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DOCKET 50-155, LICENSE DPR-6 -BIG ROCK POINT PLANT

This letter is to provide a final response to IE Bulletin 76-02 regarding certain direct current relays manufactured by the General Electric Company. A preliminary response was submitted April 19, 1976.

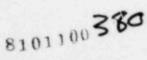
117 relays have been identified at the plant in both safety-related and nonsafetyrelated systems as defined by our "Q-List." We have had no known failures of any of these relays in direct current applications during the plant operating history. Relays, except CVX-1 and CVX-2 (see below) are physically located in areas where humidity and moisture are not likely to cause problems as described in Bulletin 76-02. In addition, the 42 relays in safety-related systems which have nylon spools are either energized more than 99% of the time or less than 1% of the time and thus not deemed susceptible to the failures as described in the bulletin.

Only five relays are in critical applications requiring nonfail-safe operation to cope with accidents as described in the FHSR. The evaluation of these relays is as follows:

Relay SVX-1 is in the containment vacuum relief circuitry associated with the containment ventilation supply valves. This relay is in the relatively dry control room, energized more than 99% of the time and failure could be identified by inadvertant closure of the containment ventilation supply valves which are open more than 99% of the time.

Relays CVX-1 and CVX-2 are located in containment in an area where moisture and temperature variations are relatively more extreme but these relays are continuously trickle current monitored by annunciator circuitry. Each is in a completely redundant liquid poison firing circuit.

Relays 59X and 27X are associated with the emergency diesel generator output circuit breaker controls. These are located in the relatively dry electrical equipment room and energized less than 1% of the time. Proper functioning of the



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relays is necessary for satisfactory performance of periodic surveillance tests. The diesel generator critical functions are backed up by other equipment.

Thus, based on our history of no failures, relatively good humidity environments, and evaluations of the five critical relays above, we have concluded that no relay replacements are required.

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