

August 25, 1988

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-88-070

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
DN: 50-458

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

SUBJECT: OUTAGE GREATER THAN 2 DAYS

On August 25, 1988, at 12:32 p.m. (CDT), the reactor scrambled from 100 percent power. The main generator exciter experienced a brush failure which resulted in a trip of the main turbine. The turbine trip initiated the reactor scram. A fast transfer from the normal to the preferred transformer did not occur on the Division III bus. The Division III (high pressure core spray) emergency diesel generator started and closed onto the bus as expected. Although the reactor vessel water level does not appear to have dropped to the Level 2 (HPCS initiation setpoint), the HPCS pump did start and may have injected briefly. The licensee declared a NOUE because of the HPCS system injection. The licensee secured from the NOUE event at approximately 1:25 p.m. (CDT). Preferred power has been restored to the Division III bus. Reactor pressure is being controlled by the bypass valves and level maintained utilizing one reactor fuel pump and the startup regulating valve. Reactor shutdown is expected to exceed 72 hours.

The NRC has not issued a press release.

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

The state of Louisiana has been informed.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the headquarters duty officer.

This information has been confirmed with a licensee representative.

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