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Plant Conditions

(a) Reactor Power - 17%

(b) Vessel Pressure - 935 Psig

(c) 40% Bypass Valve Position

(d) Power Ascension Testing

(e) Reactor - Mode 1

Event

On May 17, 1984 at approximately 1010 a Control Room Operator received a "Feed Pump on Minimum Speed" annunciator. The Operator observed feed pump turbine speed had decreased from its demanded speed of 4000 RPM to 3300 RPM (idle speed). At that speed pump discharge pressure was insufficient to supply feedwater to the Reactor resulting in a slowly decreasing vessel level.

Attempts to gain control of the turbine proved futile prompting the Operator to reduce Reactor pressure to 875 Psig. This reduction in pressure was successful in restoring vessel water level to normal.

However, at approximately 1016 feed pump turbine speed dropped to 300 RPM resulting in a rapidly decreasing Reactor water level. The Reactor was manually shutdown prior to reaching the Reactor low water level Reactor Protection System (RPS) actuation setpoint.

Immediate Corrective Action

Investigation subsequent to the event disclosed two socket head hex screws designed to retain the set position of the feed pump turbine serve control feedback mechanical linkage had backed out, allowing a loss of speed control due to the linkage slipping on its shaft. The malfunctioning linkage was repositioned, its retaining screws were retightened and staked in position to preclude reoccurance.

Further Corrective Action

Inspection of the other feedpump turbine unit was performed. The retaining screws on the servo control feedback mechanical linkage were similarly staked to preclude loosening.

Safety Significance

Any loss of level control is a potentially significant event; however, in this failure Operator action mitigated any potential hazard and precluded ESF activation. This event posed no danger to Plant personnel or to the public.

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Subject: NUCLEAR PLANT NO. 2

LICENSEE EVENT REPORT NO. 84-042

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is Licensee Event Report No. 84-042 for WNP-2 Plant. This report is submitted in response to the report requirements of Technical Specification Section 6.9.1.7 and discusses the item of noncompliance, corrective action taken, and action taken to preclude recurrence.

This is the follow-up report to the verbal notification given at 1105 hours on May 17, 1984.

Very truly yours,

J. D. Martin (M/D 927M) WNP-2 Plant Manager

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Enclosure:

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