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IPN-97-049

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SUBJECT: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-286
License No. DPR-64
Licensee Event Report # 97-003-00
Discovery of a Design Deficiency in the DC Power System That Causes Inadequate Emergency Power Due to a Postulated Single Failure During Use of a Backup Battery Charger Resulting in the Plant Being Outside Design Basis

Dear Sir:

The attached Licensee Event Report (LER) 97-003-00 is hereby submitted as required by 10 CFR 50.73. This event is of the type defined in 10 CFR 50.73 (a)(2)(ii)(B).

Also attached is the commitments made by the Authority in this LER.

Very truly yours,

For R. Robert J. Barrett
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Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant

Attachment

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Commitment List

Number	Commitment	Due
IPN-97-049-01	Operations will revise the appropriate procedures to provide a note to alert operators that the batteries have a two hour design limit and that EDG output could be lost due to an externally powered DC shunt circuit in the EDG exciter regulator controlling field excitation.	July 31, 1997
IPN-97-049-02	Update the Plant Equipment Data Base (PEDB) to reflect the BC classification upgrade.	Scheduled completion is July 31, 1997.
IPN-97-049-03	LER 97-003 will be supplemented to identify the cause of the non-safety classification BC-31, 32, and 33 and to assess the safety significance and extent of condition, including an assessment of the modification which installed BC-34, battery 34, and associated circuits to determine if an upgrade is necessary.	Scheduled completion is August 15, 1997.