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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is Licensee Event Report (LER) 90-019 which is submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73.

Sincerely,

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EVENT DESCRIPTION

On December 14, 1990, Crystal River Unit 3 was in MODE 5 (Cold Shutdown) for a short maintenance outage. During this outage, the pressurizer spray control valve (RCV-14) [AB,VLV], a non safety-related, non Evironmentally Qualified (EQ) valve, was being repacked. In order to accomplish this task, the valve motor operator was removed. The valve motor operator consists of a motor and a drive unit or gearbox. While the operator was removed from the valve, the motor was being replaced. Motor replacement is the normal practice each time the valve is removed from service for maintenance. In the course of replacement, it was discovered that the installed motor was not as originally specified for this valve. This is a condition outside the design basis for this valve and reportable under 10 CFR 50.73 (a)(2)(ii)(B).

There was no failure of the valve or operator associated with this discrepancy. The original design specified a motor with a 25 foot-pound torque rating, the motor removed had a 15 foot-pound rating. This lower torque did not render the valve inoperable or cause any degradation in its operation. An engineering calculation was performed and it was shown from the calculation that the lower torque motor was acceptable in this application.

CAUSE

Florida Power Corporation (FPC) has been unable to determine the exact cause of this event. A review of the plant design documents was unable to locate modification records allowing the use of a 15 foot-pound torque motor prior to this event. A search of the plant records was unable to conclusively determine when the incorrect motor was installed on the valve.

EVENT EVALUATION

This valve operator, which had the lower torque motor, was removed from the valve in the reactor coolant system. The valve operator was in service from at least the last refueling outage (which ended June 1990). The valve had limit switch problems during that time period, but these have now been corrected. Further, it has been determined that these problems with the limit switch were not related to the torque rating of the motor. Additionally, FPC performed engineering calculations that showed the valve had a sufficient operating margin, including all the normally applied conservatisms; and on the basis of those calculations, changed the design documents to reflect that a 15 foot-pound torque motor is acceptable in this application. Since the valve showed acceptable service and since the calculations showed an acceptable operating margin, it is the conclusion of FPC that this event had no safety consequences.

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CORRECTIVE ACTION

An engineering calculation was performed to determine if the installed motor was acceptable. The calculations demonstrated an acceptable sizing margin with a 15 foot-pound torque motor. A plant modification record was generated to change the design documents. A safety review was performed as required by 10 CFR 50.59 as part of the plant modification record. The 15 foot-pound torque motor was reinstalled on the valve operator and the valve returned to service. The valve is performing acceptably in this configuration.

In June 1989, the NRC issued Generic Letter 89-10. which required the licensees to establish a program to test and inspect the Motor Operated Valves (MOVs) in their facility. At CR-3 the MOV program has been written and is in the process of being implemented. Due to the number of valves involved, a five year period was established in which to fully implement this program. The valve, RCV-14 [AB,VLV], is covered by the program. It was not scheduled for its first programmatic inspection and test until a future outage. For this reason, it had not been tested as part of the program to date. In the future, all work on this operator will be controlled by this program.

FPC has identified several other valves that are not safety related and not part of 10 CFR 50.49 EQ program that may be susceptible to a similar event, and these valves will be visually examined to confirm that this is an isolated event.

PREVIOUS SIMILAR OCCURRENCES

There are no previous occurrences of an incorrect motor being installed in a valve operator at CR-3.