DCS No: 050334-821018 Date: October 18, 1982

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-82-65

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the Region I staff on this date.

Facility:	Beaver Valley Power Station	Licensee Emergency Classification:			
	Unit 1	x Notification of Unusual Event			
	Duquesne Light Company	Alert			
	Shippingport, Pennsylvania (DN 50-33	34) Site Area Emergency			
		General Emergency			
		Not Applicable			

Subject: PLANT TRIP AND PARTIAL LOSS OF OFFSITE POWER

Due to erratic operation of a feedwater control valve, the reactor tripped on high level in a Steam Generator at 8:26 a.m. on October 18. The resulting feedwater isolation tripped the motor-driven main feedwater pumps and the auxiliary feedwater pumps started. To limit plant cooldown, operators attempted to re-start one of the motor-driven main feedwater pumps. During this attempt, two of the 4Kv busses automatically stripped loads and an under voltage condition was seen on an emergency bus, starting its associated Emergency Diesel Generator, which picked up the bus loads. The other emergency bus remained energized.

Operators notified the NRC Duty Officer of the trip and attendant problems via ENS in accordance with 10 CFR 50.72. Simultaneously, an independent emergency preparedness group made notifications of an Unusal Event to offsite agencies except the NRC without the knowledge of control room personnel. The classification was apparently based on the partial loss of offsite power. NRC was made aware of the Unusual Event declaration as a result of queries by FDA.

The electrical lineup was restored to normal and conditions stabilized by 9:20 a.m. The Unsual Event was terminated at 9:22 a.m. Plant Startup is being delayed one or two days to perform unrelated maintenance and to troubleshoot the feedwater regulating system.

NRC, Region I was notified of the 50.72 report by the HQ Duty Officer at about 9:30 a.m. The licensee has issued a press release. Region I will respond to inquiries. A Region I Project Engineer has arrived on site and is looking into the event. This information is current as of 12:30 p.m.

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