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May 13, 1981

Docket No. 50-409

Dairyland Power Cooperative
ATTN: Mr. F. W. Linder
General Manager
2615 East Avenue - South
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Messrs. W. L. Forney and M. W. Branch of this office during March 1-31, 1981, of activities at La Crosse Boiling Water Reactor authorized by NRC Operating License No. DPR-45 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. Shimshak at the conclusion of the inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in non-compliance with NRC requirements, as specified in enclosed Appendix A. A written response, submitted under oath or affirmation, is required.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If the enclosures contain any information that you or your contractors believe to be exempt from disclosure under 10 CFR 9.5(a)(4), it is necessary that you (a) notify this office by telephone within seven (7) days from the date of this letter of your intention to file a request for withholding; and (b) submit within twenty-five (25) days from the date of this letter a written application to this office to withhold such information. Section 2.790(b)(1) requires that any such application must be accompanied by an affidavit executed by the owner of the information which identifies the document or part sought

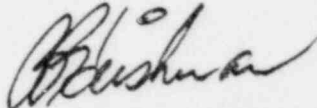
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to be withheld, and which contains a full statement of the reasons on the basis which it is claimed that the information should be withheld from public disclosure. This section further requires the statement to address with specificity the considerations listed in 10 CFR 2.790(b)(4). The information sought to be withheld shall be incorporated as far as possible into a separate part of the affidavit. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified periods noted above, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the Public Document Room.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,



R. F. Heishman, Acting Director
Division of Resident and Project
Inspection

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice
of Violation
2. IE Inspection Report
No. 50-409/81-06

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Appendix A

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dairyland Power Cooperative

License No. DPR-45

As a result of the inspection conducted March 1-31, 1981, and in accordance with the Interim Enforcement Policy, 45 FR 66754 (October 7, 1980), the following violation was identified:

La Crosse Boiling Water Reactor Technical Specification 3.8.1 requires procedures to be established and followed that meet or exceed the requirements and recommendations of Sections 5.1 and 5.3 of ANSI N18.7-1972. LACBWR Operating Manual, Vol. 1, Section II, Paragraph 2.1.3 specifies procedural steps for primary heatup and turbine generator startup.

Contrary to the above on March 9, 1981 an operator improperly opened breaker 252M1B when transferring electrical loads from breaker 252R1B to breaker 252M1B resulting in a reactor scram.

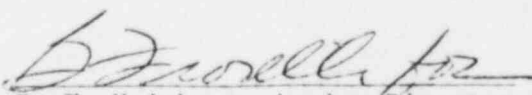
Additionally, on March 10, 1981 the reactor operator failed to properly maintain reactor vessel water level as specified in paragraph 2.1.3 and the reactor scrambled on high reactor vessel water level.

This is a Severity Level V violation (Supplement I).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, you are required to submit to this office within twenty-five days of the date of this Notice a written statement or explanation in reply, including for each item of noncompliance: (1) corrective action taken and the results achieved; (2) corrective action to be taken to avoid further noncompliance; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Under the authority of Section 182 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, this response shall be submitted under oath or affirmation.

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