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SUBJECT: LER 87-019-00: on 870617, reactor protection sys actuation occurred. Caused by procedural inadequacy. Reactor protection

sys trip reset & surveillance test suspended used as

immediate corrective actions. W/870623 ltr.

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On June 17, 1987, at 0009 hours, a Reactor Protection System (RPS) actuation occurred due to Main Steam Line High Radiation signals generated during augmented surveillance testing on logic systems. The plant was shutdown at the time and no rod motion occurred.

As immediate corrective actions, the RPS trip was reset (at 0011 hours) and the surveillance test suspended. The test was modified and was completed without further incident at approximately 0330 hours.

The root cause of the event was a procedural inadequacy since the procedure did not include a step to reset the RPS trip on one division (half scram) prior to beginning testing on the other RPS division.

All systems operated as designed and, as a result, there was no threat to the health and safety of the public. This event is being reported pursuant to 10 CFR 50.73.a.2.iv.

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As immediate corrective actions, the RPS trip was reset (at 0011 hours) and the surveillance test suspended. The test was modified and was completed without further incident at approximately 0330 hours. An investigation into the circumstances revealed many factors contributing to the cause of this event. These factors included the length of the test, the complexity of the test, and the fact that the test was being performed for the first time. These factors combined to make it difficult for the operators and the technicians to recognize a procedural inadequacy.

The root cause of the event was a procedural inadequacy since the procedure did not include a step to reset the RPS trip on one division (half scram) prior to beginning testing on the other RPS division.

This event is considered unique in that it involves a new procedure that was being performed to comply with augmented testing commitments. This situation does not occur in the surveillances normally used at the DAEC. The procedure had received independent review, but the complexity of the procedure contributed to the inability of reviews to recognize that a required step was missing. While there have been unexpected actuations of the RPS previously at the DAEC, they are not considered similar to this actuation due to the unique circumstances involved with this event. No further corrective actions are warranted.

All systems operated as designed and, as a result, there was no threat to the health and safety of the public. This event is being reported pursuant to 10 CFR 50.73.a.2.iv.

Iowa Electric Light and Power Company

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Very truly yours,

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