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Gentlemen:

During the course of a Vibration Aging and Seismic Testing Program of an EFCO-600 Series 600 Actuator manufactured by Gulf & Western Fluid Systems Division, a latch roller bearing failure was observed. The bearing is the latching roller located on the blocking lever mechanism. These tests were being conducted under a contract from Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation, the designated Architect/Engineer for Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation for the Nine Mile Point Plant. The EFCO-600 Series Actuators are quarter turn actuators used to actuate (on/off) main steam isolation valves (MSIV) that were manufactured by Gulf & Western Fluid Systems Division formerly of 25 Graystone Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886.

Subsequent to the bearing failure a static load test was conducted on an identical bearing installed in the EFCO Series 600 Actuator to determine the actual static load on the bearing. These static load tests were conducted at the Crosby Valve & Gage Company, Wrentham, Massachusetts, under contract to Stone & Webster. These tests showed that the static loads imposed on the bearing exceeded the bearing manufacturer's maximum published load for that bearing. (Torrington Bearing Design Number 28NBL4855YJ.)

Since failure of the bearing in service would render the main steam isolation valve inoperative, Crosby Valve & Gage Company and Gulf & Western Manufacturing Company have determined that, in their opinion, a probable cause for reporting under 10CFR21 exists.

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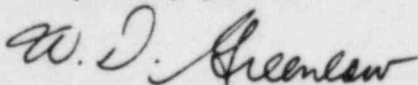
To the best of Crosby's knowledge the following is a complete list of EFCO-600 Actuators that have been manufactured and delivered:

| <u>Gulf & Western Shop Order</u> | <u>Size</u> | <u>Type</u> | <u>Owner/Location</u> | <u>Quantity</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|---|-----------------|
| 1732 | 28" | MSIV | Consumer Power Corporation Midland Units 1 & 2 | 4 |
| 1798 | 24" | MSIV | Duquesne Power Company Beaver Valley - Unit 2 | 3 |
| 2471 | 20" | FWIV | BBC Leibstadt | 2 |
| 2473 | 24" | MSIV | BBC Leibstadt | 4 |
| 2538 | 24" | MSIV | Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. Nine Mile Point 2 | 4 |
| 2540 | 24" | MSIV | Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. Nine Mile Point 2 | 4 |

Gulf & Western Manufacturing Company of 26261 Evergreen Road, Southfield, Michigan 48076, has notified the Consumer Power Corporation, Duquesne Power Company and BBC Leibstadt of the test results and the possibility that the latch roller bearings in their actuators may be subject to failure under similar test conditions. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation has been advised of the bearing problem by Stone & Webster.

Work has begun on the design of a new bearing and retrofit package for this application in anticipation of specific direction from Gulf & Western Manufacturing Company and Stone & Webster.

Very truly yours,



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