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Enclosed please find Reportable Occurrence report number 50-249/1976-34. This report is being submitted to your office in accordance with the Dresden Nuclear Power Station Technical Specifications, Section 6.6.B.

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EVENT DESCRIPTION (Continued)

may have caused the 2301-8 valve to oscillate open/closed during refueling surveillance testing of the HPCI turbine trip circuitry. It had been determined prior to the Unit-2 failure that the motor operators for valve 2301-8 and several other safety-related valves were oversized for the valve applications. It is conceivable that the oversized operator might subject the valve stem to higher stresses under conditions such as excessive cycling. To preclude a failure of the 2301-8 valve in the closed position, the valve was opened and racked out of service. This is not a repetitive occurrence. (50-249/1976-34)

CAUSE DESCRIPTION (Continued)

3-2301-8 will be inspected and, if necessary, replaced.

A modification request has been submitted to alter the 2301-8 valve control circuitry so as to eliminate excessive cycling during routine surveillance testing. Furthermore, a modification request has been initiated to replace the motor operators on several safety-related valves with reduced-capacity units. Completion of this modification will preclude valve stem overstressing which might result from oversized motor operators. Valve MO 3-2301-8 is a Crane 14-inch gate valve, equipped with a Limitorque SMB-4 motor operator rated at 200 ft.-1b.