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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
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Enclosed is Licensee Event Report 98-003, Docket 50-249, which describes an automatic reactor scram due to a spurious isolation of Main Steam Line Isolation Valves. This LER is being submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(iv), which requires the reporting of any event or condition that results in manual or automatic actuation of any Engineered Safety Feature (ESF), including the Reactor Protection System (RPS).

This correspondence contains the following commitment:

1. Investigation indicated that the performance of the Main Steam Line High Flow Switches on both Units 2 and 3 have exhibited an adverse trend in recent months. A more detailed review of switch performance and identification of potential replacements has been initiated. (NTS 249-180-98-00301)
2. A review of other HFA relay contacts in low current, low voltage applications is being performed to determine if other plant applications are susceptible to a similar event. (NTS 249-180-98-00302)
3. A review of work practices in place at the time that the 3-261-2E High Steam Line Flow Switch failed was performed to determine if additional measures could be implemented to expedite switch replacement. A procedure is being developed which will allow switch repair/replacement under a minimal work request. Minimum and maximum replacement parts have been identified to ensure parts are on hand to provide for expeditious switch replacement. The new procedure will be in place prior to the next scheduled DIS 0250-01, Main Steam Line High Flow Isolation Switch Calibration, performance. (NTS 249-180-98-00303)
4. The operator contingencies for the Unit 3 Feedwater Level Control will be terminated upon completion of the Feedwater Level Control modification. (NTS 249-180-98-00304)
5. A preventative maintenance activity will be established for periodic cleaning of existing and future relay contacts for HFA relays in low voltage applications. (NTS 249-180-98-00305)

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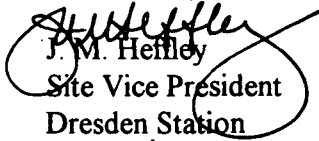
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Enclosure

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