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request for this weekend to calibrate the full controller, that's been completed. To the best of my knowledge, there was no problem found. And we also have a work item to tune once we get back up and have steam and get the system operating and we hope to see something more positive out of that investigation.

7 MR. IBARRA: Did it surprise you when there were 8 reports that it was oscillating when it was in the auto 9 position? I mean, does that come as a surprise or is it 10 just saying well, we've always had problems with this?

MR. KINSLEY: I don't recall it being a continual problem. They run a quarterly RCIC surveillance, it's not my recollection that it's been a continual type problem with it.

15 MR. IBARRA: Do you take care of the local fire 16 panels? Do you have anything to do with that?

MR. KINSLEY: We take care of broke-fix type items. Most of the procedural type requirements for them and what not and replacing of detectors and what not is presently done by the fire department.

21 MR. IBARRA: Do you know of the local alarms 22 within those panels like trouble and fire alarm? Do you 23 have any knowledge of that?

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2 MR. KINSLEY: No. MR. IBARRA: Just Unit Two? 3 MR. KINSLEY: Just Unit Two. 4 5 MR. IBARRA: Okay. MR. KINSLEY: I worked at Unit One prior to 6 coming to Unit Two. 7 MR. IBARRA: Okay. How many people do you have 8 9 under you? 10 MR. KINSLEY: There's 64 technicians and then I 11 have five -- or six supervisors and two clerks. 12 MR. IBARRA: They're all under I&C or do you also have electrical? 13 14 MR. KINSLEY: Just I&C. 15 MR. IBARRA: On the RCIC, in the system, can you 16 give me your insight as to what kind of problems they've had 17 in the -- before, have they had before? 18 MR. KINSLEY: To give you a good technical 19 listing I would have to review the maintenance history on 20 this system. 21 MR. KAUFFMAN: Some specifics; there's a flow 22 control problem when the operators started this system in 23 automatic? 24 MR. KINSLEY: Yeah, we do have a work item to

look at that oscillation type problem. We had a work

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request for this weekend to calibrate the full controller, that's been completed. To the best of my knowledge, there was no problem found. And we also have a work item to tune once we get back up and have steam and get the system operating and we hope to see something more positive out of that investigation.

7 MR. IBARRA: Did it surprise you when there were 8 reports that it was oscillating when it was in the auto 9 position? I mean, does that come as a surprise or is it 10 just saying well, we've always had problems with this? 11 MR. KINSLEY: I don't recall it being a continual

12 problem. They run a quarterly RCIC surveillance, it's not 13 my recollection that it's been a continual type problem with 14 it.

15 MR. IBARRA: Do you take care of the local fire 16 panels? Do you have anything to do with that?

17 MR. KINSLEY: We take care of broke-fix type 18 items. Most of the procedural type requirements for them 19 and what not and replacing of detectors and what not is 20 presently done by the fire department.

21 MR. IBARRA: Do you know of the local alarms 22 within those panels like trouble and fire alarm? Do you 23 have any knowledge of that?

24MR. KINSLEY: Specific knowledge --25MR. IBARRA: Yes.

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1 MR. KINSLEY: -- of specific alarms? 2 MR. IBARRA: On each panel. Those are tracked by the fire 3 MR. KINSLEY: No. 4 department. 5 MR. IBARRA: Do you know what powers the red phone 6 in the emergency rooms, like the TSC and the control room? 7 MR. KINSLEY: No, I do not. 8 MR. IBARRA: Do you know the indications of the 9 safety relief valve in the control room? Do you know the 10 indications in the control room? 11 MR. KINSLEY: The indications? 12 MR. IBARRA: Yes. And do you all work on those? 13 MR. KINSLEY: Yes. 14 MR. IBARRA: What are they, lights? Or can you 15 tell me? 16 MR. KINSLEY: There's lights, there's also alarms 17 that come off of the acoustic monitoring system. We have 18 surveillances on that. There's also temperature indications 19 for the discharge. 20 MR. IBARRA: I don't have no more questions. 21 Neither do I. MR. KAUFFMAN: 22 MR. IBARRA: Okay. Thank you. Let's terminate the interview. 23 24 [Whereupon, at 3:35 p.m., the taking of the 25 interview was concluded.]



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