

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Docket Nos. 50-317 and 50-318

LICENSEE:

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BG&E)

FACILITY:

Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2

SUBJECT:

SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD WITH BG&E ON NOVEMBER 1, 1990 TO DISCUSS THE ACCEPTABLE COPING TIME ASSOCIATED WITH STATION

BLACK-OUT

BACKGROUND

On July 21, 1988, the Code of Federal Regulations 10 CFR Part 50, was amended to include a new Section 50.63, entitled, "Loss of All Alternating Current Power," (Station Blackout). The station blackout (SBO) rule requires that each light-water-cooled nuclear power plant be able to withstand and recover from an SBO of specified duration. The SBO rule also requires that information defined in the rule be provided to the staff for review.

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BG&E or the licensee) provided a response to the SBO rule for the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, by letter dated April 14, 1989, March 30, 1990, and September 24, 1990. The staff reviewed the responses and prepared a safety evaluation (SE) dated October 10, 1990. The SE included the criteria used to determine compliance with the SBO rule and indicated that several reevaluations and confirmations still need to be completed as described in the SE.

PURPOSE

Members of the NRC staff met with the licensee's representatives in Rockville, Maryland, on November 1, 1990, to discuss specific concerns pertaining to recommendations outlined in the SBO SE. These included reevaluating the plant's ability to cope with an SBO for 8-hours or provide additional justification for the 4-hour duration provided in the licensee's response.

Enclosed is a copy of the proposed agenda, the licensee's presentation, and the attendance list.

SUMMARY

Based on the recommendations of the SE, it was suggested that the licensee reevaluate the plant's ability to cope with an SBO for 8-hours or verify that the July 23, 1987, loss of offsite power (LOOP) was a random occurrence and not

symptomatic of grid instability. The LOOP was caused by a ground fault developed on one of the two 500 KV transmission lines connecting Calvert Cliffs to the BG&E grid. In addition, circuit breakers at the Calvert Cliffs facility for the other transmission line incorrectly tripped open. The fault on the transmission line was caused by a tree that came in contact with the transmission line. The cause of the transmission line circuit breakers tripping incorrectly was determined to be the fault of a defective logic circuit card in the primary static relay panel.

The licensee's presentation included a description of the event, root causes, corrective actions taken, and future offsite power enhancements. The licensee responded to the staff's questions related to the LOOP event. However, insufficient information was provided to support the licensee's determination that the failure of the logic circuit card was random. Based on the staff's concerns, the licensee indicated that it would further assess the root cause of the failure, tests performed, and other data to support its conclusion that the failure was random.

By letters dated November 13, 1990, and December 13, 1990, the licensee responded to the staff's SE and concerns raised during the meeting. The staff' is currently reviewing the licensee's responses and will provide a supplemental SE. The adequacy of the licensee's justification for the 4-hour coping time for a SEO at Calvert Cliffs will be addressed in the supplemental SE.

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Proposed Agenda

NRC/BG&E Meeting on Station Blackout

November 1, 1990

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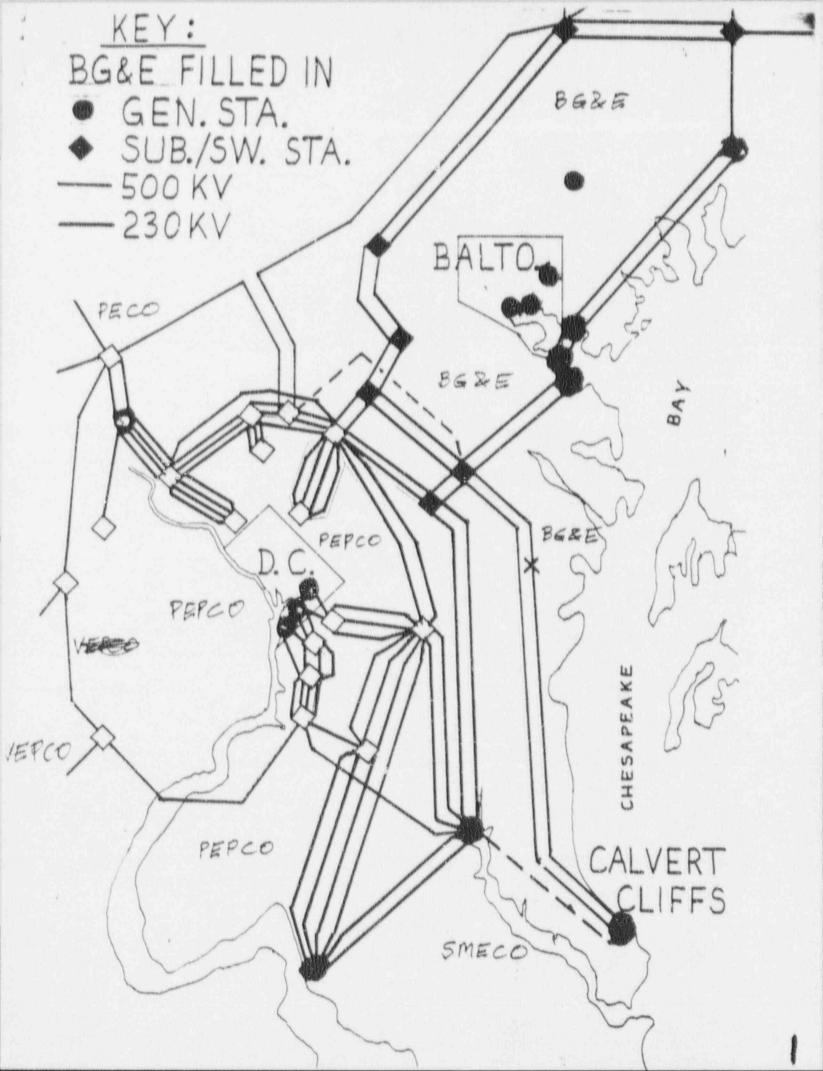
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II.	Loss of Offsite Power Analysis	BG&E
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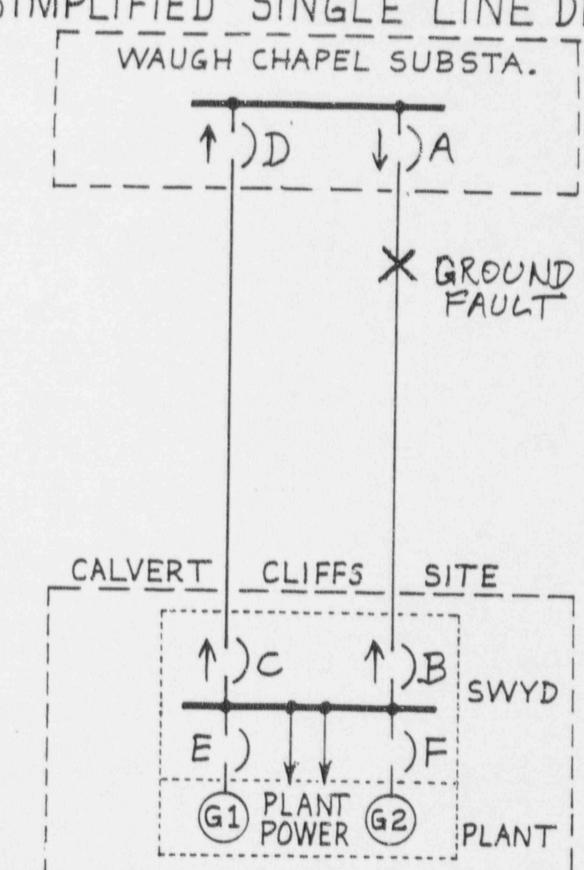
CALVERT CLIFFS

- O AREA TRANSMISSION GRID
- O CONNECTION TO GRID
- O DESCRIPTION OF EVENT
- O ROOT CAUSES &

 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS
- O FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS
- o P2 VERSUS P3



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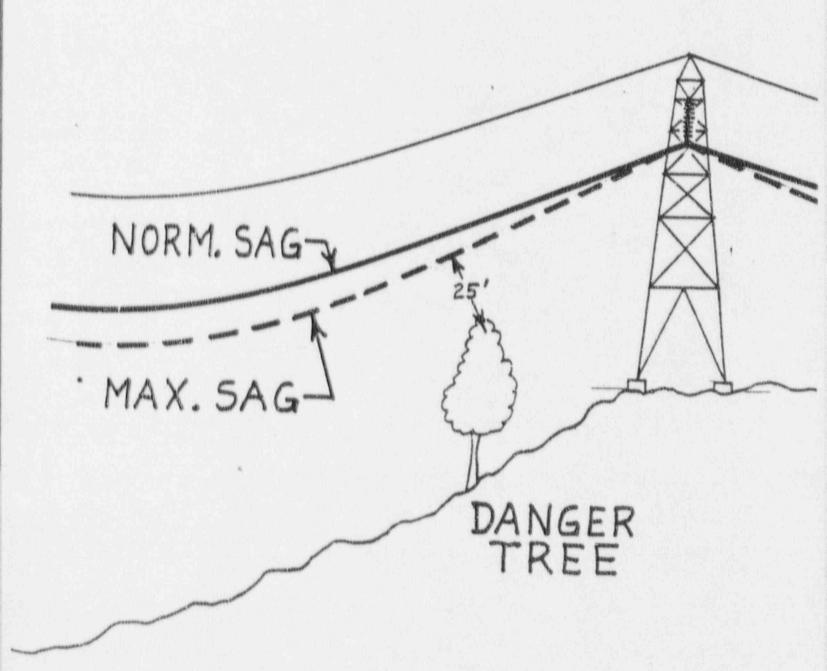
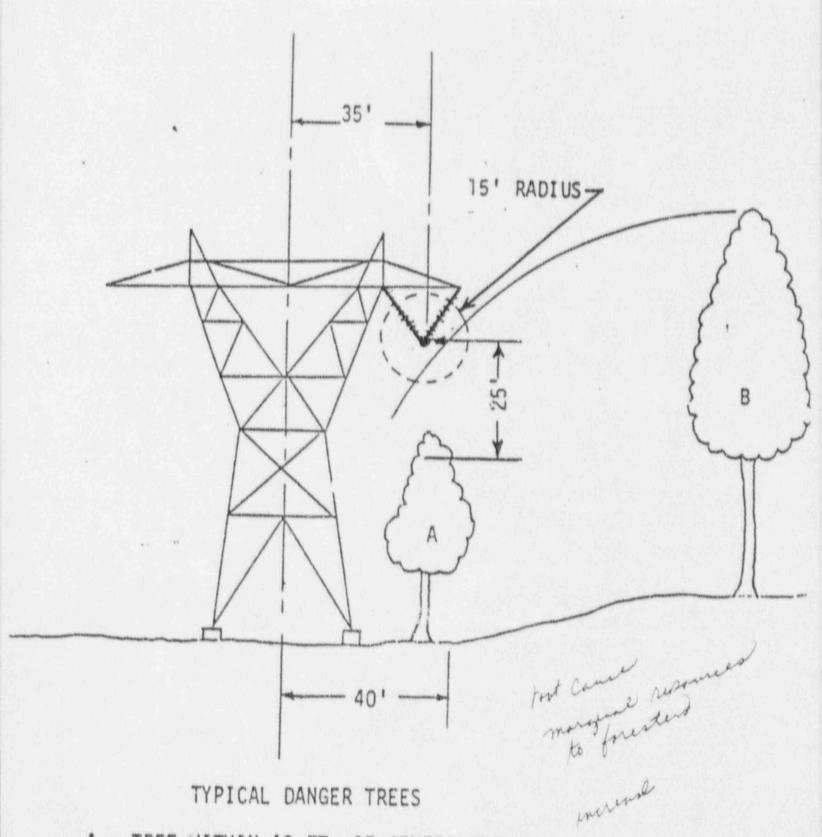


EXHIBIT I

FROM SPEC FOR
PHOTOGRAMMETRIC DANGER
TREE SURVEY



A = TREE WITHIN 40 FT. OF CENTERLINE

B = TREE BEYOND 40 FT. OF CENTERLINE

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