



Public Service Company of Colorado

16805 Weld County Road 19 1/2, Platteville, Colorado 80651

November 7, 1979
Fort St. Vrain
Unit No. 1
P-79265

Mr. Karl V. Seyfrit, Director
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
611 Ryan Plaza Drive
Suite 1000
Arlington, Texas 76012

REF: Facility Operating License
No. DPR-34

Docket No. 50-267

Dear Mr. Seyfrit:

Enclosed please find a copy of Reportable Occurrence Report No. 50-267/79-44/03-L-0, Final, submitted per the requirements of Technical Specification AC 7.5.2(b)2.

Also, please find enclosed one copy of the Licensee Event Report for Reportable Occurrence Report No. 50-267/79-44/03-L-0.

Very truly yours,

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO
16805 WELD COUNTY ROAD 19 1/2
PLATTEVILLE, COLORADO 80651

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Final

IDENTIFICATION OF
OCCURRENCE:

On October 8, 1979, plant operating personnel found that the level in the diesel fuel oil tank for the engine driven fire pump was less than the required 325 gallons. This is a degraded mode of LCO 4.2.6 and is reportable per Fort St. Vrain Technical Specification AC 7.5.2(b)2.

EVENT
DESCRIPTION:

On October 8, 1979, the plant was operating at 36% thermal power and 105 MW electrical power. Operating personnel were performing surveillance tests on the fire water pumps and after running the engine driven fire pump, checked the fuel oil tank level using both the installed gauge and a dipstick per approved procedures. The level gauge was indicating 475 gallons while the dipstick indicated only 274 gallons. This equipment is checked monthly and had agreed the previous month and the fuel level had been greater than the required 325 gallons. However, with the engine usage during the month and the level gauge reading wrong the fuel level dropped below that required by Technical Specification LCO 4.2.6. A plant trouble report was written to repair the gauge and fill the fuel tank to the proper level.

CAUSE
DESCRIPTION:

The fuel gauge reading incorrectly was the cause of the insufficient level in the fuel tank.

CORRECTIVE
ACTION:

The tank was filled within 24 hours and at that time the gauge and dipstick read the same. The mechanical level gauge was checked and found to be operating properly. It had apparently freed itself when the tank was filled. There was no affect on public health or safety and no further corrective action is anticipated or required.

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