

Docket Nos: 50-413
and 50-414

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APPLICANT: Duke Power Company
FACILITY: Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2
SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MEETING ON COLD LICENSE EXAMINATION
SCHEDULE OF CATAWBA OPERATORS

On September 9, 1982, the NRC staff met in Cornelius, North Carolina with representatives from Duke Power Company to discuss cold license examination schedule of Catawba operators. A list of attendees is attached (Enclosure 1).

Duke's representatives initiated the discussion and presented viewgraphs (Enclosure 2) regarding their plans and proposals for training and staffing personnel to start-up and operate both Catawba units. The five proposals made by Duke are summarized on the last page of Enclosure 2. Duke's proposals and the staff responses are stated below:

1. Regarding Duke's proposal that the NRC examinations be conducted at Catawba and not at the McGuire simulator, the staff stated that SECY 82-232 applies (i.e. no examinations on non-plant specific simulator). The staff plans to be involved in the certification examinations on the McGuire simulator. Duke should notify the staff of the exact examination dates which will be around the October-November 1982 time-frame.
2. Regarding Duke's proposal that three cold license examinations be conducted prior to 20% full power on Unit 1, the staff stated that this is acceptable subject to staff resources and schedule changes. Duke stated that they need 45 to 60 persons to start-up Unit 1 and go to Unit 2. In addition, they plan to have all the instructors licensed or certified as senior reactor operators (SROs).
3. Regarding Duke's proposal that Unit 1 cold license examinations be conducted within a one year window prior to fuel load, and the course of action if there is a schedule delay, the staff stated that the one year window should be changed to six months, and in case of a minor (up to several months) schedule delay, the staff would like to maintain the schedule for written examinations, but will slip orals as fuel load date slips.

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4. Regarding Duke's proposal to have the option to cold license people on Unit 2 prior to 20% full power, the staff stated that they disagreed in principle with the intent of this option (i.e. to bypass the 1-year reactor operator (RO) requirement to be eligible for SRO, by licensing those individuals on a cold plant, Unit 2 instead of a hot plant, Unit 1). However, Duke must recognize that all SRO applicants, whether on Unit 1 or Unit 2, must meet the 4 years of responsible power plant experience requirement.

5. Regarding Duke's proposal to upgrade the facility certified reactor operators to take SRO NRC examinations, the staff stated that upgrading is acceptable, however, the staff will have to check applications against existing SRO eligibility criteria.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the staff toured the McGuire simulator and the Catawba control room.

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INTRODUCTION

WE APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS OUR LICENSE PREPARATORY PLANS WITH YOU TODAY.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS OUR PLANS AND PROPOSALS AND TO RECEIVE NRC APPROVAL OF OUR APPROACH.

IN 1978 WE HAD A SIMILAR MEETING WITH JOE BUZY IN ATLANTA. AT THAT TIME, WE RECEIVED VERBAL APPROVAL THAT THE NRC EXAMS WOULD BE GIVEN ON CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION RATHER THAN THE MCGUIRE NUCLEAR STATION SIMULATOR. WE WOULD LIKE TO RECONFIRM THAT POSITION TODAY.

WE ARE REQUESTING NRC APPROVAL OF OUR APPROACH NOW, APPROXIMATELY TWO (2) YEARS PRIOR TO FUEL LOADING, SO THAT WE CAN MAKE THE NECESSARY TRAINING AND STAFFING DECISIONS TO START-UP AND OPERATE BOTH UNITS WITHOUT AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF OVERTIME.

AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THIS MEETING, WE WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT TO THE APPROPRIATE NRC REPRESENTATIVE, THE PROPOSALS THAT WE HAVE AGREED TO TODAY AND RECEIVE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THESE PROPOSALS. THIS WILL ALLOW US TO PROCEED WITH SOME ASSURANCE OF PROGRAM ACCEPTABILITY IN THE FUTURE.

MILESTONES
(SCHEDULED DATES)

UNIT #1

- Start HFT 6-84
- End HFT 8-84
- Fuel Load 11-84
- Initial Criticality 2-85
- Synchronize to System 3-85
- 20% FP 4-85

Unit #2

- Start HFT 6-86
- End HFT 8-86
- Fuel Load 11-86
- Initial Criticality 2-87
- Synchronize to System 3-87
- 20% FP 4-87

DUKE POWER COMPANY
CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION
TRAINING PROPOSAL

I. USE OF THE MCGUIRE SIMULATOR FOR CATAWBA LICENSING EXAMINATIONS

A. Position

Due to design and procedural differences, NRC licensing training and examinations can be more effectively conducted at the Catawba Nuclear Station than at the McGuire Simulator.

B. Basis

The differences between McGuire Nuclear Station and the Catawba Nuclear Station fall into three categories:

1. System/Component Design Differences
2. Control Board Layout Differences
3. Procedure Differences

Attachment #1 outlines some of the system/component design differences.

Control board layout differences are shown in the accompanying book comparing McGuire's boards and Catawba's boards.

The Catawba procedures vary from McGuire procedures due to design differences and also vary to some extent in format, style and organization. Catawba's Administrative Procedures are also different.

In summary, our Licensing Training Program would have to include two different courses - one for the McGuire Simulator Examination and one for the Catawba Examination. It is inappropriate and negative training to spend time in training on McGuire when this time could be spent learning Catawba information or participating in pre-operational testing activities.

C. Recommendation

The NRC licensing examinations be conducted at the Catawba Nuclear Station and not on the McGuire Simulator.

II. COLD LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

A. Position

Three (3) cold license examinations need to be given prior to 20% full power on Unit #1 and cold license examinations should be given on Unit #2 after Unit #1 reaches 20% full power. This will provide the personnel necessary to startup and operate both units.

B. Basis

Our experience at Oconee and McGuire Nuclear Stations indicates the need to cold license more operators. By licensing more operators, we will be able to operate Unit #1 and start-up Unit #2 and hold overtime to a minimum.

C. Recommendation

Conduct three (3) cold license examinations prior to Unit #1 at 20% full power. Conduct cold license examinations on Unit #2 after Unit #1 reaches 20% full power and conduct Unit #1 hot licenses as required (See Attachment #2). After application, we assume that all licensed operators will receive Unit #1 and Unit #2 licenses prior to Unit #2 fuel loading without taking a separate examination on each unit. This is justified since the units are essentially identical and training will be conducted on any differences.

Retraining will commence after the first examination is given so that knowledge and skills can be maintained.

III. QUALIFICATION OF RO CERTIFIED OPERATORS FOR THE SRO NRC EXAMINATION

A. Position

Upgrade RO certified operators to allow them to take the SRO NRC examination by providing sufficient training and experience.

B. Basis

By providing sufficient training and experience, RO certified operators can be developed so that by the time for the NRC license examination they will be qualified to be SRO licensed.

The time between certification and the actual licensing of an individual is probably several years. During this time, one is exposed to several years of pre-operational activities and months of training. This is sufficient to qualify a person to take a SRO examination providing his performance has been satisfactory.

C. Recommendation

RO certified operators will be upgraded to take the SRO NRC examination by the following means:

1. One additional month of observation/OJT at McGuire Unit #1
2. Participation in Catawba plant specific SRO training
3. On-shift participation in pre-operational startup activities

Typical Major Differences

<u>SYSTEM/COMPONENT</u>	<u>MCGUIRE</u>	<u>CATAWBA</u>
1. Turbine	Westinghouse	General Electric
2. Turbine Controls	D.E.H.	E.H.C.
3. Steam Generators	Different Model S/G's Programmed level is ramped	Unit #1 - Programmed level is ramped Unit #2 - Programmed level is constant
4. Condenser	Waterboxes in Parallel Uniform Pressure	Waterboxes in Series Three Different Pressures
5. Condenser Heat Sink	Lake Water	Forced Draft Cooling Towers
6. Condensate and Feedwater	3 Trains of Heaters Condensate Coolers	2 Trains of Heaters No Condensate Coolers
7. Cond./Fdw. Heater Drains	Vertical Heaters 3-C Htr Drain Pumps 3-G Htr Drain Pumps	Horizontal Heaters 2-C Htr Drain Pumps
8. Residual Heat Removal (RHR)	1 Reactor Coolant Loop Suction	2 Reactor Coolant Loop Suctions
9. ECCS Swapover From Injection to Cold Leg Recirc	Manual Swap/ Auto Backup	Auto Swap/ Manual Backup
10. Nuclear Service Water	Essential Train Separation (1) S _s (2) B/O Swap to SNSWP (1) S _s (2) B/O	Essential Train Separation (1) S _p Swap to SNSWP (1) S _p (2) Lo-lo Pit Lvl

Typical Major Differences

<u>SYSTEM/COMPONENT</u>	<u>MCGUIRE</u>	<u>CATAWBA</u>
	Auto Pump Start	Auto Pump Start
	(1) S _s	(1) S _s
	(2) B/O	(2) B/O
		(3) Lo-lo Pit Lvl
11. ECCS Motor Coolers	Cooled by Nuclear Service Water	Cooled by Component Cooling
12. Component Cooling	Common Surge Tank (Split)	Each Train has Separate Surge Tanks
	Flow Capacity	More Capacity than MNS
13. Auxiliary Transformers	Two Per Unit	Four Per Unit
14. Essential Power	Common Essential and Blackout Bus	Separate Blackout Bus
	Nordberg D/G - 4000 KW	DeLaval D/G - 7000 KW
	Switching Logic is Different	
15. 6.9 KV Distribution	Major Differences in Switching Logic	
16. Vital DC	One Source	Isolating Diode to D/G Battery

ATTACHMENT # 2
 DUKE POWER COMPANY
 CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION
 COLD- LICENSE TRAINING AND EXAM SCHEDULE

DATE _____
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MONTHS PRIOR TO
 AND AFTER UNIT
 #1 FUEL LOAD

29 27 25 23 21 19 17 15 13 11 9 7 5 3 0 3 5 7

UNIT # 1
 MILE STONES

START HFT END HFT FUEL LOAD INIT. CRIT CLOSE BKRS. 20% FP

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 NO IN CLASS (15-20)

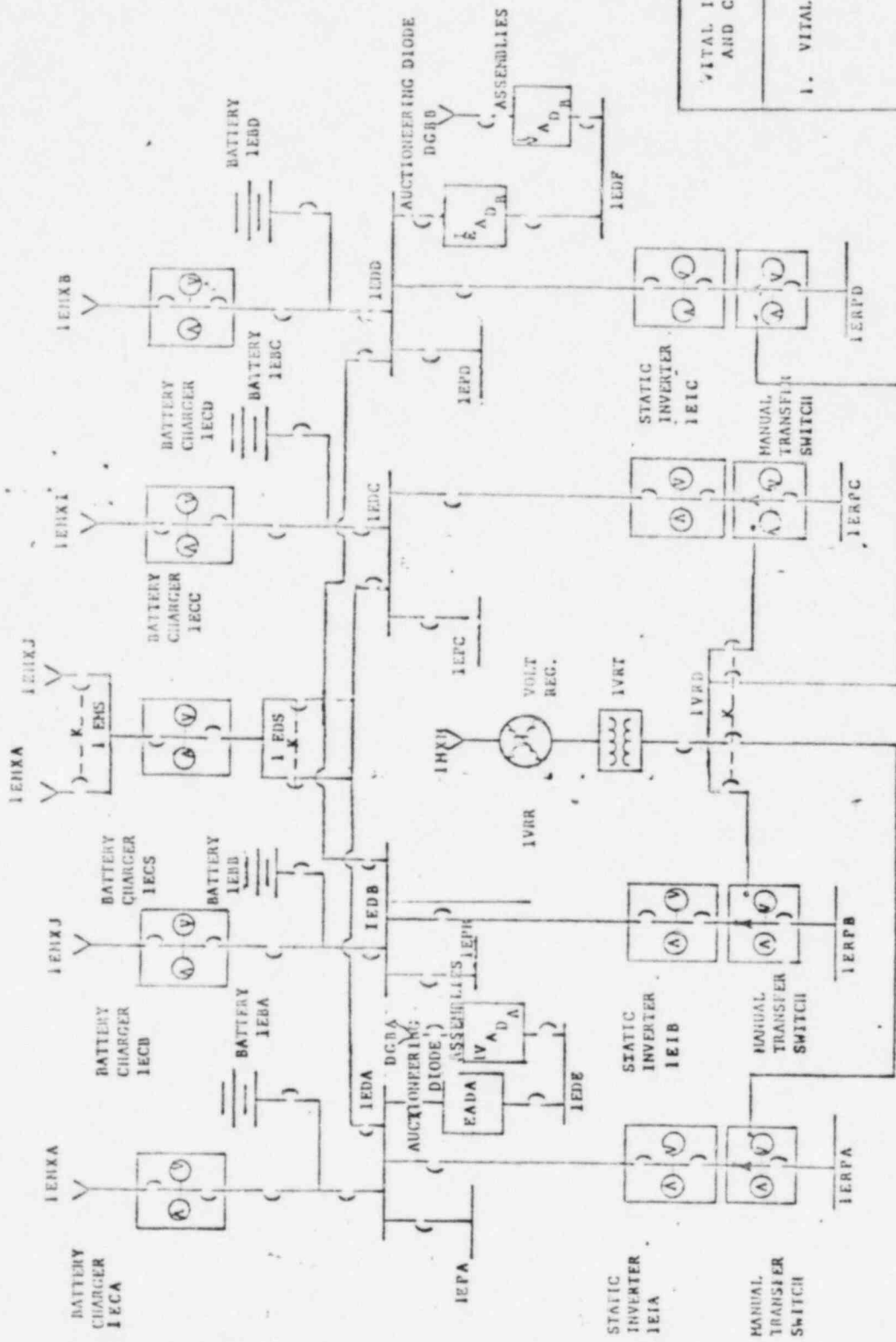


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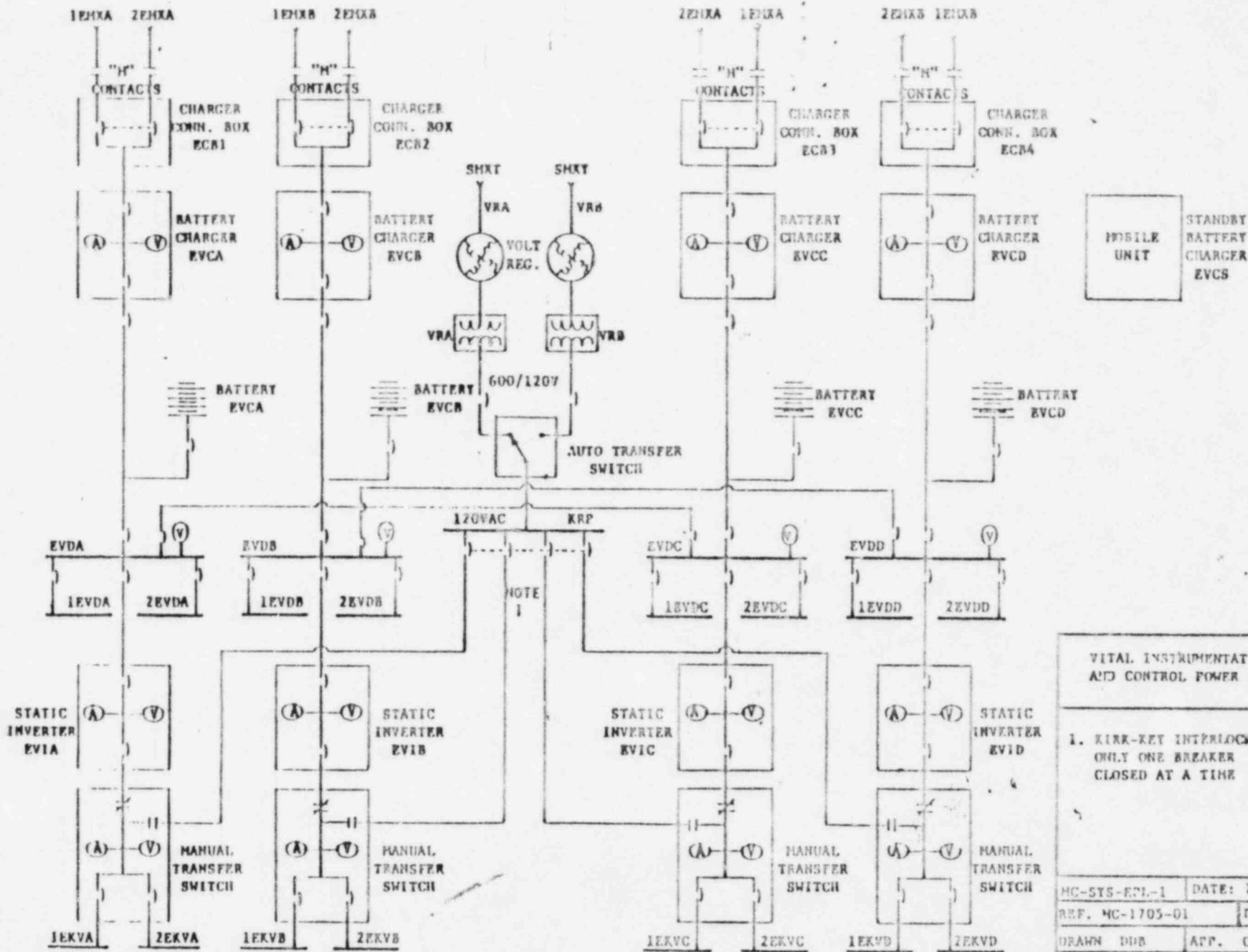




VITAL INSTRUMENTATION
AND CONTROL

1. VITAL I & C UNIT 1

IN-SYS-RFC-1 DATE: 4-11-81
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 TRAINING USE ONLY



VITAL INSTRUMENTATION
AND CONTROL POWER (EPC)

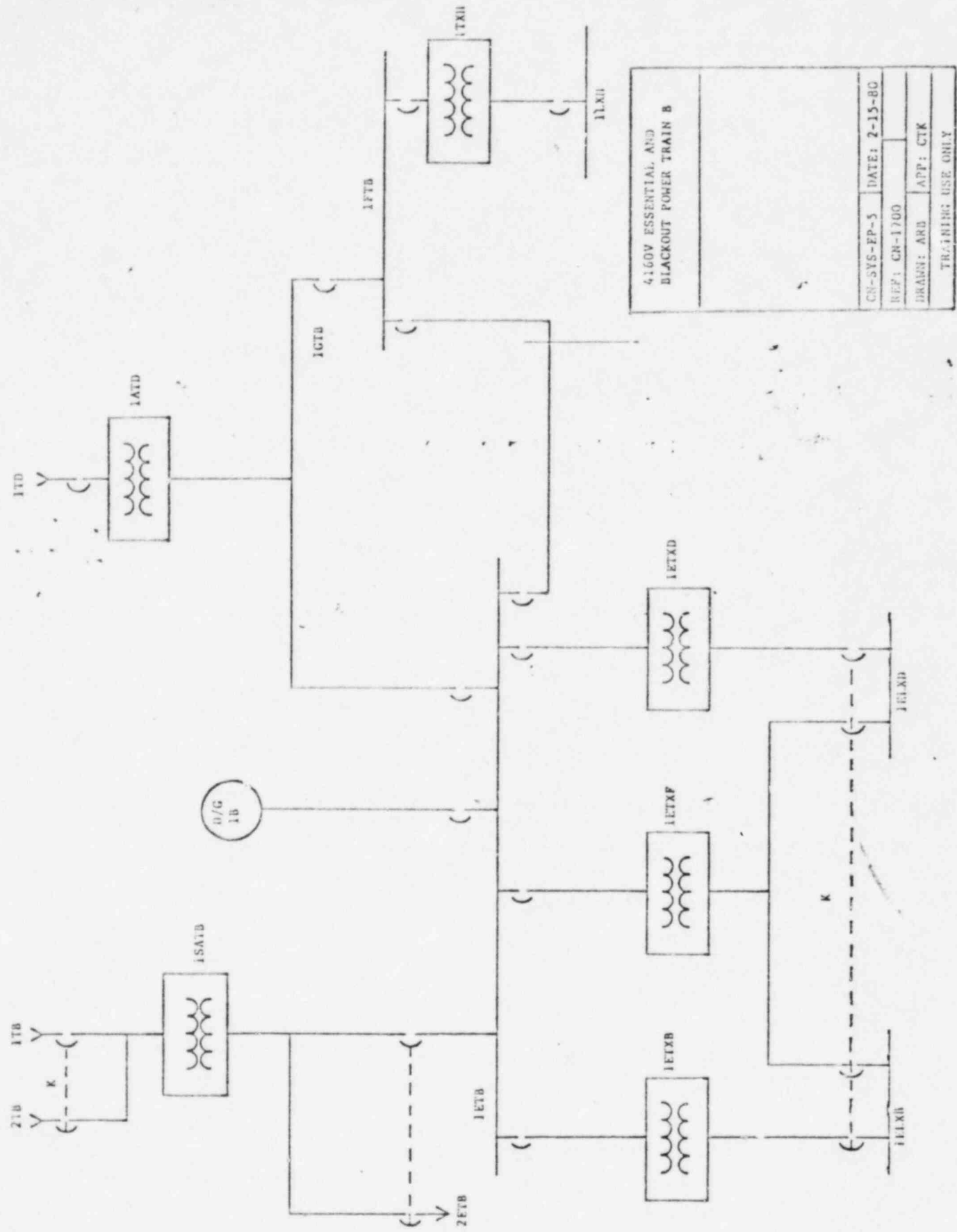
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ONLY ONE BREAKER
CLOSED AT A TIME

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ITEMS REQUIRING NRC APPROVAL

1. NRC EXAM CONDUCTED AT CNS AND NOT AT MNS SIMULATOR
2. THREE (3) COLD LICENSE EXAMS CONDUCTED PRIOR TO UNIT #1 AT 20% FP
3. CONDUCT UNIT #1 COLD LICENSE EXAMS WITHIN A ONE (1) YEAR WINDOW PRIOR TO FUEL LOAD, IF THERE IS A SCHEDULE DELAY
4. HAVE THE OPTION TO COLD LICENSE PEOPLE ON UNIT #2 PRIOR TO 20% FP
5. UPGRADE THE RO CERTIFIED OPERATORS TO TAKE THE SRO NRC EXAM BY:
 - ONE (1) ADDITIONAL MONTH OF OJT AT MNS #1
 - PARTICIPATION IN CNS SRO TRAINING
 - ON-SHIFT PARTICIPATION IN PRE-OPERATIONAL START-UP ACTIVITIES

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