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> PLANT HATCH - UNIT 2 NRC DOCKET 50-366 OPERATING LICENSE NPF-5 LICENSEE EVENT REPORT EQUIPMENT FAILURE IN CONJUNCTION WITH SURVEILLANCE CAUSES SCRAM

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(iv), Georgia Power Company is submitting the enclosed Licensee Event Report (LER) concerning the unanticipated actuation of some Engineered Safety Features (ESFs). The event occurred at Plant Hatch - Unit 2.

Sincerely,

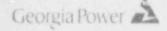
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A. REQUIREMENT FOR REPORT

This report is required by 10 CFR 50.73 (a)(2)(iv), because unplanned actuations of the Reactor Protection System (RPS EIIS Code JC) and some Engineered Safety Features (ESFs) occurred. The ESFs that actuated were: 1) Primary Containment Isolation System (PCIS EIIS Code JM) valve Groups 1 and 2, 2) Safety Relief Valve (SRV) Low Low Set (LLS EIIS Code JE), and 3) High Pressure Coolant Injection (HPCI EIIS Code BJ).

B. UNIT(s) STATUS AT TIME OF EVENT

1. Power Level/Operating Mode

Unit 2 was in the run mode at an approximate power level of 1949 MWt (approximately 80 percent of rated thermal power).

2. Inoperable Equipment

There was no inoperable equipment that contributed to this event.

C. DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

1. Event

On 4/17/88 at approximately 0140 CDT, Operations personnel were performing procedure 34SV-C71-005-2S (Turbine Control Valve Fast Closure Instrument Functional Test). This procedure is a normally scheduled surveillance that verifies, among other items: 1) the closure response of the main Turbine Control Valves (TCVs EIIS Code JJ), and 2) that the RPS logic functions as designed when the TCVs fast close (i.e. a half scram is inserted on the appropriate RPS channel).

At 0143 CDT, Operations personnel had satisfactorily completed testing of TCV-1. Personnel began testing of TCV-2. As anticipated, as a result of the testing, the RPS channel A tripped. This half scram signal occurred at approximately 0153 CDT.

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With the RPS channel A still in the tripped condition due to the TCV testing, the RPS channel B also tripped. (Subsequently it was determined that trip system Bl was the portion of RPS channel B logic which actually tripped.) Operations personnel did not receive any annunciators or process computer printout that indicated the reason for the RPS channel B trip. The full RPS logic actuation resulted in a reactor scram.

At 0154 CDT, as a result of void collapse due to the scram, the sensed reactor water level decreased from approximately 37 inches above instrument zero to approximately 24 inches below instrument zero. This level (-24 inches) is approximately 140 inches above the Top of Active Fuel (TAF) and was the lowest reactor water level reached during the course of this event.

During the reactor water level decrease, PCIS valve Group 2 isolated, per design, when reactor water level was approximately 12 inches above instrument zero. The Reactor Feed Pumps (RFPs EIIS Code SJ) also sensed the decrease in reactor water level and automatically increased their injection flow rate to quickly restore level. Reactor water level reached 56 inches above instrument zero and the RFPs tripped automatically, per design, on the high reactor water level signal.

The reactor water level continued to swell as expected. However, Operations personnel noted that reactor water level was soon indicating above +60 inches (the maximum level of the normal range reactor water level instruments) and was on scale on the wide range (shutdown flooding) level instrument. This instrument is designed to be used during refueling/shutdown conditions and is not pressure or temperature compensated to provide accurate readings in other operating conditions.

From the information immediately available, Operations personnel were unsure of the exact water level. At 0155 CDT, Operations personnel decided, as a conservative action, to close the Main Steam Isolation Valves (MSIVs EIIS Code JM), in order to prevent any reactor water from entering the Main Steam Lines (MSLs). (Subsequent analysis of the event showed that the maximum water level reached in this event was approximately 70 inches above instrument zero. The bottom of the MSLs is at approximately 100 inches.)

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approximately 0256 CDT, reactor water level reached approximately 0256 CDT, reactor water level reached approximately 12 inches above instrument zero. Both the RPS and PCIS valve Group 2 again received actuation signals, per design, on low reactor water level. At 0258 CDT, reactor water level reached its lowest level during this pressure reduction evolution of approximately 5 inches above instrument zero.

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At 0305 CDT, Operations personnel were in the final phases of stabilizing the plant. This was accomplished by manually injecting water into the reactor using the RCIC system (at 0305 CDT), and using RCIC to remove excess steam. To further aid in the removal of steam, Operations personnel manually initiated the HPCI system in the full flow test mode (at 0305 CDT). (In this mode, HPCI takes a suction from the Condensate Storage Tank [CST EIIS Code KA] and discharges back to the CST. Steam is extracted from the reactor vessel to run the HPCI pump.)

Also at 0305 CDT, reactor water level had increased to approximately 11 inches above instrument zero.

By approximately 0320 CDT, reactor water level had stabilized in the normal operating range (at approximately 40 inches above instrument zero). Operations personnel continued to control vessel cooldown with RCIC and HPCI. No more actuations of LLS valves were needed.

At 0422 CDT, the NRC was notified of the actuation of the RPS and the resulting ESF actuations, per 10 CFR 50.72 reporting requirements. An investigation to determine the cause of the scram was initiated, per the plant's administrative control requirements.

2. Dates/Times

Date	Time (CDT)	Description
4/17/88	0140	Operations personnel were performing procedure 34SV-C71-005-2S (Turbine Control Valve Fast Closure Instrument Functional Test).
	0143	Fast closure test of TCV-1 was satisfactorily completed. Operations personnel began to test TCV-2.
	0153	Due to testing TCV-2, RPS channel A tripped.
		Received a half scram signal in RPS channel B, with the cause unknown and while the scram signal in RPS channel

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		The RFPs quickly and tripped on hi level (56 inches zero).	gh reactor wa	ater	
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	0208	In accordance wit Operations person pressure to reach psig. A high pre was received and portion of the LL fulfilled.	approximatel ssure scram s the reactor p	ly 1045 signal pressure	
		Operations person SRV F in order to of the LLS logic then operated in relieve pressure approximately 847	complete the SRVs B, G, the LLS mode and closed at	and D to	
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		0229	SRV B again opera to relieve reacto				Sm	ode				
		0230	SRV B closed at i pressure setpoint		S c	losin	g					
		0232	A PCIS valve Grou was received on 1 due to loss of SJ previous closing	ow con AEs, o	nde: cau:	nser sed b	vac					
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3.	Other Syst	tems Affected			

LLS, RCIC, and HPCI, were affected by this event. These systems have no secondary functions.

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2. Functionally tested all inputs to RPS trip system Bl. Verified all inputs properly caused a Bl trip, annunciated, and printed on the alarm typer. All inputs worked properly except the reactor high pressure trip which would not print on the alarm printer (the trip and annunciation worked correctly). The cause of this was determined to be a failed process computer board. The process computer board was replaced.

- Visually inspected RPS relay panels 2H11-P608 and 2H11-P611 (which contain RPS trip system Bi logic) for loose wires, open links or other deliciencies with no problems identified.
- Performed voltage checks in RPS trip system Bl with all results acceptable.
- 5. General Electric Company (GE) was contacted to assist in the investigation of the trip of RPS trip system Bl. GE determined that a 15 volt regulator card in the Average Power Range Monitor (APRM EIIS Code IG) channel B had a mechanical sensitivity which caused loss of one of its regulated outputs. Loss of this output could result in the trip effects seen. The APRM channel B provides input to RPS trip system Bl.

Based on the results of the investigation, two possible root causes for the RPS trip system Bl trip were identified. The first possible root cause is a spurious high reactor pressure trip. At the time the RPS trip system Bl trip was received, the event investigation verified that reactor pressure was in the normal operational range, well below the reactor high pressure scram setpoint of 1045 psig. However, the receipt of a spurious high pressure trip cannot be ruled out, since the alarm printer would not have recorded such a trip due to a failed process computer board (failure attributed to normal end of life).

The more probable root cause of the event is the failed 15 volt regulator card (failure attributed to normal end of life) in the APRM channel B circuit. The failure mode of the regulator card could have caused the APRM channel B to trip and then clear before the process computer could identify the cause of the trip. The RPS would have responded to the brief false high flux signal; however, the trip would not have printed on the alarm printer. COMMISSIO

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E. ANALYSIS OF EVENT

The RPS provides timely protection against the onset and consequences of conditions that could threaten the integrities of the fuel barriers and the nuclear system process barrier.

In this event, the initial RPS actuation occurred when RPS channel B tripped unexpectedly (due either to a spurious high pressure trip or a failed component in the APRM system) while RPS channel A was in a tripped condition due to testing of the TCVs. Although the input signals to the RPS were not reflective of actual plant conditions, the RPS functioned conservatively, as designed.

During the recovery from the scram, reactor water level appeared to rise higher than would be normally expected. Operations personnel took the conservative action of closing the MSIVs to prevent possible entry of reactor water into the MSLs. Subsequent analysis demonstrated that the maximum water level reached in this event was approximately 70 inches above instrument zero. The bottom of the MSLs is at approximately 100 inches.

However, the closure of the MSIVs isolated the reactor pressure vessel from the main condenser. In this configuration scram recovery takes a longer period of time. As reactor pressure increases due to decay heat the LLS, RCIC, and HPCI systems are available to control reactor pressure and water level.

The LLS relief logic system is designed to mitigate the thrust loads on the Safety Relief Valve Discharge Lines (SRVDLs) and the resulting loads on the torus shell from subsequent SRV actuations. The LLS system ensures that subsequent SRV actuations occur after the water leg in the SRVDL stabilizes, at its normal level, by increasing the blowdown range and decreasing the closing and opening setpoints for the four LLS SRVs.

In this event LLS functioned, as designed, to control reactor pressure upon manual arming of the system by Operations personnel in accordance with the EOPs.

The HPCI system is provided to assure that the reactor core is adequately cooled to limit fuel clad temperatures in the event that reactor water level decreases without a rapid depressurization of the reactor vessel. The HPCI system is capable of maintaining sufficient reactor vessel inventory until the vessel is depressurized. LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER) TEXT CONTINUATION

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In this event, flow from the CRD and RCIC systems were capable of restoring reactor water level in a timely manner. However, HPCI was used in its full flow test mode to help control reactor pressure. In this mode the HPCI turbine (which drives the HPCI pump) draws steam from the reactor vessel and the pump takes suction from the CST and discharges back to the CST.

Finally, during the scram recovery the PCIS valve Groups 1 and 2 responded, as designed, to respective signals of low condenser vacuum and low reactor water level. The low condenser vacuum resulted when the SJAEs lost their source of steam. They draw steam from an MSL downstream of the outboard MSIV and thus could not continue to perform their function of maintaining condenser vacuum when the MSIVs were closed. The low reactor water level occurred during the swings in level which are expected when LLS actuates.

The PCIS provides timely protection against the onset and consequences of accidents involving the gross release of radioactive materials from the fuel and the nuclear system process barrier (such as the reactor vessel). This protection is accomplished by the isolation of process lines that penetrate the primary containment. In this event, the signals to which PCIS responded were not due to a breach in the nuclear system process barrier; however, PCIS responded conservatively.

Based on the above information, it is concluded that this event had no adverse impact on nuclear plant safety. Additionally, the above analysis is applicable to all power levels.

F. CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

The corrective actions for this event included:

- 1. Functionally testing all inputs to RPS channel Bl.
- Visually inspecting RPS relay panels 2411-P608 and 2H11-P611 for deficiencies.
- Performing voltage checks in RPS channel Bl.

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G. ADDI	TIONAL INFORMATION						
1.	FAILED COMPONENT(s)	IDENTIFICATION					
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	Process Computer Boa MPL (Plant Index Ide Manufacturer: Gener Model Number: 117C3 Type: Input Signal EIIS: ID	entifier): 2C92 ral Electric Company 3328G001					
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