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In accordance with Appendix A, Beaver Valley Technical Specifications, the following Licensee Event Report is submitted:

LER 96-003-00, 10 CFR 50.73.a.2.iv, "ESF Actuation - Feedwater Isolation Due to Steam Generator Water Level Transient".

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ESF Actuation - Feedwater Isolation Due to Steam Generator Water Level Transient

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ABSTRACT (Limited to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately 15 single-spaced typewritten lines) (16)

On March 22, 1996, at 2256 hours, during a station shutdown for a refueling outage, a steam generator level transient was initiated when the main unit electrical generator output breakers were opened. In response to the generator shutdown, reactor power was reduced. Steam flow increased as the turbine governor valve modulated to automatically control turbine speed. Steam pressure dropped causing indicated steam generator water level to increase or "swell" and reactor coolant temperature to drop to 538° F.

At 2312 hours, the "A" steam generator level reached the 75 % high steam generator setpoint which initiated a turbine trip and feedwater Isolation signal (FWI). The motor driven auxiliary feed pumps started and the main turbine and the in service main feed pump tripped as designed. The turbine trip stopped the cooldown and the reactor coolant temperature recovered to the normal no load temperature (547°F) at 2316 hours.

This event was reported in accordance with 10CFR50.72(b)(2)(ii) as an event that resulted in an automatic actuation of an engineered safety feature. This written report is being submitted in accordance with 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(iv) as an event involving an Engineered Safety Feature (ESF) Actuation.

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DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

On March 22, 1996 at 2312 hours, a station shutdown was in progress when a high steam generator level turbine trip and feedwater isolation automatically actuated. Actions were in progress to stabilize the reactor at approximately 1% power while maintaining the turbine latched for turbine trip testing. The main unit generator was removed from the electrical grid at 2256 hours. The turbine governor valves modulated closed to maintain 1800 rpm and the turbine bypass valves opened to maintain main steam header pressure at setpoint. Using boration and control rod movement, reactor power was reduced to 2% indicated which was below actual steam demand creating a power mismatch. The governor valves modulated open to maintain turbine speed which resulted in increased steam flow causing indicated steam generator water level to increase or "swell" and reactor coolant temperature to drop to 538° F.

At 2312 hours, the "A" steam generator level reached the 75 % high steam generator setpoint which initiated a turbine trip and feedwater isolation (FWI). The motor driven auxiliary feed pumps started, the in-service main feed pump tripped as designed, and the main turbine tripped stopping the cooldown. The reactor coolant temperature recovered to the normal no load temperature (547° F) at 2316 hours.

CAUSE OF EVENT

The primary cause of this event was a power mismatch which allowed actual steam demand to exceed reactor power. This resulted in a drop in steam pressure as the turbine governor valves modulated open to maintain turbine speed at setpoint. The drop in steam pressure led to the "swell" in steam generator water level. The post event review was unable to confirm the complete closure of the turbine bypass valve (PCV-MS-106A) when steam pressure dropped below setpoint.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

1. Operating procedures will be revised to permit a higher reactor power when performing turbine trip testing. This will place a greater demand on the automatic turbine bypass system ensuring increased system stability.
2. Reactor control at end of life and steam generator level control at low power will be scheduled into periodic simulator training for licensed operating personnel.
3. Troubleshooting will be performed to evaluate the performance of turbine oypass valve PCV-MS-106A during plant startup following the current refueling outage.

REPORTABILITY

This event was reported to the NRC in accordance with 10CFR50.72(b)(2)(ii). This written report is being submitted in accordance with 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(iv) as an event involving an Engineered Safety Feature (ESF) Actuation.

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SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

There were minimal safety implications due to this event. All safety systems functioned as designed. All plant parameters were restored in accordance with plant procedures.

PREVIOUS SIMILAR EVENTS

The following similar events have been previously reported regarding ESF actuations resulting from excessive steam generator transients:

LER 1-89-017 - "Feedwater Isolation Due to Erroneous Level Transmitter Root Valve Position."

LER 1-89-016 - "Feedwater Isolation Due to Erratic Steam Generator Level Transmitter Behavior."