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ABSTRACT

At 2130 hours on July 4, 1985, Waterford 3 Steam Electric Station was at 6% reactor power when an uncomplicated reactor trip occurred due to the Axial Shape Index being out of the range allowed by the Core Protection Calculator. Plant conditions were subsequently stabilized in mode 3 (hot standby).

Plant Personnel have taken short term, and will also take long term, corrective action to prevent this condition from recurring.

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NARRATIVE

At 2130 hours on July 4, 1985, Waterford 3 Steam Flectric Station was at 6% reactor power when an uncomplicated reactor trip occurred due to the Axial Shape Index being out of the range allowed by the Core Protection Calculator. Operations Personnel immediately entered procedures OP-902-000, Emergency Entry Procedure, and OP-902-001, Uncomplicated Reactor Trip Recovery. Plant conditions were subsequently stabilized in mode 3 (hot standby).

The Axial Shape Index was out of range due to the Xenon distribution which occurred as a result of a reactor trip earlier in the day (see Licensee Event Report 85-031). Since the value of the Axial Shape Index is not calculated by the Core Protection Calculator below 6% reactor power, Operations Personnel could not determine that the Axial Shape Index was out of range until they started to increase reactor power above 6%.

SAFETY CONSEQUENCES AND IMPLICATIONS

The above event resulted in an automatic actuation of the Reactor Protective System during initial Startup testing in which no primary system parameters were exceeded. Since the Control Element Assemblies and the Reactor Protective Systems functioned as designed, the event in no way placed Waterford 3 in a degraded safety condition.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

In an effort to prevent this condition from recurring, Plant Operators have been given temporary guidance on returning to power when the potential for adverse Xenon distribution exists. Also, Louisiana Power & Light has enlisted the support of Middle South Utilities who developed a computer program which will allow Plant

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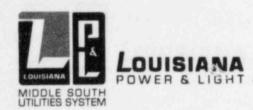
Operators to calculate the Axial Shape Index below 6% reactor power. These are temporary solutions, however, since the Core Protection Calculator/Core Operating Limit Supervisory System will be upgraded during the second fuel cycle such that the actual value of Axial Shape Index will be available to Plant Operators.

SIMILAR EVENTS

NONE

PLANT CONTACT

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Reporting of Licensee Event Report

Dear Sirs:

Attached is Licensee Event Report Number LER-85-032-00 for the Waterford 3 Steam Electric Station. This Licensee Event Report is submitted per 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(iv).

Very truly yours,

K.W. Cook

Nuclear Support & Licensing Manager

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