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Should you have any questions concerning this report, please contact Mr. Dale Shelton, Regulatory Assurance Manager, at (217) 937-2800.

Respectfully,

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

On May 30, 2017 at 2038 CDT, with the reactor at approximately 28% thermal power Clinton Power Station (CPS) experienced an automatic reactor scram while conducting scram time testing (STT). Plant systems responded as expected and functioned properly following the automatic scram. The automatic scram signal was generated by the Oscillation Power Range Monitor (OPRM) Growth Rate Algorithm. An evaluation confirmed that the reactor was operating in a very stable core condition and that the event did not occur due to an actual core thermal hydraulic instability. The cause of the event is under investigation and will be provided in a supplement to this Licensee Event Report (LER). Corrective actions were implemented to support reactor startup and completion of STT. They included a revision to a plant procedure to establish an operating strategy when performing STT in the OPRM enabled region, implementing a monitoring strategy to assess the effectiveness of the operating strategy and monitoring for expected plant response and raising OPRM Amplitude and Growth Rate set points. Additional corrective actions for this event will be provided in the supplemental LER. The automatic scram is reportable under 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(iv)(A) as an event or condition that resulted in a manual or automatic actuation of the reactor protection system.



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NARRATIVE

PLANT AND SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION

General Electric—Boiling Water Reactor, 3473 Megawatts Thermal Rated Core Power
Energy Industry Identification System (EIS) codes are identified in the text as [XX]

EVENT IDENTIFICATION

Automatic Reactor Scram During the Performance of Scram Time Testing As a Result of an Invalid Oscillating Power Range Monitor Growth Rate Trip

A. Plant Operating Conditions before the Event

Unit: 1 Event Date: May 30, 2017 Event Time: 2038
Mode: 1 Mode Name: Power Operation Reactor Power: 028 percent

B. DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

On May 30, 2017 at 2038 hours CDT, Clinton Power Station (CPS) experienced an automatic reactor scram from 28 percent thermal power while performing control rod scram time testing (STT) per CPS procedure, CPS 9813.01, Control Rod Scram Time Testing, during startup from refueling outage C1R17. The automatic scram signal was generated by the Oscillator Power Range Monitor (OPRM) Growth Rate Algorithm.

Following the event, General Electric Hitachi (GEH) performed an evaluation of CPS reactor conditions and determined that the core decay ratio, a measure of core stability, was very low (<0.3) which is indicative of a very stable core condition and consistent with the observed data. A review of OPRM data concluded that the event did not occur due to actual core thermal hydraulic instability.

CPS is licensed with the Detect and Suppress Option III stability solution which utilizes the Period Based Detection Algorithm. This provides detection of a power instability based on occurrence of a fixed number of consecutive neutron flux period confirmations and a relative power signal exceeding a specific set point. For CPS, the number of period confirmation counts is 14 and relative power set point is 1.12. Furthermore, the Option III stability solution includes a Growth Rate Algorithm (GRA) and an Amplitude Based Algorithm (ABA) that offer defense in depth by providing protection against unexpected power oscillation characteristics.



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Following the automatic trip, plant systems, structures, and components responded as designed and functioned properly. There were no complications from the event.

Corrective actions were implemented to support reactor startup and completion of STT. They consisted of developing and implementing an operating and monitoring strategy when performing scram time testing in the OPRM enabled region. This included wait times after scram time testing a control rod, utilizing single notch rod withdrawal, pausing after rod withdrawal past an LRPM, additional identification of high worth control rods, and review of Average Power Range Monitor (APRM) and Local Power Range Monitor (LPRM) response. In addition, setpoints were raised for the GRA and ABA portion of the OPRMs.

The reactor was restarted on June 2, 2017 and control rod STT was completed without issue on June 4, 2017.

C. CAUSE OF EVENT

The cause of the event is under investigation and will be provided in a supplement to this event report.

D. SAFETY ANALYSIS

There were no safety consequences associated with the automatic scram. This event is reportable under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(iv)(A) as an event or condition that resulted in a manual or automatic actuation of the reactor protection system. The condition of the reactor core at the time of the event was stable. Operator actions taken during STT and following the event were in accordance with plant procedures. Systems necessary to maintain the plant per Technical Specification requirements following the automatic plant trip performed as expected and remained available to perform their safety function.

This event report does not identify any safety system functional failures.

E. CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

Corrective actions were implemented to support reactor startup and completion of STT. These actions included:

- Completed a revision to a plant procedure to establish an operating strategy when performing scram time testing in the OPRM enabled region.



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- Implemented a monitoring strategy to assess the effectiveness of the operating strategy and monitor for expected plant response.
- Raised the OPRM Amplitude and Grown Rate set points.

Additional corrective actions for this event will be provided in the follow-up LER.

F. PREVIOUS SIMILAR OCCURENCES

There are no previous similar occurrences associated with this event. CPS has not experienced a scram in the past related to the OPRM instrumentation.

G. COMPONENT FAILURE DATA

There was no component failure data associated with this event.