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Cycle 10 Startup Physics Test Report

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ATTACHMENT I

INDIAN POINT 3 START-UP

SUMMARY REPORT

Executive Summary / Abstract

During May - September 1997, Indian Point Unit 3 was shutdown for a scheduled refueling outage. At the conclusion of the outage, a series of preoperational and power ascension tests were performed to verify that reactor core kinetics parameters and protection circuits were consistent with the plant safety analysis. A chronological summary of the test and results are presented below and in the following table:

Test

<u>Results</u>

I. Zero Power

| Core Loading | Satisfactory |
|---|--------------|
| RTD and Core Exit Thermocouple Measurements | Satisfactory |
| Initial Criticality | Satisfactory |
| Control Rod Worth Measurements | Satisfactory |
| Critical Boron Endpoint Measurements | Satisfactory |
| Isothermal Temperature Coefficient Measurements | Satisfactory |

II. At Power

| Reactor Thermal Power Calculations / Nuclear | |
|---|--------------|
| Instrumentation Calibrations | Satisfactory |
| Core Power Distribution Measurements | Satisfactory |
| Reactor Coolant System Flow Calculation | Satisfactory |
| Incore Excore Calibration | Satisfactory |
| Calibration of Overtemperature / Overpower Protection | Satisfactory |
| Calibration of "High T avarage" Alarm | Satisfactory |
| Calibration of New Power Range Detectors | Satisfactory |
| Full Power Critical Boron Measurements | Satisfactory |

The unit subsequently achieved full power on September 27, 1997.

This report contains detailed descriptions of the cycle 10 core and each of the tests listed above.

Indian Point Unit 3 Cycle 10 Zero Power Physics Testing Results

I. Critical Boron Concentrations (PPM)

Design Review Criteria (DRC) = ± 50 PPM and ± 500 PCM Acceptance Criteria (AC) = within 1000 PCM (144 PPM)

| | Predicted (P) | Measured (M) | <u>(M-P)</u> | <u>Pass / Fail</u> |
|-----|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| ARO | 1588 | 1575.0 | 13.0 | DRC AC P P |

II Control Bank Worths (PCM)

Design Review Criteria = Individual Bank Worths within 15% or 100 PCM whichever is greater and sum of measured integral Bank Worths is within 8% of sum of predicted integral Bank Worths.

Acceptance Criteria = Total Worth is at least 90% of predicted

| Predicted (P) | Measured (M) | PCT. Diff* | Pass / Fail | |
|---------------|--|---|---|--|
| | | | DRC | AC |
| 867.1 | 894.9 | +3 | 3.2 P | - |
| 460.7 | 506.5 | +9 |).9 P | _ |
| 619.9 | 636.0 | +2 | 26 P | _ |
| 786.7 | 814.8 | +3 | 16 P | _ |
| 1015.0 | 1069.2 | +4 | 3 D | - |
| 824.0 | 889.6 | +5 | и и и и и и и и и и и и и и и и и и и | - |
| 304.8 | 321.5 | | 5 r | - |
| 418.5 | 457.8 | ر ا ۲ | | - |
| 5296.7 | 5590.3 | +5 | .5 P | - P |
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III. Isothermal Temperature Coefficient (PCM / F)

Design Review Criteria = $\pm 2 PCM / F$

| | | | | <u>Pass / Fail</u> |
|-----|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|
| | Predicted (P) | Measured(M) | <u>(M-P)</u> | DRC |
| ARO | -4.16 | -3.94 | + 0.22 | p |

IV. Inferred Moderator Temperature Coefficient PCM / F) **

Acceptance Criteria = MTC is negative or withdrawal limits imposed

| | | | | <u>Pass / Fail</u> |
|-----|---------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| | Predicted (P) | Measured (M) | <u>M-P</u> | AC |
| ARO | -2.54 | -2.32 | + 0.22 | P |

ARO: All Rods Out

* Percent Difference = 100 (M-P) / P

* Inferred MTC is obtained by subtracting Doppler Coefficient (-1.56 PCM/F) from the Isothermal Temperature Coefficient.



Indian Point Unit 3 Cycle 10 at Power Physics Testing Results

I. Power Distribution Measurements

A) Low Power (29.33%)

| Tilts | | Largest Reaction Rate Integral Dev | Largest Reaction Rate Integral Deviation - 6.1% | |
|--------|--------|------------------------------------|---|--|
| 1.0014 | 0.9867 | Limiting FQ - 1.8832 | FQ Limit - 4.8400 | |
| 0.9940 | 1.0179 | Highest FDHN (V+) -1.4905 | FDHN Limit (V+) -1.9816 | |
| | | Highest FDHN (V5) -1.4417 | FDHN Limit (V5) -1 9271 | |

B) Intermediate Power (69.45%)

| Tilts Largest Reaction Rate Integral Deviation - 5.2% | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| • | 1.0049 | 0.9931 | Limiting FQ 1.7188 | FQ Limit 3.2429 |
| | 0.9898 | 1.0122 | Highest FDHN(V+) -1.4571 | FDHN Limit (V+) -1.7848 |
| _ | | | Highest FDHN(V5) -1.4124 | FDHN Limit(V5) -1.7357 |

C) Full Power (99.7%)

| Tilts | | Largest Reaction Rate Integral Dev | Largest Reaction Rate Integral Deviation - 5.2% | | |
|--------|--------|------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 1.0064 | 0.9965 | Limiting FQ - 1.8050 | FQ Limit -2.4267 | | |
| 0.9901 | 1.0071 | Highest FDHN(V+) -1.4234 | FDHN Limit(V+) -1.6364 | | |
| | | Highest FDHN(V5) -1.3547 | FDHN Limit(V5) -1 5913 | | |

II. Reactor Coolant System Flow Measurement

Measured Flow - 394857.4 GPM

Minimum Required Flow - 375,600

III. Full Power Critical Boron (PPM)

Design Review Criteria (DRC) = within 50 PPM Acceptance Criteria (AC) = within 1000 PCM (117 PPM)

| Burnup | | | Pass | / Fail |
|----------------|----------------------------|--------|----------|--------------|
| <u>(EFPD</u>) | Predicted (P) Measured (M) | (M-P) | DRC | AC |
| 17.6 | 1018.2 1042.3 | -24.1* | <u> </u> | <u></u> Р |
| 49.4 | 1081.2 1087.7 | -6.5** | P | P |

Note: Design boron letdown curve reduced by 11 ppm per TS 3.10.10 based on the average of reactivity measurements. Cycle 10 core design assumes 19.9 atom% B-10 in RCS. Actual B-10 atom % is 20.4. Accounting for this difference, the cycle 10 core matches core design data.

* Non-equilibrium Samarium.

** Equilibrium Samarium Conditions.

Due to difference in Samarium modeling, the deviation between Predicted and measured Critical Boron is greater before Samarium reaches equilibrium.

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Plant Description

The Indian Point Unit 3 Nuclear Plant is a four hour loop closed cycle pressurized light water moderated and cooled nuclear reactor operated by the New York Power Authority. The reactor core is designed to produce 3025 megawatts thermal power resulting in a net electrical generating capacity of 965 megawatts of electrical energy.

The Nuclear Steam Supply System was designed by Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

The plant is located on the east side of the Hudson River, approximately 30 miles north of New York City.

1.2 Test Objectives

This report documents the results of physics tests performed as part of the cycle 10 startup testing program:

The objectives of the physics test were: (1) to verify that the operating characteristics of the core are consistent with design predictions, (2) to demonstrate that measured core parameters are consistent with values used in the Safety Analysis, (3) to demonstrate that the core can be operated at licensed thermal power safely and within the limits of the Technical Specifications, and (4) to provide data for instrumentation calibration.

1.3 Relevant Design Information

Table 1.1 presents selected design parameters of the Indian Point 3 Nuclear Plant. Figure 1.1 shows the core layout with control rods, mechanical burnable absorbers, sources, and fuel assembly numbers. The Cycle 10 core contains three regions of Westinghouse VANTAGE 5 (V5) fuel (Regions 9-2, 10-2, 11-1, and 11-2) and one region of Vantage + (V+) fuel (Regions 12-1 and 12-2). The Cycle 10 core has the following unique features described below:

A: During fuel examination, in mast sipping identified 8 fuel assemblies which potentially contained failed rods. After ultrasonic testing (UT), 5 assemblies were found to have failed rods. X60, V07 and W33 all had a single failed rod. V6 and V22 had two failed rods each. A total of 5 failed fuel assemblies with 7 failed rods were found. X60 was returned to the core so a natural uranium rod was inserted in place of the failed rod.

- B. Control rod drag testing was performed. This procedure was done per NRC requirement due to control rods not fully inserting during scrams at other Westinghouse plants. No excessive drag forces were found.
- C. Eddy current testing was performed on the control rods to identif y which should be replaced. Control rods were examined for excessive wear and the 14 with the most wear and cracking were replaced. Results showed that none of the control rods needed to be replaced. This was the first time control rod wear measurements had been performed at IP3.

D. The 88 feed assemblies in the Cycle 10 are Vantage + type fuel assemblies which include Intermediate Flow Mixing Grids (IFM's). The IFM's create more turbulent flow and allow for higher peaking factors. These higher peaking factors are exclusive to V+ fuel. This results in two FDH values one for each V+ fuel and V5 fuel.

E. Three different types of burnable poisons are being used in the Cycle 10 core: 1) A 20-pin pyrex poison insert is located in the assemblies in the "corners" of the core (8 total) as a means of reducing neutron fluence on the reactor vessel. 2) All of the eighty-eight feed assemblies contain integral fuel burnable absorber (IFBA) rods. These assemblies contain a specific pattern of 80 IFBA rods. 3) Wet Annular Burnable Absorber (WABA) inserts are used to provide additional hold-down in 60 of the 88 feed assemblies. Figure 1.2 shows the location of all burnable absorbers in the cycle 10 core.

1.4 Sequence of Startup Events

Following core loading, July 28 - August 1, 1997, a series of pre-operational test were performed both in the cold shutdown and hot shutdown conditions. Initial cycle 10 criticality tests was achieved on September 7, 1997 followed by a program of low power physics tests. The unit was synchronized to the grid on September 12, 1997. Full power was achieved on September 27, 1997.

1.5 Summary of Measured and Predicted Core Parameters

Presented in Table 1.2 is a summary of selected results of physics tests and at-power distribution measurements.

Table 1.1

Core Design Parameters

| Number of Fuel Assemblies | 193 |
|---|----------|
| Region 9-2 | 1 |
| Region 10-2 | 1 |
| Region 11-1 | 24 56 |
| Region 11-2 | 24 |
| Region 12-1 | 24 56 |
| Region 12-2 | 32 |
| Lattice Configuration | |
| Number of Fuel Dodg Per A comply | 15x15 |
| Fuel Loading MTH | 204 |
| Number of Assembling Containing BCC Full Langet | 88.18 |
| Number of Absorber Dode Der DOC Acceptor | 53 |
| Number of Absolute Roas Fel RCC Assembly | 20 |
| Number of Lostrumentation Thimbles Den Assembly | 20 |
| Number of Midsnan Grids | 1 |
| Number of IFM Grids (Ventege + Fuel only) | 7 |
| Heat Output MWth | 3 |
| Percent Heat Generated in Fuel | 3025 |
| Hot Zero Power Coolant Temperature °F | 97.4 |
| Operating Pressure psia | 547.0 |
| Maximum Hot Channel Factors (Design) | 2250 |
| Light Flux F- (T) | |
| $\operatorname{Field}_{\operatorname{Field}} \operatorname{Field}_{\operatorname{Field}} \operatorname{Field}_{\operatorname{Field}} \operatorname{Field}_{\operatorname{Field}}$ | 2.42 |
| Nuclear Enthalpy Rise, FAH (Vantage 5) | 1.59 |
| Nuclear Enthalpy Rise, FAH (Vantage +) | 1.635 |
| Average Linear Power, kw/ft Fuel | 6 24 |
| Specific Power, kw/kg Uranium | 34.30 |
| Initial Enrichments, w/o Uranium 235 | |
| Region 9-2 | 2.90 |
| Region 10-2 | 3.80 |
| Region 11-1 | 4.20 |
| Region 11-2 | 4.00 |
| Region 12-1 | 4.40 |
| Region 12-2 | 4.40 |



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| Receptance | Cincina – | Total | woruni | s at | least | 90% | OI | predicte |
|------------|-----------|-------|--------|------|-------|-----|----|----------|
| | | | | | | | | |

| <u>Bank</u> | Predicted (P) | <u>Measured (M)</u> PCT. Di | <u>ff*</u> | <u>Pass / Fail</u> | |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------------|--------|
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Figure 1.1

Core Layout

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|----|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| 15 | | | | | W66 0 P007Z | X18 POMZ | X46 P076Z | X26 PC802 | X61 G | xos ° P0772 | W71 P037Z | | | | | |
| 14 | | | W42 20P16X | X42 P004Z | YZ7 P073Z | Y54 R123 T | Y84 12W0002 | Y46 R110 t | Y85 12W0003 | Y40 R128 + | Y31 P076Z | X52 P056Z + | 0 20P16X | | | |
| 13 | | W41 20P11X + | X01 0 R73 | 730 ° 8316 | X&3 R98 + | ¥77 | X07 D R82 + | Y12 1 0 0007 | X11 R106 + | Y71 20W0018 | C X61 R80 - | 735 P0032 + | X03 R72 + | W69 20P12X + | | |
| 12 | | X34 PD16Z + | Y21 PD352 + | X05 R101 + | Y76 20W0023 | x71 ° P071Z | Y63 20W0012 ± | X37 ⁰ R100 · + | 758 20W0014 | X89 PD119Z | ¥74 20₩0021 + | x56 R74 + | Y02 P064Z | X35 P066Z + | | |
| 11 | W86 ⁰ P0272 t | Y16 PD82Z + | x64 R92 + | Y82 20W0028 + | X33 ⁰ PD50Z + | Y08 0 20W0001 | x78 ^D PO26Z + | Y50 16W0010 + | x73 ⁰ R109 | Y20 20W0004 + | X12 PD90Z + | Y80 20W0026 + | x58 R79 + | Y04 PD12Z | W68 PO42Z + | 0 |
| 10 | X49 ⁰ PD18Z | Y39 R126 + | Y67 20W0013 | x72 ⁰ PD17Z | 914 20w0017 | X50 R122 + | Y49 16W0014 | W62 R97 + | Y56 16W0020 | X09 R70 + | Y33 0 20W0002 | X66 PD29Z + | 759 20W0016 | Y23 R125 + | X45 P074Z | ō |
| 9 | X40 P054Z + | ¥70 12₩0005 + | X21 R61 + | 782 20W0011 + | x76 R95 + | ¥18 16₩0011 + | w53 PD85Z + | Y10 16440006 + | W67 PD51Z | V13 16W0009 + | x75 P013Z | Y58 20₩0008 + | X 16 R77 + | Y59 12W0001 | X38 PD62Z + | ā |
| B | x25 P0342 + | Y52 R120 | Y06 16W0004 | X54 R104 + | Y42 16W0017 | W50 R78 | Y55 16W0019 + | V44 ⁰ R830 + | Y37 16W0016 + | 0 W54 R84 + | YZ2 0 16W0012 | X22 R81 + | 753 16W0001 | Y26 R127 + | X 10 PD93Z | 5 |
| 7 | X17 . PD63Z + | Y84 12W0008 | x08 R75 + | 786 20W0030 + | x74 PD462 + | Y09 16W0005 + | W49 PD59Z + | 724 16W0013 + | W65 PD61Z + | Y48 16W0018 + | X80 R83 + | Y87 20₩0031 + | x24 R111 + | Y66 12W0004 + | X48 PD48Z | õ |
| 5 | X39 PD58Z + | Y17 R119 + | Y81 20W0027 + | X67 PD79Z + | Y32 20W0003 + | x41 RS90 + | Y05 16990003 | W48 R71 + | Y34 | X47 R115 | Y25 20W0015 + | x68 PD70Z + | ¥79 20₩0025 + | ¥41 R121 + | x55 PD412 + | 5 |
| | W43 ^D P0382 + | Y03 P005Z | x59 R62 + | Y60 20W0009 | X27 PD81Z + | Y19 20W0006 + | X77 [□] R665 + | Y44 16W0008 | x79 PD66Z + | Y46 20W0005 + | x29 PD062 ± | 961 20W0010 ± | x60 R107 + | Y43 ⁰ P0952 + | W45 PD91Z + | 5 |
| 1 | | X30 PD19Z + | Y07 P030Z + | X31 R99 + | Y73 20W0020 + | x65 PD94Z + | Y85 20W0029 + | X43 R112 + | Y57 20W0007 + | x70 ° PD782 + | ¥75 20₩0022 + | x20 R69 + | ¥11 [₽] ₽0152 + | X14 PD63Z + | | |
| 3 | | W52 20P09X + | X02 R108 + | Y15 PD86Z + | X57 R85 + | Y88 20W0032 + | X28 R63 + | Y29 16W0002 + | X19 R88 + | Y72 20W0019 + | X62 ⁰ R65 + | Y 36 SS15 + | X04 [□] R105 + | W47 20P10X + | | |
| 2 | | | W64 20P14X + | X53 PD10Z + | ¥51 [₽] PD62Z + | Y28 R118 | Y83 12W0007 + | Y47 0 R117 + | ¥78 12₩0006 + | Y38 R124 + | Y01 ⁰ PD402 + | x23 ⁰ P044Z + | ₩70 20P133X + | | | |
| L | | | | | W46 PD36Z + | X32 PD432 + | X15 PD232 + | X36 PD11Z + | X13 PD88Z + | X44 PO31Z + | W61 PD122Z + | | | | | |
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Figure 1.2

Burnable Absorber Configuration

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| 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | • | | 7 | 6 | \$ | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | |
|----|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|----------|-------|
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| TYPE | TOTAL |
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| ##P (NUNBER OF PYREX RODLETS) | 160 |
| ##W (NUMBER OF MABA RODLETS) | 1056 |
| ##I (NUMBER OF FRESH IFBA RODS) | 7040 |
| #SSA (NUMBER OF SECONDARY SOURCE RODLETS). | |

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2.0 Measurements

2.1 General

The methods for physics test data acquisition can be grouped into four distinct areas: (1) reactivity measurements, (2) measurements of core power distribution, (3) collection of instrumentation data, and (4) thermal power and flow measurements. The purpose of this section is to describe the methods used in each of these areas.

2.2 Reactivity Measurements

Measurements of core reactivity were performed both in subcritical and critical core conditions. In the subcritical mode, measurements were made during initial core loading and the approach to criticality. In the critical mode, measurements were made to determine core kinetics parameters.

2.2.1 Subcritical Measurements

During core loading, the core reactivity was monitored using the response of the two plant source range channels. Monitoring was accomplished by determining the normalized inverse count rate ratio (ICRR) for each channel as the core was loaded (Figure 3.1). During the approach to criticality, ICRR plots using data from the two plant source range channels were used to predict expected criticality. ICRR data were plotted as a function of rod position during rod withdrawal (Figure 3.2), and as a function of measured boron concentration during dilution (Figure 3.3).

2.2.2 Small core reactivity changes were determined with the aid of a reactivity computer which provided an on-line solution to the point kinetics equations. Reactivity records were maintained on a continuous basis during each test via a strip chart recorder which logged the output from the reactivity computer.

The input signal to the reactivity computer was provided by one Nuclear Instrumentation System (NIS) power range channel. During zero power measurements, channel N44 was taken out of plant service and used as input to the reactivity computer.

Integral worth of individual rod control cluster assemblies (RCCA) banks were obtained from the reactivity computer's response to the inward movement of the four control banks and four shutdown banks. The control bank overlap feature was defeated for this test. During the measurement, the reactor was critical by 55 to 70 pcm. The individual banks were inserted and then withdrawn by use of the reactivity computer. The total worth of the control and shutdown banks were measured.

Isothermal temperature coefficient data was obtained by measuring the reactivity computer response to small temperature changes, a few degrees below design no load temperature. Just critical boron concentration data was obtained from plant chemistry boron analysis of reactor coolant system samples (RCS) under equilibrium conditions. For boron concentration endpoints, corrections to the measured concentration utilized reactivity computer measurements of the reactivity difference between actual and design core configurations.

2.3 Power Distribution

The Moveable Detector (M/D) Flux Mapping System was used to collect power distribution data. The power distribution measurements were performed at three different power plateaus in order to verify: 1) proper core loading, 2) design calculations, and 3) margin in hot channel factors. The M/D system was also used at a fourth plateau to provide data for excore detector calibration. Data from the M/D system was input to the INCORE 3D computer code to generate detailed three dimensional core power profiles. The INCORE 3D code combines measured flux distributions with design calculated power flux distribution to yield specific fuel rod powers, local burnup, core power tilts, core average axial offset, etc.

2.4 Instrument Calibration Data Collection

At each stable power level (statepoint) during the power escalation program (approximately every 10% at and above 50%) measurements were made of RCS loop temperatures (T_{avg} and ΔT), Steam Generator pressure and NIS power range detector current meters. Temperature and pressure data were obtained from the meters on the control board, from the plant computer, and the individual control room instrumentation racks. Core exit thermocouple and RCS RTD data were obtained during isothermal measurements prior to criticality, and a RTD cross-calibration check was performed. Correlations between incore axial power distribution and excore power range detector response were made through simultaneous measurements of core power level, excore detector currents and core power distributions (flux maps).

2.5 Thermal Power And Flow Measurements

Core thermal power was determined by performing a heat balance across each of the steam generators. This measurement required the accurate determination of steam generator pressure, feedwater inlet temperature, and feedwater flow. For each steam generator, steam pressure was taken from the plant computer, feedwater temperature was taken from the resistance temperature detectors (RTD) located in the feedwater headers and feedwater flow was determined from the Leading Edge Flow Meters.

With the plant operating at approximately 94 percent power, a reactor coolant system flow determination was performed. The purpose of this calculation is to verify that RCS flow is at least as great as the flow assumed in the Final Safety Analysis Report and Technical Specification basis. This procedure is performed after power escalation above 90 percent at the beginning of each cycle. The procedure utilizes an energy balance with a secondary thermal power calculation and precision T_{hot} and T_{cold} measurements.

3.0 Test Results

3.1 Core Loading

Core loading was accomplished by adding fuel assemblies to the vessel following a prescribed sequence. The ICRR data obtained from NIS source range channels is presented in Figure 3.1. There were no unexpected changes in core reactivity during the loading of the fuel assemblies.

3.2 Initial Criticality

The approach to criticality began on September 6, 1997 at 1306 hours with the incremental withdrawal of shutdown and control banks. Primary System boron concentration during rod withdrawal was approximately 1717 ppm. Inverse count rate ratio data from two source range channels during rod withdrawal are shown in Figure 3.2. Criticality was achieved with the addition of reactor makeup water. Inverse count rate ratios during boron dilution are shown in Figure 3.3. Throughout the critical approach, count rates from the two source range channels were consistent for monitoring of core reactivity.

3.3 Low Power Physics Tests

3.3.1 Preliminary Measurements

Immediately following criticality, the upper limit of flux level for zero power testing was established as about one decade below nuclear heating. Nuclear heating was determined to begin at 4.0×10^{-7} amps power range. Next a check of the reactivity computer performance was made by measuring four values of reactivity and comparing the value with that inferred from the resultant reactor period from parameters given in the core design report. The results of this test, given in Table 3.1, indicate proper operation of the reactivity computer.

| Period (sec) | Predicted Reactivity (pcm) | Measured Reactivity (pcm) | Difference |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| 227.8 | 28.1 | 28.0 | -0.2 pcm |

Table 3.1 Reactivity Computer Checkout Results

3.3.2 Boron Endpoints

The just critical boron concentration was measured for three rod configurations. The test results are summarized in Table 1.2 along with design predictions

3.3.3 Temperature Coefficient

Isothermal temperature coefficient measurements were performed at two core conditions, as summarized in Table 1.2. The all-rods-out, moderator-only temperature coefficient (MTC) was negative. However, since MTC increases with burnup, rod withdrawal limits were required to insure a negative MTC as required by Technical Specifications. Since Technical Specifications require MTC to be negative or zero when the reactor is critical, control rods and RCS boron concentration are controlled to maintain a 0 or negative MTC. In order to do this, control rod withdrawal limits (presented as a set of curves) at different RCS temperatures and powers must be developed so that the operators can maintain a negative MTC. The rod withdrawal limits are determined starting at the fully withdrawn position and ending at the insertion limit. The calculation method determines the boron concentration at a particular Control rod configuration where MTC is 0. A 10 ppm conservatism factor is included. This effect will be significant for approximately the first 5 months of operation until boron concentration starts decreaseing.

3.3.4 RCC Bank Worths

Bank worth measurements were performed on all control banks and shutdown banks in nonoverlap mode. The measurements were done using the dynamic rod worth measurement (DRWM) method. Measured and predicted integral worths of these four banks are summarized in Table 1.2.

3.4.1 RCS Flow Determination

On September 26, 1997 RCS flow was measured to be 394,857 gallons per minute. The flow assumed in the FSAR at the beginning of DNBR analysis is 375,600 gallons per minute. The actual measurement indicated that a margin of approximately 4.88 percent exists in RCS Flow.

3.4.2 Reactor Thermal Power Measurements

In order to provide protection against possible non-conservatism in initial nuclear instrumentation readings, the high flux reactor trip setpoint was reduced from the normal 108% value to approximately 85% prior to initial criticality. During startup, initial reactor thermal power measurements were made between 2% and 5% power, based on loop delta-T power correlation, and the nuclear instrumentation was adjusted accordingly to provide correct power indication and sufficient margin to the P-10 setpoint and intermediate range rod stop and trip setpoints. Various NIS bistables were closely monitored to ensure proper setpoint actuation during power ascension. The initial heat balance was performed at approximately 30% power. The calculation was repeated at approximately 10% increments between 50% and 100% power. The high flux trip setpoint was raised back to 108% after reaching 70% power.

3.4.3 Full Power Critical Boron Measurement

After achieving full power, core reactivity balance measurements were performed approximately every 7 effective full power days (EFPD). The reactivity balance calculation provides an assessment of the difference between predicted and measured full power boron concentrations, taking into account xenon, samarium, Tavg, rod position, and reactor power effects. The initial comparison, which is made prior to reaching equilibrium samarium, showed that the measured boron concentration was 24 ppm below the predicted value. As samarium reached equilibrium, the difference leveled off to approximately 6.5 ppm below the predicted value. Table 3.2, shows the reactivity balance results through the first full power month of operation. As required by T.S. 3.10.10, an 11 ppm adjustment factor was applied to the design boron curve.

| EFPD | Measured (PPM) | Predicted (PPM) | Delta (PPM) |
|-------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 17.6 | 1018.2 | 1042.3 | -24.1 |
| 23.00 | 1029.4 | 1047.8 | -18.4 |
| 28.5 | 1045.3 | 1054.3 | -9.0 |
| 33.5 | 1046.1 | 1062.0 | -15.9 |
| 37.4 | 1059.2 | 1068.3 | -9.1 |
| 42.4 | 1068.9 | 1076.4 | -7.5 |
| 44.4 | 1070.6 | 1079.6 | -9.0 |
| 49.4 | 1081.2 | 1087.7 | -6.5 |

Table 3.2Reactivity Balance Summary

Movable Detector Fluxmaps

3.5.1 Low Power

The initial fluxmap of cycle 10 was taken at approximately 29 percent power with equilibrium Xenon. The purpose of this map was to verify proper core loading. The greatest deviation between predicted and measured average reaction rate integrals was 6.1 percent at core location B-13. Based on a review of this map the core was determined to be properly loaded. A summary of parameters is presented below:

| Date | September 13, 1997 |
|--|--------------------|
| Map Number | 9FCFM1 |
| Power | 29.33% |
| Rod Position | D/165 steps |
| Greatest Tilt | 1.79% |
| Greatest FDH (V+) | 1.4905 |
| FDH Limit (V+) | 1.9816 |
| Greatest FDH (V5) | 1.4417 |
| FDH Limit (V5) | 1.9271 |
| Most Limiting FQ | 1.8832 |
| FQ Limit | 4.8400 |
| Highest Deviation between measured & predicted Integrals | -6.1% |
| Core Average Axial Offset | -1.443 |

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3.5.2 Intermediate Power

The second fluxmap of Cycle 10 was taken at approximately 69 percent power with equilibrium Xenon established. The purpose of this map was to verify that core power distribution and peaking factor predictions were consistent with measured values. The greatest deviation between predicted and measured average reaction rate integrals was -5.2 percent at core location R-6. Based on a review of this map it was concluded that core power distribution and peaking factor predictions were acceptable. A summary of parameters is presented below:

| Date | September 22, 1997 |
|--|--------------------|
| Map Number | 9FCFM2 |
| Power | 69.45% |
| Rod Position | D/196 steps |
| Greatest Tilt | 1.22% |
| Greatest FDH (V+) | 1.4571 |
| FDH Limit (V+) | 1.7848 |
| Greatest FDH (V5) | 1.4124 |
| FDH Limit (V5) | 1.9271 |
| Most Limiting FQ | 1.7188 |
| FQ Limit | 3.2429 |
| Highest Deviation between measured and predicted integrals | -5.2% |
| Core Average Axial Offset | -2.642% |

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3.5.3 Full Power

The initial full power fluxmap of cycle 10 was taken on October 1, 1997. The purpose of this map was to verify that measured full power hot channel factors (FQ, FDH) were within Technical Specification limits. Based on a review of this map all power distribution paremeters were within applicable limits. A summary of parameters is presented below:

| Date | October 1, 1997 |
|--|-----------------|
| Map Number | 9FCFM4 |
| Power | 99.72% |
| Rod Position | D/224 steps |
| Greatest Tilt | 0.71% |
| Greatest FDH (V+) | 1.4234 |
| FDH Limit (V+) | 1.6364 |
| Greatest FDH (V5) | 1.3547 |
| FDH Limit (V5) | 1.5913 |
| Most Limiting FQ | 1.8050 |
| FQ Limit | 2.4267 |
| Highest Deviation between measured and predicted integrals | -5.2% |
| Core Average Axial Offset | -2.483% |





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4.0 Instrument Measurements Calibrations

4.1 Incore Thermocouple, Wide Range RTD and Narrow Range RTD Measurement

The primary purpose of this test was to verify that the narrow range RTD's were functioning properly. This was accomplished by making comparative measurements of narrow range RTD's at five different temperatures (374, 402, 452, 503, and 549° F) while the reactor coolant system was held in an approximately isothermal condition. Only narrow range RTD's that deviated from the mean by less than 0.5°F are used for reactor protection and control. All narrow range RTD's met the acceptance criteria.

Additionally, this test collected wide range RTD readings and core exit thermocouple readings at the same temperature plateaus.

4.2 Incore - Excore Detector Calibration

One full-core map and 6 quarter core maps were taken at approximately 89% power to obtain calibration data for the excore instrumentation. These maps covered a range in axial offset from -8.57% to +0.77 generated by insertion of control bank D. INCORE 3D analysis provided a measured value of the excore calibration.

4.3 Calibration of OPDT and OTDT Setpoints

Steam generator Tave and Delta-T was measured at approximate power levels of 30, 50, 60, 70, 80, and 90%. Prior to exceeding ninety percent power, an extrapolation of full power values was calculated. The extrapolated full power values were used to recalibrate the overpower and overtemperature reactor protection setpoint.

| Delta | T (°F) | Tavg (°F) | | |
|---------|--------|-----------|--|--|
| Loop 31 | 53.2 | 567.0 | | |
| Loop 32 | 52.1 | 566.2 | | |
| Loop 33 | 52.4 | 566.8 | | |
| Loop 34 | 52.8 | 565.8 | | |

Extrapolated Full Power Temperatures

4.4 Calibration of "High Tave" Alarm

In order to ensure that T_{cold} does not exceed 547.9°F, as specified in the cycle 10 safety analysis, the "High T_{avg} " alarm setpoint was verified to be set conservatively at 571.3°F. This was based on calculations from the extrapolated full power core Delta-T listed in Section 4.3.