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SUBJECT: Licensee Event Report

Limerick Generating Station - Unit 2

This LER reports a Unit 2 manual reactor scram, a Reactor Protection System actuation, resulting from a failure of a ball joint which connects the reactor recirculation pump motor generator set scoop tube to the tube positioner. An analysis revealed the ball joint failed from high stress reverse bending fatigue from low amplitude low frequency vibration induced by the fluid coupler.

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This LER is being submitted pursuant to the requirements of 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(iv).

Very truly yours,

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