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Reportable Occurrence Report No. 77-046/03L-0, Docket #050-0237, is hereby submitted to your office in accordance with Dresden Nuclear Power Station Technical Specification 6.6.B.2.(a), engineered safety feature found to be less conservative than those established by the technical specifications but which do not prevent the fulfillment of the functional requirements of affected systems.

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ATTACHMENT TO LICENSEE EVENT REPORT 77-046/03L-0 COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY (CWE) DRESDEN UNIT 2 (ILDRS-2) DOCKET #050-0237

On September 30, 1977 with the reactor in the shutdown mode, a routine inspection was performed to satisfy the operability requirements for the Bergan Patterson Hydraulic Snubber in the Unit 2 Drywell. The asfound condition of two snubbers (#26 and #28) indicated that the fluid level was low enough to question their operability. They were removed and a bench test was subsequently performed. The testing of snubber #28 indicated fluid leaking through the following Bergan Patterson Parts: Filler plug (#506-00021-000); piston rod wiper (#006-0021-004); port plug (#506-00024-000). The snubber was declared inoperable because of the fluid leakage. Bench testing of Snubber #26, however, revealed that it does satisfy the operability requirements and is therefore operable.

Corrective action was to replace snubber location #28 with an operable snubber and to incorporate the failed snubber incident into our failure history.

The associated feed water piping to which the snubber was affixed remained intact and presented no hazard to the plant or public.

Previous failures of hydraulic snubbers have been reported.

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