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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

November 5, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-79-23

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of an event of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by staff as of this date

FACILITY: Carolina Power and Light Company  
Brunswick Unit 1  
Docket No. 50-325  
Southport, North Carolina

SUBJECT: REACTOR TRIP ON LOW WATER LEVEL

At 7:30 a.m. on November 5, 1979 the reactor tripped on low reactor water level at 80% power. The low level was caused by feedwater pump runback when the level control system was being transferred from three element control to single element control for maintenance. Group I isolation occurred and the emergency core cooling systems started and operated satisfactorily.

While in shutdown, the plant will be cooled down to repair B reactor recirculation pump seal. A shutdown of approximately two days is expected.

A news release is planned by the licensee. The NRC does not plan to issue a news release. The State of North Carolina has been notified.

This event will be discussed further with CP&L management in a meeting at RII office on November 6, 1979.

Region II (Atlanta) received notification of this occurrence by telecon from the Resident Inspector at 9:30 a.m. on November 5. This information is current as of 10:45 a.m. on November 5.

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