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Fort St. Vrain
Unit No. 1
P-80057

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

Reference: Facility Operating License
No. DPR-34

Docket No. 50-267

Dear Mr. Seyfrit:

Enclosed please find a copy of Reportable Occurrence Report No. 50-267/80-06, Final, submitted per the requirements of Technical Specification AC 7.5.2(b)3.

Also, please find enclosed one copy of the Licensee Event Report for Reportable Occurrence Report No. 50-267/80-06.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

cc: Director, MIPC

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

REPORT NO. 50-267/80-06/03-L-0

FINAL

IDENTIFICATION OF
OCCURRENCE:

On February 18, 1980, with the reactor plant critical at less than 2% power, it was determined that a hydraulic snubber required by Fort St. Vrain Technical Specification LCO 4.3.10 was inoperable.

This is reportable per Fort St. Vrain Technical Specification AC 7.5.2(b)3.

EVENT
DESCRIPTION:

During the early part of February while the reactor was in a shutdown condition, vent stack snubber, VSS-117, was removed for repair. The snubber was out of service during the subsequent reactor start up on February 17, 1980, and resulted in a degraded mode of LCO 4.3.10. The plant operating personnel were informed of the impaired snubber on February 18, 1980, at 0730 hours and took the reactor subcritical at that time. The replacement snubber was installed, and the reactor was taken critical again for operator training at 1450 that day.

CAUSE
DESCRIPTION:

The approved procedure for removal of hydraulic snubbers requires that the Shift Supervisor be notified when a snubber is being removed for repairs. This information is recorded in an impairment log that is checked regularly by the Shift Supervisor.

There is no record of the maintenance personnel informing the Shift Supervisor that this snubber was being removed from service; therefore, when the impairment log was checked prior to the startup on February 17, 1980, there was no record of vent stack snubber, VSS-117, being out of service. The reactor was started up, putting the plant in a degraded mode of LCO 4.3.10.

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CORRECTIVE

ACTION:

Replacement snubber was installed.

Maintenance personnel involved with the snubber repair were reprimanded and the importance of following approved procedures emphasized.

A change request has been submitted to the commission which would modify LCO 4.3.10 and its basis to require snubber operability only during power operation of the reactor, which is consistent with other Technical Specifications. This was proposed on May 9, 1978, in P-letter P-78062, and after almost two years we still have not received relief from this Technical Specification.

There was no affect on public health or safety. No further corrective action is anticipated or required.

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