

February 19, 1988

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-88-13

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the Region IV staff on this date.

FACILITY:
Gulf States Utilities
River Bend Station
St. Francisville, Louisiana
DN: 50-458

Licensee Emergency Classification:
 Notification of Unusual Event
 Alert
 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 Not Applicable

SUBJECT: SHUTDOWN IN EXCESS OF 48 HOURS

On February 19, 1988, at 10:01 a.m. (CST), with River Bend Station at 100 percent power, the 'A' reactor recirculation pump motor tripped on an over-current condition. Reactor power was lowered to less than 50 percent and the plant was stabilized while the cause of the pump motor trip was investigated. The investigation revealed low megger readings to the pump motor. An orderly plant shutdown was continued at 11:45 a.m. with plans to go to cold shutdown for necessary repairs. The plant outage is expected to last at least seven days. The Senior Resident Inspector is following the licensee's actions.

There have been no news media inquiries regarding this matter.

Neither the licensee nor the NRC plans to issue a press release.

The state of Louisiana will be informed.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the Senior Resident Inspector at 1:40 p.m. on February 19, 1988. Region IV has informed NRR.

This information has been confirmed with a licensee representative.

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