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Vibration Transmitter Failure Results in Turbine Trip and Reactor Scram

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ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately fifteen single-space typewritten lines) (16)

On July 24, 1988 at 1608 hours the reactor was operating at 81% power when a reactor scram occurred when a high vibration indication was received for the number ten journal bearing of the Main Turbine-Generator. Per design the turbine tripped, initiating a rapid closure of the Main Steam Turbine Stop Valves. Stop valve closure indication initiated the reactor scram. All safety systems responded properly and reactor pressure was controlled via Main Steam Bypass Valves to the condenser. Investigation of the cause of the high vibration condition led to the determination that the vibration transmitter for the number ten journal bearing had failed resulting in erroneous indication. The vibration transmitter was replaced and the plant successfully returned to power operation on July 27, 1988. The root cause of the transmitter failure is under investigation.

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I. DESCRIPTION OF EVENT:

On July 24, 1988 at 1608 hours with the reactor at 81% power, a reactor scram occurred due to a Main Turbine-Generator trip caused by an indication of high vibrations sensed at the number ten journal bearing (EIIS System Code IT). As designed, this resulted in energizing the turbine master trip bus and fast closure of the main stop valves followed by rapid closure of the turbine control valves. A reactor scram was generated by the stop valve closure signal. All systems responded per design. All control rods (EIIS System Code AA) were fully inserted, the Recirculation Pumps (EIIS System Code AD) tripped and the Non-essential Loads (EIIS System Code EA) transferred to off-site power. Main Steam Bypass Valves (EIIS System Code JI) opened and controlled reactor pressure. Peak reactor pressure was between 1110 and 1117 PSIG and was momentarily reached seconds into the event. No safety relief valves opened as the lowest relief valve setpoint is 1110 PSIG +/- 11 PSIG. As a result of the reactor scram and reactor pressure increase, reactor level momentarily decreased as expected to approximately 166 inches above the Top of Active Fuel. This initiated a Primary Containment Isolation (EIIS System Code JM) of Groups' 2-5 valves, isolated secondary containment, and started both trains of Standby Gas Treatment (EIIS System Code BH) as expected. Normal feedwater flow restored level promptly with no initiation of Emergency Core Cooling Systems. Reactor pressure and reactor level were restored to normal within 30 seconds after the turbine trip.

II. CAUSE OF EVENT:

The cause of the event was a failure of the vibration transmitter for the number ten journal bearing resulting in a false high vibration indication. Inspection of the transmitter noted that minor tapping on the side of the transducer unit of the transmitter yielded a sporadic open coil (minimum output) condition. Inspection of the internals of the transducer found no obvious indications of degradation such as loose or bare wires which would result in the noted symptoms. The unit has been sent to the vendor for a detailed failure report. The results of the vendor inspection will be reported in a supplement to this Licensee Event Report. The vibration transmitter had periodically been experiencing higher than normal vibration indications during recent operation (varying between 4 and 7 mils).

The vibration transmitter probe tip normally rides on the surface of the rotating main shaft and communicates radial motion to the transducer. The transducer converts the motion to an electrical signal proportional to the magnitude of the motion. A probe tip modification was suggested by the vendor to ensure that a thick film of oil was not building up under the probe tip as the oiled shaft rotates. The vendor has indicated that the buildup of this oil layer could cause excessive service to the vibration monitor and erroneous vibration readings.

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III. ANALYSIS OF EVENT:

As noted in Section I, all systems responded to the event per design. Operators responded to the event properly. The plant was promptly restored to a stable condition with no significant problems encountered. Turbine trips are expected plant transients provided for in plant design. Plant response would have been similar under other initial plant conditions. At higher power levels it is likely that a higher peak pressure would have been reached, a relief valve would have lifted, and wider pressure and level fluctuations would have resulted. A turbine trip from any licensed power level is an analyzed event.

IV. CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

The entire vibration monitoring unit was replaced on July 25, 1988. The probe tip on the replacement monitoring unit was modified in accordance with the vendor recommendation. Vibration indications were closely monitored during turbine startup on July 27, 1988, with no unusual vibration readings detected. The results of the vendor root cause determination will be reviewed and supplemental corrective actions considered at that time.

V. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

a. Failed Component Identification

The failed component was a transducer on a vibration transmitter supplied by the General Electric Company (G084) (EIIS Component Identifier IT-VT-1218K).

b. Previous Similar Events

Plant records indicate there have been two previous instances of turbine trips from high vibration resulting in reactor scrams (October 14, 1977 and October 25, 1983 both events precede current LER reporting requirements). Both of these previous events were as a result of valid high vibration conditions and were not the result of vibration monitoring equipment failure.

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August 17, 1988
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