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Gentlemen:

River Bend Station - Unit 1
Docket No. 50-458

Please find enclosed Licensee Event Report No. 90-032 for River Bend Station - Unit 1. This report is being submitted pursuant to 10CFR50.73.

Sincerely,

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NRC FORM 366 (6-89)

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

APPROVED OMB NO. 3150-0104
EXPIRES: 4/30/92

ESTIMATED BURDEN PER RESPONSE TO COMPLY WITH THIS INFORMATION COLLECTION REQUEST: 50.0 HRS. FORWARD COMMENTS REGARDING BURDEN ESTIMATE TO THE RECORDS AND REPORTS MANAGEMENT BRANCH (P-630), U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, DC 20555, AND TO THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION PROJECT (3150-0104), OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, WASHINGTON, DC 20503.

FACILITY NAME (1)	DOCKET NUMBER (2)	PAGE (3)
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TITLE (4)

SNUBBER REMOVED FROM PIPING IN VIOLATION OF TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION 3.7.4

EVENT DATE (5)			LER NUMBER (6)				REPORT DATE (7)			OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED (8)	
MONTH	DAY	YEAR	YEAR	SEQUENTIAL NUMBER	REVISION NUMBER		MONTH	DAY	YEAR	FACILITY NAMES	DOCKET NUMBER(S)
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OPERATING MODE (9)	POWER LEVEL (10)	THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR §: (Check one or more of the following) (11)			
5	0	20.402(b)	20.405(c)	50.73(a)(2)(iv)	73.71(b)
		20.405(a)(1)(i)	50.36(c)(1)	50.73(a)(2)(v)	73.71(c)
		20.405(a)(1)(ii)	50.36(c)(2)	50.73(a)(2)(vii)	OTHER (Specify in Abstract below and in Text, NRC Form 366A)
		20.405(a)(1)(iii)	X 50.73(a)(2)(i)	50.73(a)(2)(viii)(A)	
		20.405(a)(1)(iv)	50.73(a)(2)(ii)	50.73(a)(2)(viii)(B)	
		20.405(a)(1)(v)	50.73(a)(2)(iii)	50.73(a)(2)(x)	

LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER (12)

NAME	TELEPHONE NUMBER
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COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT (13)

CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NPRDS		CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NPRDS	

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED (14)		EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE (15)	MONTH	DAY	YEAR
X YES (If yes, complete EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE)	NO		1 2	1 8	9 0

ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately fifteen single-space typewritten lines) (16)

On October 21, 1990 with the reactor in Operational Condition 5 (Refueling), it was discovered that five snubbers were removed from standby service water system piping that was required to be operable. One of these snubbers was removed for a time period exceeding the action statement of Technical Specification 3.7.4. Therefore, this report is submitted pursuant to 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(i)(B) as operation prohibited by the Technical Specifications. GSU continues to evaluate this event and will specifically address the cause and corrective actions by December 18, 1990.

Four of the five snubbers were reinstalled and returned to operable status within the 72 hour time period allowed in Technical Specification 3.7.4.7.4. The fifth snubber, located downstream of the Division III HPCS diesel service water piping, was removed for approximately 111 hours (39 hours longer than the 72 hours allowed). During that time, the piping was not subjected to any of the dynamic events (i.e., fluid transient or seismic activity) for which the subject snubber is required. Consequently, the integrity of the piping has not been compromised. Therefore, this event did not adversely affect the health and safety of the public.

REPORTED CONDITION

On October 21, 1990 with the reactor in Operational Condition 5 (Refueling), it was discovered that five snubbers were removed from standby service water system piping that was required to be operable. One of these snubbers was removed for a time period exceeding the action statement of Technical Specification 3.7.4. Therefore, this report is submitted pursuant to 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(i)(B) as operation prohibited by the Technical Specifications.

INVESTIGATION

The five snubbers are attached to piping that is supplied by the normal service water system during routine operations. However, during refueling outages, the piping is supplied by the standby service water system. Standby service water is also required to be operable for the shutdown cooling mode of the residual heat removal system. For these reasons, tasks requiring snubber removal are typically scheduled according to the time interval or "window" that the corresponding division will be out of service. A scheduling error placed these snubbers on the work schedule during the Division II window.

At 0200 on October 13, the snubber associated with maintenance work order request (MWOR) 137155 was removed and was functionally tested at 0656 that day. This snubber was reinstalled on October 17 in violation of the 72 hour time limit of the action statement of TS 3.7.4. The four remaining snubbers were removed on October 18 and 19 and reinstalled, prior to exceeding the 72 hour action time, on October 19 and October 20, respectively.

On October 21, while performing his review, the Administrative Control Operating Foreman discovered that the snubber associated with MWOR 137155 had been removed from standby service water piping downstream of the Division III HPCS diesel generator. The remaining snubber packages were located, and the status was assessed. All the snubbers were found to be installed.

GSU continues to evaluate this event and will specifically address the cause and corrective actions in a supplemental report by December 18, 1990.

SAFETY ASSESSMENT

Four of the five snubbers were reinstalled and returned to operable status within the 72 hour time period allowed in Technical Specification 3/4.7.4. The fifth snubber, located downstream of the Division III HPCS diesel service water piping, was removed for

approximately 111 hours (39 hours longer than the 72 hours allowed). During that time, the piping was not subjected to any of the dynamic events (i.e., fluid transient or seismic activity) for which the subject snubber is required. Consequently, the integrity of the piping has not been compromised. Therefore, this event did not adversely affect the health and safety of the public.

NOTE: Energy Industry Identification System Codes are identified in the text as (*XX*).