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On January 17, 1994, at 1413 hours, a half scram and several isolations or half isolations occurred. At the time, both Reactor Protection System (RPS) Buses were powered from their respective Motor-Generator (MG) Sets. The half scram was caused by a trip of motor-generator set output breaker on the 1B RPS MG set. The trip was caused by the failure of an underfrequency relay located inside the MG Set Cabinet. After the 1B RPS Bus was placed on its alternate supply, the half scram was successfully reset and all systems which isolated were placed back in service. The cause was the upward drift of the under-frequency relay setpoint. This relay was replaced. A circuit card failure of the EPM breaker was also found during subsequent testing and repaired. An adverse trend evaluation was initiated to review long term testing and preventive maintenance of RPS buses.

This event is being reported in accordance with the requirements of 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(iv) due to an automatic actuation of an engineered safety feature (ESF).

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PLANT AND SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION

General Electric - Boiling Water Reactor

Energy Industry Identification System (EIIS) codes are identified in the text as [XX].

A. CONDITION PRIOR TO EVENT

Unit(s): 1,2	Event Date: 1-17-94	Event Time: 1413 Hours
Reactor Mode(s): 1, 2	Modes(s) Name: Run, Startup	Power Level(s): 95%, 1%

B. DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

On January 17, 1994, at 1413 hours with Unit 1 in Operational Condition 1 (run) at at 95% power and Unit 2 in Operational Condition 2 (Startup) at 1% power, the '18' Reactor Protection System (RPS, RP) [EF] 120 VAC Bus deenergized due to a trip of the output breaker for the 18 RPS Motor-Generator (MG) Set. Loss of power to this bus initiates a half-scram and closure of the Primary Containment Inboard and Outboard Isolation Valves (PC)[NH] for groups 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 10, except for Main Steam Isolation Valves (MSIV's), Primary Containment Chill Water (PCCW, VP)[KM] Isolation Valves and Reactor Building Closed Cooling Water (RBCCW, WR)[CC] Isolation Valves. The group 4 isolation also affects Unit 2 by isolation of the common secondary containments. The 'B' RPS bus was transferred to its alternate feed and the half-scram was reset. LaSalle Operating Abnormal Procedures LOA-RP-01, "LOSS OF REACTOR PROTECTION SYSTEM POWER", and LOA-PC-02, "ISOLATION RECOVERY", were entered and the affected systems were returned to normal.

The MG set tripped due to a failed underfrequency relay internal to the MG set. The relay operated correctly but the set point had drifted higher than the 54 hertz setpoint. The underfrequency relay was replaced per work request L26810. Both Electric Power Monitor (EPM) Assemblies tripped open as expected with the loss of the MG set. As a precautionary measure, LaSaile Electrical Surveillance LES-GM-300, "Unit 1 RPS Electric Power Monitoring (EPM) Calibration by O.A.D." was performed on January 18, 1994, to determine if the EPMs were functioning properly. This surveillance indicated a failure in the logic card for EPM 1C71-S003B. Each of the RPS EPMs has a logic card that provides overvoltage (OV), undervoltage (UV), and underfrequency (UF) trip signals. Work Request L26809 was initiated to replace the faulty card. The new card was successfully tested on January 18, 1994.

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C. APPARENT CAUSE OF EVENT

The initiating cause of this event was the loss of the 'B' RPS bus due to the failure of the underfrequency relay located inside the MG set. The failure of the relay caused the MG set Output Breaker to trip open resulting in the loss of power to the RPS bus. The failure mode of the relay was a drift up in the setpoint. The relay is factory set to actuate at 54 hertz. The installed relay was found to actuate at 58 hertz. The relays inside the MG set are not currently on a surveillance schedule. The EPMs are the only RPS bus protective devices that are currently tested on a regular basis. Testing of the MG set after the trip showed that with a load applied to the MG set output the frequency did not drop to 58 Hertz while the inderfrequency relay was found after the trip to be set at 58 hertz, its operation is suspect and likely drifted to the actual operating output of the MG set at the time of the trip. Other components were tested satisfactorily.

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D. SAFETY ANALYSIS OF EVENT

All protective systems functioned as designed during this event, and all Engineered Safety Function (ESF) actuations occurred. The Reactor Protection System has a failsafe design. On loss of power, all protective devices actuate. The tripping of the MG set had no impact on the design requirements of the reactor protection system. EMP 1C71-S003D, which is in series with 1C71-S003B, was found to be operating properly. Had the "B" EPM breaker failed to trip, the "D" EPM would have provided UV, OV, and UF protection for the RPS bus.

E. CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

Immediate corrective actions were taken to recover from this event. The '1B' RPS bus was successfully energized from the alternate supply allowing the half scram and all affected systems to be placed back in service.

The following corrective actions have been or will be taken:

- 1. The logic card for EPM 1071-S003B was replaced and successfully tested per work request L26809.
- After being replaced the failed relay was bench tested/monitored. It was verified to drift. It was further decided there would be no value added by performing a root cause to identify the specific failed component.
- 3. The replaced relay was successfully tested per work request L26810.
- 4. LaSalle Special Test LST-93-140 "RPS MG Set Load Test" was performed to determine proper operation of the Motor-Generator (MG) set and to verify the MG set frequency remained above 58 hertz under load.
- The MG set relays will be added to the testing schedule. Action Item Record (AIR) 373-180-94-0010501 will track
 the implementation of the testing.
- Adverse trend evaluation was initiated (373-230-05400169PIF) to address recurring problems with RPS MG sets and EPMs.

F. PREVIOUS EVENTS

1-2-88-046 1-1-89-084	Title Reactor Protection System Electrical Protection Assembly T Failure of Electric Assembly Due To Logic Card Drift	rip Failure Due	To Failed Logic Card
LER Number 373/93-018-00	Title Unit 1 A RPS Power Lost Due To A Failed Logic Card		

G. COMPONENT FAILURE DATA

Manufacturer	Nomenclature	Model Number	MFG Part Number
ASCO	Under-Freq.	214A87	214A87
	Relay		

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EVENT SUMMARY

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CAUSE CODES Keactor trip NRC violation, level__ Lost generation GSEP event, class____ ESF actuation Cost > \$25,000 Tech Spec LCO NRC reportable Hazard or Spill Potential or future lo Personnel injury LER SALP functional area_ Component type Department Licensed? L or blank Type Level Detail code Department Type Detail Code Department Detail code Type of deficiency Detail code - Procedure type - Detail code Type -Department