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BLRD-50-439/82-36

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region II
Attn: Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Regional Administrator
101 Marietta Street, Suite 3100
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

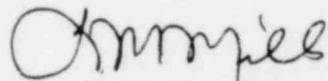
BELLEFONTE NUCLEAR PLANT UNIT 2 - FAULTY RELAYS IN AUXILIARY POWER
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM BY BROWN BOVERI ELECTRIC - BLRD-50-439/82-36 -
FIRST INTERIM REPORT

The subject deficiency was initially reported to NRC-OIE Inspector
D. Quick on May 28, 1982 in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55(e) as NCR 1822.
Enclosed is our first interim report. We expect to submit our next report
by December 10, 1982. We consider 10 CFR Part 21 applicable to this
deficiency.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please get in touch with
R. H. Shell at FTS 858-2688.

Very truly yours,

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY



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Enclosure

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ENCLOSURE

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Description of Deficiency

Two I-T-E (I-T-E Imperial Corporation) type 27 undervoltage relays and two I-T-E type 59 overvoltage relays (located in Class 1E, unit 2 6.9-kV switchgear furnished by Brown Boveri Electric, Chalfont, Pennsylvania, on contract 75K5-85583) failed to function during construction testing.

Safety Implications

The failure of the undervoltage relays could disconnect the affected switchgear from the power grid and unnecessarily connect the switchgear to the diesel generators which would start up, then later shut down, leading to a complete power shutdown to the bus supplying power to safety-related equipment.

In the case of the overvoltage relay failures, the motors associated with the safety-related equipment could be degraded due to overvoltage.

Corrective Action

These four relays are being returned to Brown Boveri Electric for repair or replacement. More information will be provided in our next report.