

February 18, 1994

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-94-007

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 II staff on this date.

Facility

Carolina Power & Light Co.
Robinson 2
Hartsville, South Carolina
Dockets: 50-261

Licensee Emergency Classification

Notification of Unusual Event
Alert
Site Area Emergency
General Emergency
X Not Applicable

Subject: SHUTDOWN OF H. B. ROBINSON UNIT 2

On February 18, 1994, at 3:12 a.m., H. B. Robinson - Unit 2 began a shutdown from 30 percent power after emergency diesel generator "B" experienced a failure of its scavenging air blower during post-maintenance operability testing. The diesel was already inoperable and in a "7-day to shutdown" Technical Specification Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) due to a failure to start during surveillance testing on February 11, 1994. Because the associated diesel repairs would take longer than the time left on the existing 7-day LCO, shutdown of the unit was commenced.

The unit, which had restarted 10 days ago after being shutdown since November 18, 1993 (see PNO-II-94-006), is currently in hot shutdown conditions. NRC (Region II) will continue to provide around-the-clock coverage/followup of the diesel repair activities and subsequent unit restart. Restart is not expected until February 21, 1994.

This information is current as of 12:00 p.m., on February 18, 1994.

The State of South Carolina has been notified.

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