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On 1/4/85 at 2248, with the plant operating in Mode 4, the 1A Steam Generator experienced a low-low level alarm resulting in a reactor trip and Aux Feedwater actuation. Prior to the event, the Steam Generator Blowdown System was valved in at 1800 to decrease the level in the Steam Generators in preparation for heat-up. At 1849, Steam Generator Blowdown was secured and at 2115 the 1A Steam Generator low level alarm annunciated in the Main Control Room. The Unit Operator suspected a leaky blowdown valve and manually isolated the system at this time. However, the Unit Operator, involved in his shift turnover, did not recheck his level instrumentation (assuming the blowdown isolation corrected the problem), and at 2248 the low-low Steam Generator level alarm initiated the reactor trip. In the time between the low level and the low-low level alarms, a Main Steam valve line-up to drain condensation that might have formed in the steam lines was being conducted. This valve line-up took long enough to create the additional level loss in the 1A Steam Generator due to condensation. There was no indication of an increase in water inventory in the Blowdown System.

Plant and public safety were not affected by this event since the control rods were fully inserted and there was no decay heat in the core. The operating staff is being appraised of this event through the station's required reading program.

Previous occurrences: None

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Dear Sir:

The enclosed Licensee Event Report from Byron Generating Station is being transmitted to you in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.73 (a)(2)(iv) which requires a 30 day written report.

This report is number 85-008-00, Docket No. 50-454.

Very truly yours,

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