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PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO DPR-26 PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ON APRIL 6 1972 A REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM PRESSURE TRANSIENT WAS EXPERIENCED IN THE COURSE OF HEATING UP THE SYSTEM PREPARATORY TO THE CONDUCT OF A HYDROSTATIC TEST. AT THE TIME OF THE TRANSIENT, ALL FOUR REACTOR COOLANT PUMPS WERE IN SERVICE AND THE SYSTEM PRESSURE AND TEMPERATURE WERE 422 PSIG AND

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170 F RESPECTIVELY. IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE SYSTEM TEMPERATURE TO THE PREREQUISITE 220 DEGREES F FOR CONDUCT OF THE HYDROSTATIC TEST, THE ONE OPERATING RESIDUAL HEAT REMOVAL PUMP WAS SHUT DOWN. AS EXPECTED SHUTTING DOWN THIS PUMP CAUSED THE REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM PRESSURE TO INCREASE. THE OPERATOR WAS INSTRUCTED TO TAKE THE LETDOWN PRESSURE CONTROL VALVE OUT OF AUTOMATIC AND INCREASE LETDOWN FLOW TO REDUCE SYSTEM PRESSURE TO THE NORMAL OPERATING VALUE. THE OPERATOR INADVERTENTLY CLOSED THE VALVE INSTEAD OF OPENING IT AS REQUESTED. HIS ACTION CAUSED THE SYSTEM PRESSURE TO INCREASE TO APPROXIMATELY 680 PSIG BEFORE BEING TERMINATED. THE PRESSURE REMAINED AT 680 PSIG FOR ABOUT TWO MINUTES AND WAS REDUCED BELOW THE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION LIMIT OF 500 PSIG IN LESS THAN TEN MINUTES

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THERE WAS NO APPARENT DAMAGE TO ANY SYSTEM OR COMPONENT NOR WAS THERE
REASON TO EXPECT ANY AS A RESULT OF THE PRESSURE TRANSIENT. MR GLEN
MADSEN DIVISION OF COMPLIANCE HAS BEEN INFORMED BY
TELEPHONE OF THE ABOVE OCCURRENCE
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