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SUBJECT: Licensee Event Report LER 2016-009-00, Entry into Mode of Applicability
with the OPRM Upscale Settings Incorrectly Set
Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 1
Docket No. 50-416
License No. NPF-29

Dear Sir or Madam:

Attached is Licensee Event Report LER 2016-009-00, Entry into Mode of Applicability with the Oscillation Power Range Monitor (OPRM) Upscale Settings incorrectly set. This report is being submitted in accordance with Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations 50.73(a)(2)(i)(B) and 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(v)(A).

This letter contains no new commitments. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact James Nadeau at 601-437-2103.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Nadeau".

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Attachment: Licensee Event Report (LER) 2016-009-00

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LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

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4. TITLE
Entry into Mode of Applicability with the Oscillation Power Range Monitor Upscale Settings Incorrectly Set

5. EVENT DATE			6. LER NUMBER			7. REPORT DATE			8. OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED	
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12. LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER

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ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately 15 single-spaced typewritten lines)

On March 27, 2016, the Entergy, while returning the GGNS Unit 1 to power operations at the conclusion of Refueling Outage 21, reactor thermal power was allowed to exceed 16.8 percent without first fully calibrating the Oscillation Power Range Monitor (OPRM) to include the new limits required by the adoption and implementation of the Maximum Extended Load Limit Line Plus (MELLLA+) operating range. Specifically, the OPRM Upscale setting requirements specified in Technical Specification 3.3.1.1, Reactor Protection System (RPS) Instrumentation, Table 3.3.1.1-1, Reactor Protection System Instrumentation, Function 2, Average Power Range Monitors, Sub-Function f. OPRM Upscale were not fully met. The direct cause of this event was the failure to ensure the required procedure changes were incorporated and performed prior to the unit entering the mode of applicability. Corrective actions included the addition of the condition to Limiting Condition for Operation tracking system to ensure resolution prior to a mode of applicability. This event is reportable as a licensee event report (LER) in accordance with 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(i)(B) as an operation or condition prohibited by Technical Specifications and 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(v)(A) for the loss of safety function.



**LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)
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NARRATIVE

On March 27, 2016, the Entergy, while returning the GGNS Unit 1 to power operations at the conclusion of Refueling Outage 21, reactor thermal power was allowed to exceed 16.8 percent without first fully calibrating the Oscillation Power Range Monitor (OPRM) to include the new limits required by the adoption and implementation of the Maximum Extended Load Limit Line Plus (MELLLA+) operating range. Specifically, the OPRM Upscale setting requirements specified in Technical Specification 3.3.1.1, Reactor Protection System (RPS) Instrumentation, Table 3.3.1.1-1, Reactor Protection System Instrumentation, Function 2, Average Power Range Monitors, Sub-Function f. OPRM Upscale were not fully met.

This error was subsequently discovered on November 17, 2016 during a review of General Electric Hitachi (GEH) Report 0000-0158-7807, Revision 0000, PRNM System DSS-CD Settings against the settings in GGNS Procedures 06-IC-1C51-R-0077A/B/C/D, Average Power Range Monitor Calibration.

REPORTABILITY

This event is reportable as a licensee event report (LER) in accordance with 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(i)(B) as an operation or condition prohibited by Technical Specifications and 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(v)(A) for the loss of safety function.

CAUSE

The causal evaluation for this event is ongoing and this LER will be supplemented upon completion of the causal analysis.

The direct cause of this event was the failure to ensure the required procedure changes were incorporated and performed prior to the unit entering the mode of applicability.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

Corrective actions included the addition of the condition to Limiting Condition for Operation tracking system to ensure resolution prior to a mode of applicability.

The condition has been added to Limiting Condition for Operation for tracking ensure resolution prior to restart.

SAFETY SIGNIFICANCE

There were no actual nuclear safety consequences or radiological consequences as a result of this calibration error. No Technical Specification Safety Limits were violated.

PREVIOUSLY SIMILAR EVENTS

LER 2013-006-00, Primary Containment Inoperable Due to an Inadequate Surveillance Procedure Resulting in a Loss of Safety Function

The causes and corrective actions implemented as a result of LER 2013-006-00 were reviewed and it has been determined that the corrective actions were acceptable and could not have prevented the event documented in this LER.