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On September 26, 1984, a reactor trip occurred as a result of "C" Reactor Coolant Pump Motor Trip. The RCP motor trip was due to complete fracture of the "A" phase main load connection bus bar. This failure initiated an instantaneous ground fault on all phases. Immediately following the trip, all control and protection systems functioned as expected with the exception of the rod bottom light for Rod J-7.

The bus bar failure was found to be similar to the fracture of "B" phase which occurred on "C" RCP during December 15, 1983. The exact cause for these failures has not been determined at this time.

All main load connection bus bars will be replaced in "C" Reactor Coolant Pump prior to the unit restart. The cause for the failures will be investigated.

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#### 1. Description of the Event

On September 26, 1984, at 2227, with unit 1 at 80% power, a reactor trip was initiated when "C" RCP breaker opened. The breaker tripped due to instantaneous grounding of all phases.

Following the reactor trip, the Rod Bottom Light for Rod J-7 did not actuate, however the IRPI indication worked correctly.

All other protection and control systems were noted to function properly. Operators followed appropriate plant procedures and stabilized the plant following the reactor trip.

## 2. Safety Consequences and Implications

Technical Specifications require that a sufficient number of reactor coolant pumps be operating to provide coastdown core cooling flow in the event of a loss of reactor coolant flow accident. The loss of one pump from a nominal reactor coolant system heat output of 100% (2441 MWt) with three loops operating is an analyzed event in the Design Basis of Technical Specifications. Further more, the reactor protection logic is designed to maintain sufficient margin above a DNBR of 1.30, wit' loss of RCS flow.

Technical Specifications requires the rod position indication system be operable and capable of determining the control rod positions within + 12 steps. During this event, the rod position indicating system was operable for Rod J-7. In addition, all other safety related systems remained operable during the event and plant parameters remained within the bounds of the accident analysis. Therefore, this event did not constitute an unreviewed safety question nor affect the health and safety of the public.

### 3. Cause

The reactor trip was due to the "C" RCP Trip on instantaneous ground fault on all phases. A preliminary inspection of the motor leads has revealed a complete separation of "A" phase main load connection bus bar. This failure initiated the instantaneous ground fault on all phases. The exact cause for this failure has not been determined at this time. A visual inspection, liquid dye penetrant test, will be performed on all phases for all pumps during the current outage.

The failure of the rod bottom light for Rod "J-7" was due to a sticking relay.

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# 4. Immediate Corrective Action

Operators performed all appropriate Emergency Procedures and Function Restoration procedures to ensure the plant was returned to a stable condition. In addition, the RPI system gave immediate and correct indication of Rod "J-7" rosition.

Also, the STA performed the critical safety function status tree reviews to ensure specific plant parameters were noted and the appropriate procedures were used to maintain those parameters within safe bounds.

### 5. Additional Corrective Actions

All main load connection Bus Bars are being replaced in "C" RCP. The relay controlling the rod bottom light was reseated and cycled satisfactory. No additional corrective actions are deemed necessary for the rod bottom light relay.

## 6. Action Taken to Prevent Recurrence

The cause for the Bus Bar failures will be investigated. Findings will be reported and recorded in an update to this report.

#### 7. Generic Implications

A similar failure occurred on "C" RCP motor on "B" phase main load connection Bus Bar on December 15, 1983. (Reference Trip Report: "C" RCP Trip/Reactor Trip, Unit No. 1).

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#### Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Surry Power Station Technical Specifications, the Virginia Electric and Power Company hereby submits the following Licensee Event Report for Surry Unit 1.

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This report has been reviewed by the Station Nuclear Safety and Operating Committee and will be reviewed by Safety Evaluation and Control.

Very truly yours,

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