

LICENSEE EVENT REPORT

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EVENT DESCRIPTION AND PROBABLE CONSEQUENCES

02 | While shutdown for refueling, we were formally notified by Westinghouse on June 26, 1979, that for high energy line breaks inside containment, a potential level bias could result in delayed protection signals (Reactor Trip and Auxiliary Feedwater Initiation) which are based on low-low level steam generator water level.

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CAUSE DESCRIPTION AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

10 | Since Unit No. 2 is presently shutdown for refueling, no short term corrective action is required. We are evaluating the effect of this Westinghouse finding on the operation of the Unit and will take appropriate corrective action, if required, before the unit is returned to service.

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ATTACHMENT I

Docket No. 50-247

Consolidated Edison Co. of N.Y., Inc.

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Indian Point Unit No. 2

High energy line breaks inside containment can result in heatup of the steam generator level measurement reference leg. Increased reference leg water column temperature will result in decrease of the water column density with a consequent apparent increase in the indicated steam generator water level (i.e., apparent level exceeding actual level). This potential level bias could result in delayed protection signals (reactor trip and auxiliary feedwater initiation) which are based on low-low steam generator water level. In the case of a feedline rupture, this adverse environment could be present and could delay or prevent the primary signal arising from declining steam generator water level (low-low steam generator level). Backup signals which may be available include the following: overtemperature delta T, high pressurizer pressure, containment pressure and safety injection. For other high energy line breaks which could introduce a similar positive bias to the steam generator water level measurement, steam generator level does not provide the primary trip function and the potential bias would not interfere with needed protective system actuation.

In view of the potential safety significance of failure of the protection system following a main feedline break, and the generic nature of this finding, Westinghouse formally notified the NRC under 10CFR21. Con Edison is evaluating the effect of this finding on unit operation and will take appropriate corrective action, if required, before the unit is returned to service from the present refueling/maintenance outage.