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LER 272/2014-003-00
Salem Nuclear Generating Station Unit 1
Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-70
NRC Docket No. 50-272

SUBJECT: Reactor Trip Due to Actuation of Generator Protection

The Licensee Event Report, "Reactor Trip Due to Actuation of Generator Protection" is being submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(iv)(A), as an "...event or condition that resulted in manual or automatic actuation of any of the systems listed in paragraph (a)(2)(iv)(B)..."

The attached LER contains no commitments. Should you have any questions or comments regarding the submittal, please contact David Lafleur of Salem Regulatory Assurance at 856-339-1754.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John F. Perry".

John F. Perry
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Attachments (1)

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4. TITLE Reactor Trip Due to Actuation of Generator Protection

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9. OPERATING MODE 1	11. THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR §: (Check all that apply)									
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12. LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER

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13. COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT

CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANU-FACTURER	REPORTABLE TO EPIX	CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANU-FACTURER	REPORTABLE TO EPIX
B	EL	XCT	W120	Yes					

14. SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED <input type="checkbox"/> YES (If yes, complete 15. EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	15. EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE	MONTH	DAY	YEAR
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ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately 15 single-spaced typewritten lines)

On April 13, 2014 at 2113, Salem Unit 1 experienced an automatic reactor trip. The direct cause of the reactor trip was a generator lockout resulting from a main generator transformer overall differential relay trip. All control rods fully inserted on the trip. All three Auxiliary Feedwater (AFW) pumps started as expected in response to low steam generator levels and decay heat was removed by the steam dumps to the main condenser. Operators entered the emergency procedures for the plant trip and stabilized the plant in Mode 3 (HOT STANDBY).

The Main Generator Overall Differential Relay tripped due to a failed wiring termination on the C Phase Neutral Generator Current Transformer. The failed wiring termination was repaired.

This report is made in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73 (a)(2)(iv)(A), "...any event or condition that resulted in manual or automatic actuation of any of the systems listed in paragraph (a)(2)(iv)(B)..." due to an automatic reactor trip and actuation of the AFW system.



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PLANT AND SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION

Westinghouse - Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR/4)

Main Generator {EL/-}

IDENTIFICATION OF OCCURRENCE

Event Date: April 13, 2014

Discovery Date: April 13, 2014

CONDITIONS PRIOR TO OCCURRENCE

Salem Unit 1 was in operational Mode 1, operating at 100 percent rated thermal power. No additional structures, systems or components were inoperable at the time of discovery that contributed to this event.

DESCRIPTION OF OCCURRENCE

On April 13, 2014 at 2113, Salem Unit 1 experienced a reactor trip due to actuation of the main generator lockout protection circuitry. Generator protection lockout circuitry tripped the generator and turbine which tripped the reactor. The direct cause of the reactor trip was a generator lockout resulting from a main generator transformer overall differential relay trip.

All control rods fully inserted on the trip. All three AFW pumps started as expected in response to low SG levels and decay heat was removed by the steam dumps to the main condenser. Operators entered the emergency procedures for the plant trip and stabilized the plant in Mode 3 (HOT STANDBY).

CAUSE OF OCCURRENCE

A failed wiring termination on the C phase neutral generator current transformer caused the Generator Overall Differential Trip to occur.

PREVIOUS OCCURRENCES

A review of Licensee Event Reports at Salem Station identified one other similar event in 2001. LER 272/2001-006-00, "Reactor Trip Due to a Degraded Termination On Phase "A" Neutral Current Transformer Field Wiring" describes a degraded termination associated with field wiring to the "A" Phase

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Main Generator Neutral Current Transformer as well as degradation of the current transformer itself. The current transformer was abandoned in place.

SAFETY CONSEQUENCES AND IMPLICATIONS

There were no safety consequences associated with this event. Operators appropriately responded to the reactor trip to stabilize the plant. All plant safety systems operated as required.

A review of this event determined that a Safety System Functional Failure (SSFF) as defined in Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) 99-02, Regulatory Assessment Performance Indicator Guideline, did not occur.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

1. The failed wiring termination on the C phase neutral generator current transformer was repaired.
2. All generator current transformer junction boxes were inspected for visible degradations. Degraded wire insulations were identified and contained using high heat insulating tape. Two additional terminations were repaired.
3. Final testing was performed on all main and neutral current transformers. The current transformers were meggered from phase to ground and from phase to phase. Turns-Ratio testing was also performed on all main and neutral current transformers. All testing results were satisfactory.
4. A root cause evaluation is in progress to evaluate design specifications, previous corrective actions, and current maintenance inspection procedures for wiring terminations in the generator current transformer protection circuitry.

COMMITMENTS

No commitments are made in this LER