LER No.: 50-321/1981-046

Licensee: Georgia Power Company

Facility: Edwin I. Hatch

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Narrative Report for LER 50-321/1981-046

On June 3, 1981, while the plant was in cold shutdown and surveillance testing was in progress on the RPS Reactor Mater Level Switches, 1821-N017C was found to actuate at 61" $\rm H_2O$ input. Tech Spec Table 3.1-1, Item 6, requires actuation at $\rm 1829.95$ " $\rm H_2O$ input equivalent to $\rm 1820.5$ " RPV water level. Redundant switches 1821-N017A, B, D were all operable. Plant operation was not affected. The health and safety of the public was not affected.

The cause of this event has been attributed to switch setpoint drift. The Barton level indicating switch was recalibrated and returned to service.

The same type Barton switch is used for this service on Unit II. A generic review revealed no inherent problems. These switches are tested monthly and the last failure on Unit I was approximately three years ago. The unit is now in full compliance with the requirements and no further reporting is required.