion Time of immediately is consistent with the required times for actions requiring prompt attention. The restoration of the required DC electrical power subsystems should be completed as quickly as possible in order to minimize the time during which the plant safety systems may be without sufficient power.

Condition A is modified by a Note that states that Condition A is not applicable to the DG E DC electrical power subsystem. Condition B or C is applicable to an inoperable DG E DC electrical power subsystem.

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BASES

ACTIONS (continued)

B.1

If Diesel Generator E is not aligned to the class 1E distribution system, the only supported safety function is for the ESW system. Therefore, under this condition, if Diesel Generator E DC power subsystem is not OPERABLE, to ensure the OPERABILITY of the ESW system, actions are taken to restore the battery to OPERABLE status. The 2 hour limit is consistent with the allowed time for other inoperable DC sources that result in a loss of safety function and provides sufficient time to evaluate the condition of the battery and take the corrective actions.

C.1

If the Diesel Generator E is aligned to the class 1E distribution system, the loss of Diesel Generator E DC power subsystem will result in the loss of a on-site Class 1E power source. Therefore, under this condition, if Diesel Generator E DC power subsystem is not OPERABLE actions are taken to either restore the battery to OPERABLE status or declare Diesel Generator E inoperable and take Actions of LCO 3.8.2. The 2 hour limit is consistent with the allowed time for other DC sources that result in a loss of safety function and provides sufficient time to evaluate the condition of the battery and take the necessary corrective actions.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SR 3.8.5.1

SR 3.8.5.1 requires performance of all Surveillances required by SR 3.8.4.1 through SR 3.8.4.3. Therefore, see the corresponding Bases for LCO 3.8.4 for a discussion of each SR.

This SR is modified by a Note. The reason for the Note is to preclude requiring the OPERABLE DC sources from being discharged below their capability to provide the required power supply or otherwise rendered inoperable during the performance of SRs. It is the intent that these SRs must still be capable of being met, but actual performance is not required.

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BASES (continued)

REFERENCES

1. FSAR, Chapter 6.
 2. FSAR, Chapter 15.
 3. Final Policy Statement on Technical Specifications Improvements, July 22, 1993 (58 FR 39132).
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B 3.8 ELECTRICAL POWER SYSTEMS

B 3.8.6 Battery Parameters

BASES

BACKGROUND

This LCO delineates the limits on battery float current as well as electrolyte temperature, level, and float voltage, for the DC electrical power subsystems batteries. A discussion of these batteries and their OPERABILITY requirements is provided in the Bases for LCO 3.8.4, "DC Sources – Operating," and LCO 3.8.5, "DC Sources – Shutdown." In addition to the limitations of this Specification, the Battery Monitoring and Maintenance Program also implements a program specified in Specification 5.5.13 for monitoring various battery parameters that is based on the recommendations of IEEE Standard 450-1995, IEEE Recommended Practice for Maintenance, Testing, and Replacement of Vented Lead-Acid Batteries for Stationary Applications" (Ref. 4).

The battery cells are of flooded lead acid construction with a nominal specific gravity of 1.215. This specific gravity corresponds to an open circuit battery voltage of approximately 124 V for a 60 cell battery (i.e., cell voltage of 2.06 volts per cell (Vpc)). The open circuit voltage is the voltage maintained when there is no charging or discharging. Once fully charged with its open circuit voltage ≥ 2.06 Vpc, the battery cell will maintain its capacity for 30 days without further charging per manufacturer's instructions. Optimal long-term performance however, is obtained by maintaining a float voltage of 2.20 to 2.25 Vpc. This provides adequate over-potential, which limits the formation of lead sulfate and self-discharge. The nominal float voltage of 2.2 Vpc corresponds to a total float voltage output of 132 V for a 60 cell battery as discussed in the FSAR, Chapter 8 (Ref. 5).

APPLICABLE SAFETY ANALYSES

The initial conditions of Design Basis Accident (DBA) and transient analyses in FSAR, Chapter 6 (Ref. 1) and Chapter 15 (Ref. 2), assume Engineered Safety Feature systems are OPERABLE. The DC electrical power subsystems provide normal and emergency DC electrical power for the diesel generators (DGs), emergency auxiliaries, and control and switching during all MODES of operation.

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BASES

APPLICABLE SAFETY ANALYSES (continued)

The OPERABILITY of the DC subsystems is consistent with the initial assumptions of the accident analyses and is based upon meeting the design basis of the unit. This includes maintaining DC sources identified in Table 3.8.4-1 OPERABLE during accident conditions, in the event of:

- a. An assumed loss of all offsite AC or all onsite AC power; and
- b. A worst case single failure.

Since battery parameters support the operation of the DC electrical power subsystems, they satisfy Criterion 3 of the NRC Policy Statement (Ref. 3).

LCO

Battery parameters must remain within acceptable limits to ensure availability of the required DC power to shut down the reactor and maintain it in a safe condition after an anticipated operational occurrence or a postulated DBA. Battery parameter limits are conservatively established, allowing continued DC electrical system function even with limits not met. Additional preventative maintenance, testing, and monitoring performed in accordance with the Battery Monitoring and Maintenance Program is conducted as specified in Specification 5.5.13, Programs and Manuals.

APPLICABILITY

The battery parameters are required solely for the support of the associated DC electrical power subsystem. Therefore, battery parameters are required to be within required limits only when the associated DC power source is required to be OPERABLE. Refer to the Applicability discussions in Bases for LCO 3.8.4 and LCO 3.8.5.

ACTIONS

A Note has been added to provide clarification that, for the purpose of this LCO, separate Condition entry is allowed for each battery. This is acceptable, since the Required Actions for each Condition provide appropriate compensatory actions for each inoperable battery. Complying with the Required Actions may allow for continued operation, and subsequent inoperable batteries are governed by subsequent Condition entry and application of associated Required Actions.

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ACTIONS (continued)

A.1, A.2, and A.3

With one or more cells in one 125 VDC subsystem or one 250 VDC subsystem < 2.07 V, the battery cell is degraded. Within 2 hours verification of the required battery charger OPERABILITY is made by monitoring the battery terminal voltage (SR 3.8.4.1) and of the overall battery state of charge by monitoring the battery float charge current (SR 3.8.6.1). This assures that there is still sufficient battery capacity to perform the intended function. Therefore, the affected battery is not required to be considered inoperable solely as a result of one or more cells < 2.07 V, and continued operation is permitted for a limited period up to 24 hours.

Since the Required Actions only specify "perform," a failure of SR 3.8.4.1 or 3.8.6.1 acceptance criteria does not result in this Required Action not met. However, if one of the SRs is failed the appropriate Condition(s), depending on the cause of the failures, is entered. If SR 3.8.4.1 or 3.8.6.1 is failed then there is not assurance that there is still sufficient battery capacity to perform the intended function and the battery must be declared inoperable immediately.

B.1 and B.2

One or more batteries in one 125 VDC subsystem or one 250 VDC subsystem with float current > 2 amps indicates that a partial discharge of the battery capacity has occurred. This may be due to a temporary loss of a battery charger or possibly due to one or more battery cells in a low voltage condition reflecting some loss of capacity. Within 2 hours verification of the required battery charger OPERABILITY is made by monitoring the battery terminal voltage. If the terminal voltage is found to be less than the minimum established float voltage there are two possibilities, the battery charger is inoperable or is operating in the current limit mode. If the charger is operating in the current limit mode after 2 hours that is an indication that the battery has been substantially discharged and likely cannot perform its required design functions. The time to return the battery to its fully charged condition in this case is a function of the battery charger capacity, the amount of loads on the associated DC system, the amount of the previous discharge, and the recharge characteristic of the battery.

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ACTIONS

B.1 and B.2 (continued)

The charge time can be extensive, and there is not adequate assurance that it can be recharged within 12 hours (Required Action B.2). The battery must therefore be declared inoperable. If the float voltage is found to be satisfactory but there are one or more battery cells with float voltage less than 2.07 V, the associated "OR" statement in Condition F is applicable and the battery must be declared inoperable immediately. If float voltage is satisfactory and there are no cells less than 2.07 V there is good assurance that, within 12 hours, the battery will be restored to its fully charged condition (Required Action B.2) from any discharge that might have occurred due to a temporary loss of the battery charger. A discharged battery with float voltage (the charger setpoint) across its terminals indicates that the battery is on the exponential charging current portion (the second part) of its recharge cycle. The time to return a battery to its fully charged state under this condition is simply a function of the amount of the previous discharge and the recharge characteristic of the battery. Thus there is good assurance of fully recharging the battery within 12 hours, avoiding a premature shutdown with its own attendant risk.

If the condition is due to one or more cells in a low voltage condition but still greater than 2.07 V and float voltage is found to be satisfactory, this is not indication of a substantially discharged battery and 12 hours is a reasonable time prior to declaring the battery inoperable.

Since Required Action B.1 only specifies "perform," a failure of SR 3.8.4.1 acceptance criteria does not result in the Required Action not met. However, if SR 3.8.4.1 is failed, the appropriate Condition(s), depending on the cause of the failure, is entered.

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ACTIONS (continued)

C.1, C.2, and C.3

With one 125 VDC subsystem or one 250 VDC subsystem with one or more cells electrolyte level above the top of the plates, but below the minimum established design limits, the battery still retains sufficient capacity to perform the intended function. Therefore, the affected battery is not required to be considered inoperable solely as a result of electrolyte level not met. Within 31 days the minimum established design limits for electrolyte level must be re-established.

With electrolyte level below the top of the plates there is a potential for dryout and plate degradation. Required Actions C.1 and C.2 address this potential (as well as provisions in Specification 5.5.13, Battery Monitoring and Maintenance Program). They are modified by a note that indicates they are only applicable if electrolyte level is below the top of the plates. Within 8 hours level is required to be restored to above the top of the plates. The Required Action C.2 requirement to verify that there is no leakage by visual inspection and the Specification 5.5.13.b item to initiate action to equalize and test in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations are taken from Annex D of IEEE Standard 450-1995. They are performed following the restoration of the electrolyte level to above the top of the plates. Based on the results of the manufacturer's recommended testing the battery may have to be declared inoperable and the affected cell(s) replaced.

D.1

With one 125 VDC subsystem or one 250 VDC subsystem with pilot cell temperature less than the minimum established design limits, 12 hours is allowed to restore the temperature to within limits. A low electrolyte temperature limits the current and power available. Since the battery is sized with margin, while battery capacity is degraded, sufficient capacity exists to perform the intended function and the affected battery is not required to be considered inoperable solely as a result of the pilot cell temperature not met.

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ACTIONS (continued)

E.1

With one or more batteries in redundant DC electrical subsystems with battery parameters not within limits there is not sufficient assurance that battery capacity has not been affected to the degree that the batteries can still perform their required function given that redundant batteries are involved. With redundant batteries involved, this potential could result in a total loss of function on multiple systems that rely upon the batteries. The longer completion times specified for battery parameters on non-redundant batteries not within limits are therefore not appropriate and the parameters must be restored to within limits on at least one DC subsystem or division within 2 hours.

F.1

When any battery parameter is outside the allowances of the Required Actions for Condition A, B, C, D, or E, sufficient capacity to supply the maximum expected load requirement is not ensured and the corresponding battery must be declared inoperable. Additionally, discovering one or more batteries with one or more battery cells float voltage less than 2.07 V and float current greater than 2 amps indicates that the battery capacity may not be sufficient to perform the intended functions. The battery must therefore be declared inoperable immediately.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

SR 3.8.6.1

Verifying battery float current while on float charge is used to determine the state of charge of the battery. Float charge is the condition in which the charger is supplying the continuous charge required to overcome the internal losses of a battery and maintain the battery in a charged state. The float current requirements are based on the float current indicative of a charged battery. Use of float current to determine the state of charge of the battery is consistent with IEEE-450 (Ref. 4).

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SR 3.8.6.1 (continued)

This SR is modified by a Note that states the float current requirement is not required to be met when battery terminal voltage is less than the minimum established float voltage of SR 3.8.4.1. When this float voltage is not maintained the Required Actions of LCO 3.8.4 ACTION A are being taken, which provide the necessary and appropriate verifications of the battery condition. Furthermore, the float current limit of 2 amps is established based on the nominal float voltage value and is not directly applicable when this voltage is not maintained.

SR 3.8.6.2 and SR 3.8.6.5

Optimal long term battery performance is obtained by maintaining a float voltage greater than or equal to the minimum established design limits provided by the battery manufacturer, which corresponds to 132 V for the 125 V batteries and 264 V for the 250 V batteries at the battery terminals, or 2.2 Vpc. This provides adequate over-potential, which limits the formation of lead sulfate and self-discharge, which could eventually render the battery inoperable. Float voltages in this range or less, but greater than 2.07 Vpc, are addressed in Specification 5.5.13. SR's 3.8.6.2 and 3.8.6.5 require verification that the cell float voltages are equal to or greater than the short-term absolute minimum cell voltage of 2.07 V. The Frequency for cell voltage verification every 31 days for pilot cell and 92 days for each connected cell is consistent with IEEE-450 (Ref. 4). The limit specified for electrolyte level ensures that the plates suffer no physical damage and maintain adequate electron transfer capability. The Frequency is consistent with IEEE-450 (Ref. 4).

SR 3.8.6.3

The limit specified for electrolyte level ensures that the plates suffer no physical damage and maintain adequate electron transfer capability. The Frequency is consistent with IEEE-450 (Ref. 4).

SR 3.8.6.4

This Surveillance verifies that the pilot cell temperature is greater than or equal to the minimum established design limit (i.e., 60°F). Pilot cell electrolyte temperature is maintained above this temperature to assure

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SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS (continued)

SR 3.8.6.4 (continued)

the battery can provide the required current and voltage to meet the design requirements. Temperatures lower than assumed in battery sizing calculations act to inhibit or reduce battery capacity. The Frequency is consistent with IEEE-450 (Ref. 4).

SR 3.8.6.6

A battery performance discharge test is a test of constant current capacity of a battery, normally done in the as found condition, after having been in service, to detect any change in the capacity determined by the acceptance test.

The test is intended to determine overall battery degradation due to age and usage.

A battery modified performance discharge test is described in the Bases for SR 3.8.4.3. Either the battery performance discharge test or the modified performance discharge test is acceptable for satisfying SR 3.8.4.3; however, only the modified performance discharge test may be used to satisfy SR 3.8.6.6 while satisfying the requirements of SR 3.8.4.3 at the same time.

A modified performance discharge test is a test of the battery capacity and its ability to provide a high rate, short duration load (usually the highest rate of the duty cycle). This will confirm the battery's ability to meet the critical period of the load duty cycle, in addition to determining its percentage of rated capacity. Initial conditions for the modified performance discharge test should be identical to those specified for a service test.

The modified performance discharge test is a test of simulated duty cycle consisting of two different discharge rates. The first discharge rate consists of the one minute published rate for the battery or the largest current loads of the duty cycle followed by a second discharge rate which employs the test rate for the performance discharge test. These discharge rates envelop the duty cycle of the service test. Since the ampere-hours removed by a published one-minute discharge rate represent a very small portion of the battery capacity, the test rate can be changed to that for the performance discharge test without compromising the results of the performance discharge test.

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SR 3.8.6.6 (continued)

The battery terminal voltage for the modified performance discharge test should remain above the minimum battery terminal voltage specified in the service test.

When the battery loads after the first minute exceeds the performance test discharge rate, the modified performance discharge test is performed by first conducting the service test, then adjusting the discharge rate to the constant current value normally used for the performance discharge test. This test is terminated when the specified minimum battery terminal voltage is reached.

When the battery loads after the first minute exceeds the performance discharge test rate, the battery capacity is calculated as follows:

% of rated capacity at 25°C (77°F) =

$$K \left[\frac{\sum (I_n)(t_n)}{\text{Rated Ampere Hours}} \right] \times 100$$

Where:

K = Temperature Correction Factor from IEEE 450-1995

I_n = Discharge Current in amps for n-th section

T_n = Duration of n-th section discharge in hour

n = Section number for each portion of the discharge, including both service test and performance test portions

This % of rated capacity equation uses the temperature corrected Ampere-Hours instead of the temperature corrected discharge rates as specified in IEEE 450-1995. It is not possible to temperature correct the discharge rate without impacting the service test.

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SR 3.8.6.6 (continued)

The acceptance criteria for this Surveillance is consistent with IEEE-450 (Ref. 4) and IEEE-485 (Ref. 6). These references recommend that the battery be replaced if its capacity is below 80% of the manufacturer's rating. A capacity of 80% shows that the battery rate of deterioration is increasing, even if there is ample capacity to meet the load requirements.

The Frequency for this test is normally 60 months. If the battery shows degradation, or if the battery has reached 85% of its expected service life and capacity is < 100% of the manufacturer's rating, the Surveillance Frequency is reduced to 12 months. However, if the battery shows no degradation but has reached 85% of its expected service life, the Surveillance Frequency is only reduced to 24 months for batteries that retain capacity \geq 100% of the manufacturer's rating. Degradation is indicated, according to IEEE-450 (Ref. 4), when the battery capacity drops by more than 10% relative to its capacity on the previous performance test or when it is 10% below the manufacturer's rating. All these Frequencies are consistent with the recommendations in IEEE-450 (Ref. 4).

The SR is modified by a Note. The reason for the Note is that performing the Surveillance would remove a required DC electrical power subsystem from service, perturb the electrical distribution system, and challenge safety systems.

REFERENCES

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