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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ATTN: Document Control Desk Washington, D.C. 20555

Gentlemen:

In the Matter of Tennessee Valley Authority Docket No. 50-328

SEQUOYAH NUCLEAR PLANT (SQN) - UNIT 2 CENTRIFUGAL CHARGING PUMP (CCP) 2B-B POSTMAINTENANCE TESTING SUITABILITY

On January 7, 1994, the 2B-B CCP shaft broke as a result of an event initiated by a high-cycle fatigue failure. A matched spare element was utilized to repair the 2B-B pump; and a subsequent American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Section XI, pump test was performed to validate the pump head and establish a baseline. As requested by NRC during a January 10, 1994, telecon, Enclosure 1 provides the basis for TVA's position that a modification to the emergency core cooling system (ECCS) subsystem flow characteristics has not occurred. Based on Enclosure 1, the ECCS flow tests specified by Technical Specification (TS) Surveillance Requirement (SR) 4.5.2.h will not be required. However, a flow verification test will be performed as scheduled during the upcoming Unit 2 Cycle 6 refueling outage.

It should be pointed out that performance of a system flow test, as specified by TS SR 4.5.2.h, is normally performed each refueling outage with the reactor vessel head removed and the reactor coolant pumps jacked up. Performance of the system flow test in other than this configuration unnecessarily challenges the cold overpressure protection system and has been a suspected source of seal degradation if seal injection is being maintained during the test. In addition, performance of the full flow test in the current plant configuration is estimated to delay plant restart two to three days.

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Enclosure 2 contains the commitmen' provided in this submittal.

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ACCEPTANCE OF INSTALLING THE SPARE ELEMENT S/N 36532C-SPARE II INTO THE CCP 2B-B PUMP LOCATION AND PMT REQUIREMENTS

ACCEPTANCE OF INSTALLING THE SPARE ELEMENT INTO THE 2B-B CCP LOCATION WITHOUT PERFORMING A FULL FLOW TEST.

Tech Specs section 3/4.5.2 surveillance requirements requires the sum of the injection flow rates, excluding the highest flow rate must be greater or equal to 309 gpm (commonly referred to as the N minus 1 criteria or number of loops minus one) and the total pump flow must be less than or equal to 555 gpm. AS described in Tech Specs this requirement applies when modifications are performed to the ECCS subsystems that alter the flow characteristics. Though not addressed in Tech Specs there is also a design requirement that the pumps not be allowed to degrade below a minimum ECCS performance curve. This minimum ECCS performance curve insures that the system resistance is not reduced to compensate for weak pumps. Not all design base accidents will result in RCS pressure stabilizing immediately at ambient conditions where the flow balance is performed. Having a lower resistance than assumed in the analysis would result in more flow being lost thru the assumed break (in the lowest resistance branch line) when the RCS pressure is higher than those during the actual balance. From graph 1 it can be seen both the original and spare elements are well above the Min ECCS performance curve and add margin to the analysis.

From graph 1 and table I it can also be seen all 3 pump performance curves have very similar characteristics with the spare curve being between the 2A-A and 2B-B at the critical area or maximum flow. Near the low flow area of the curve the spare element has a slightly higher head which is a desirable

characteristic yet insignificant.

From table I and graph II it can be seen the old 2B-B pump has shown negligible degradation since its original installation in 983 with all flow balance points shown. Although field discharge pressure test data has not agreed with the vendor certified curve performed on an ideal test loop it is a known fact the specific plant piping layout includes a short run of discharge piping (3 ft) leaving a nonconcentric discharge nozzle with a ninety degree elbow immediately followed by the miniflow tee. In the middle of these components is the discharge pressure tap. It should be noted SNP has never been able to achieve test data has always been in the conservative direction in relation to the Min ECCS performance curve. As seen on graph II a direct correlation does exist. The latest flow balances are seen on graphs IV and V.

A review was also conducted on the ten years of Section XI test data. (Ref Table III and Graph III) This shows at miniflow conditions the average head loss for the 2B-B pump was 18 psig over a 10 year period. Using the conversion of 4.3 lbs of pressure increase yeilds an increase of 1 gpm and applied uniformly across the pump performance curve only a 4 gpm increase in flow would be expected at the max flow conditions. The 2B-B pump flow was left at 538.24 gpm during the 1992 flow balance or 16.8 gpm from runout. Thus enough margin is available to absorb the additional flow.

Westinghouse (see attached memo) has also reviewed and discussed the following areas with TVA which include:

NORMAL CHARGING TESTING FLOW BALANCING PUMP RUNOUT NPSH REQUIREMENTS RPM HORSEPOWER

CONCLUSION: THE SPARE ELEMENT 36532C-SPARE II CAN BE INSTALLED AND VERIFIED ACCEPTABLE WITHOUT A FULL FLOW TEST. A SECTION XI TEST IS REQUIRED TO BASELING THE PUMP. A FULL FLOW TEST WILL BE PERFORMED NEXT REFUELING OUTAGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEQUOYAH'S NORMAL SCHEDULE.

NSSS SYSTEM ENGINEER

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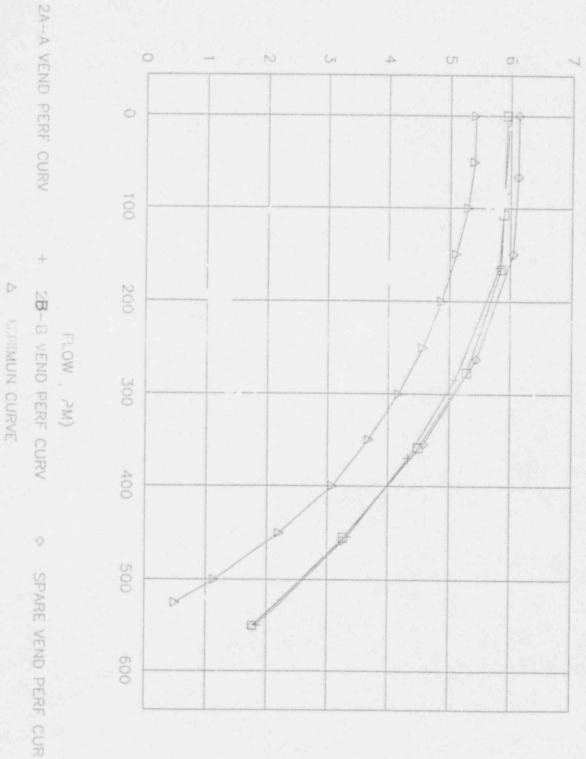
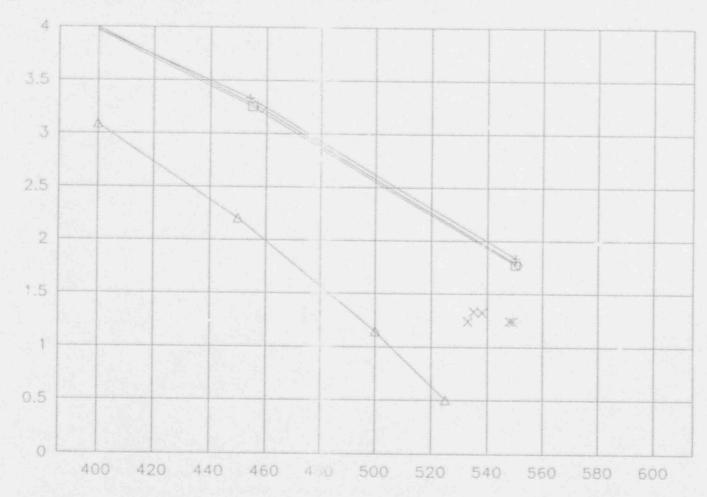


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PUMP VENDOR DATA

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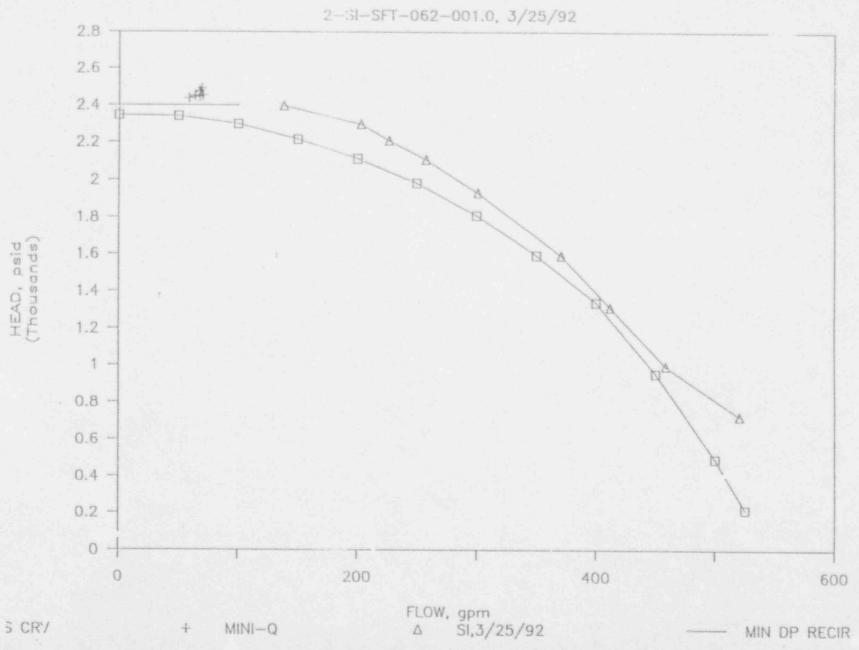
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GRAPH III

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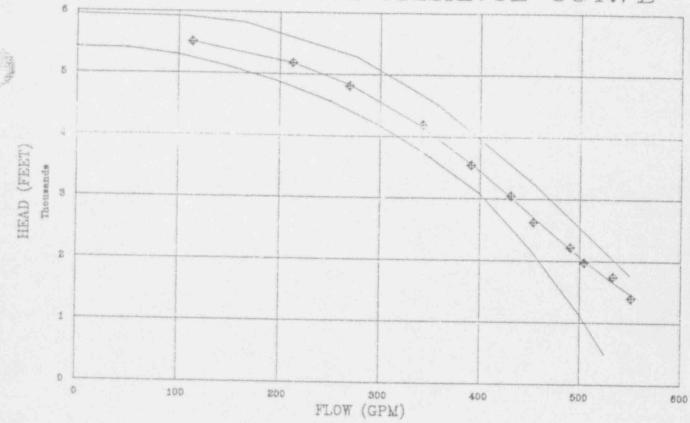
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CCP 2A-A PERFORMANCE CURVE

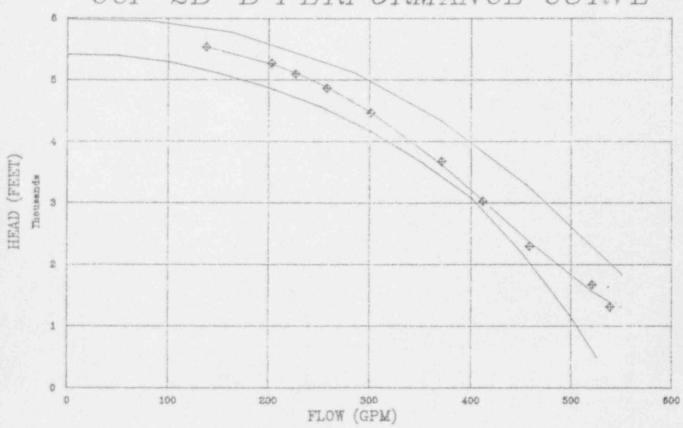


- ECCS MINIMUM CURVE + UZC5RO TEST DATA
- 4th Order Curve Fit ____ VENDOR CURVE

GRAPH I

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CCP 2B-B PERFORMANCE CURVE



ECCS MINIMUM CURVE U2C5RO TEC



FSE/FSDA-94-2386

From: Fluid Systems Engineering

WIN: 284-5917

Date: January 7, 1994

Subject: CCP Failure Evaluation

To: J. Steinmetz

cc: L. Walker

M.P. Osborne K.N. Garner

File: Sequoyah Operating Plant

The Sequoyah Nuclear Station Unit 2 experienced a failure of the 2-BB Centrifugal Charging Pump (CCP) on January 7, 1994. Sequoyah Engineering requested Westinghouse to evaluate the replacement element impact on the system performance.

Westinghouse (Auxiliary Equipment Group and Fluid Systems) evaluated the following system performance areas:

- * Normal Charging Function
- * Safety Injection Function
 - * Flow Balancing
 - * Pump Runout Issue
 - * ECCS Minimum Performance
 - * Brake Horse Power
 - * NPSH Requirements
 - * RPM Comparison
- * Testing

General Comment:

The replacement rotating element, as shown in the attached Table, is very similar to CCP 2BB. The replacement element head is slightly higher (50 to 100 ft) from 0 to 300 GPM, the same at 400 and 500 gpm and 50 ft. lower at the pump runout of 550 gpm. Also, the replacement vender curve data falls in between the installed 2AA and the failed 2BB vender curves.

The test performance curve numbers for the rotating elements are as follows:

2AA 36532C Revised 2BB 36532D Spare 36532C-Spare II

* Normal Charging Function:

The replacement element will meet the normal charging functions.

- * Safety Injection Function
 - * Flow Balancing:

The failed element, CCP 2BB, was installed and the system balanced in 9/83. The spare/replacement element pump characteristics are very similar (See attached Table) to that of the 2BB vender data. In fact, the replacement element vender curve data lies between the 2AA and 2BB test performance curves.

Conclusion: Based on the pumps characteristics being very similar and the system not being rebalanced since the initial installation of elements 2AA and 2BB, the system need not be rebalanced with the installation of the spare element. The system resistance has not been significantly changed.

- * Pump Runout Issur: Not an issue since the spare element runout head is less than that of 2BB.
- * ECCS Minimum Performance: Not a issue since the replacement pump performance is similar to 2BB and slightly higher than 2AA (See Attached Table). The system configuration/resistance has not been significantly changed, therefore there is not an impact to the Sequoyah ECCS model.
- * Brake Horse Power: Not an issue since they are the similar. Spare BHP is 670 and 2BB BHP is 680.
- * NPSH Requirements: Not an issue since the NPSH requirements for the replacement element (NPSHR @ 550 is 16.5) is less than that of 2BB (NPSHR @ 550 is 18).
- * RPM Comparison: Not an issue. The speed requirements are slightly less than the original installed element. The effect to pump head is negligible.

* Testing :

Westinghouse Recommendation:

Initial Installation: Test Data at Mini-flow and or at the maximum flowrate the plant can achieve during plant operating conditions. Evaluate the replacement element data against that of 2BB.

Next Plant Shutdown: Perform a pump test curve. Evaluate the replacement element data against that of 2BB.

Verified By

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		Sequoyah 1	U-2 CCP St	naft Failure	Evaluation		
Flow (GPM)	00	100	200	300	400	500	550
2AA Head (FT) Vender Curve 36532C	5950	5900	5700	5100	4000	2550	1750
2AA Head Test (FT)		114 gpm 5504 ft	214 gpm 5181 ft		392 gpm 3541 ft	505 gpm 1972 ft	552 gpm 1395 ft
2BB Head (FT) Vender Curve 36532D	6000	5900	5700	5000	4000	2650	1850
21 3 H d Test (FT)			202 gpm 5275 ft	300 gpm 4454 ft	411 gpm 3028 ft		538 gpm 1319 ft
Spare Head (PT) Vender Curve 36532C- Spare II	6100	6050	5800	5050	4000	2650	1800

ENCLOSURE 2

Commitment

The full flow tests described in Technical Specification 4.5.2.h that involve flow from the 2B-B centrifugal charging pump will be performed during Unit 2 Cycle 6 refueling outage.