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Dear Sir:

The enclosed Licensee Event Report (LER) 89-026-00, "Automatic Scram Resulting from a Turbine Runback due to Failure of Potential Transformer and Voltage Balance Relay Wiring Error" is submitted in accordance with 10 CFR Part 50.73.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any questions regarding this report.

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EVENT DESCRIPTION

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> On August 30, 1989 at approximately 1917 hours, an automatic Reactor Protection System (RPS) scram signal and reactor scram occurred while at 65 percent reactor power.

As expected, the scram signal resulted in an automatic sequence of designed responses that included a Turbine-Generator trip. The Turbine trip included the following responses:

- Automatic closing of the Main Steam System/Turbine Valves (stop valves, control valves, combined intermediate valves). The Turbine Bypass Valves, initially in the open position, subsequently closed as the Main Steam System pressure decreased.
- Automatic opening of the Generator Field Breaker. The Generator trip was the designed response to the loss of field that resulted from the opening of the field breaker.
- Automatic opening of the 345 KV switchyard air circuit breakers ACB-104 (352-4) and ACB-105 (352-5).
- Automatic transfer of the source of power for the Auxiliary Power Distribution System (APDS) from the Unit Auxiliary Transformer to the Startup Transformer.

As expected, the RV water level decreased in response to the scram because of shrink (i.e., decrease in the void fraction in the RV water). The RV water level eventually decreased to approximately -32 inches (wide range level). The decreased RV water level, to less than the low RV water level setpoint (calibrated at approximately +12 inches), resulted in the following expected designed responses:

- Automatic actuation of the Reactor Building Isolation Control System (RBIS). The actuation resulted in the automatic closing of the Reactor Building/Secondary Containment System (SCS) supply and exhaust ventilation dampers (Trains 'A' and 'B'), and the automatic start of Trains 'A' and 'B' of the SCS/Standby Gas Treatment System (SGTS).
- Automatic actuation of appropriate portions of the Primary Containment Isolation Control System (PCIS). The actuation resulted in the following responses:
 - Automatic closing of the inboard and outboard Primary Containment System (PCS)/Reactor Water Sample isolation valves (AO-220-44 and -45).
 - The inboard and outboard PCS Group 2 (two)/Sample System isolation valves, in the closed position, remained closed.

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- The PCS Group 3 (three)/Residual Heat Removal System isolation valves, in the closed position, remained closed.
- Automatic closing of the inboard and outboard PCS Group 6 (six)/Reactor Water Cleanup (RWCU) System isolation valves and a temporary interruption in RWCU System operation.

Initial Control Room operator response was orderly and included the following activities. The process of verifying the insertion of the control rods began in accordance with procedure 2.1.6, "Reactor Scram". Emergency Operating Procedure (EOP) -O1, "RPV Control", was initiated at approximately 1918 hours when the Reactor Vessel (RPV) water decreased to +9 inches (narrow range) and was terminated at approximately 1922 hours when the Reactor Vessel water level increased to +9 inches. At 1924 hours, the RPS circuitry was reset in accordance with procedure (2.1.6). At 1925 hours, the RBIS circuitry was reset. The Reactor Building/SCS supply and exhaust ventilation dampers were reopened and the SGTS was returned to normal standby service. At 1927 hours, the PCIS circuitry was reset and the RWCU System was returned to service at 1928 hours. At 1937 hours, procedure 2.1.7, "RPV Temperature and Pressure Check List", was initiated. At 1956 hours, procedure 2.1.5 section B, "Operation After Reactor Scram with MSIVS Open", was initiated. At 2027 hours, ACBs 104 and 105 were reclosed.

Failure and Malfunction Report 89-327 was written to document the event. The NRC Operations Center was notified in accordance with 10 CFR 50.72 on August 30, 1989 at 2020 hours. A post trip review of the event was conducted in accordance with procedure 1.3.37, "Post Trip Reviews".

BACKGROUND

The Main Generator voltage regulator functions to control the generator's output voltage (24 KV nominal) that is supplied to the primary windings of the Main Transformer and the Unit Auxiliary Transformer (UAT). The generator's output system is equipped with instrumentation for metering and relaying. Included in the instrumentation are six potential transformers (PTs) with two PTs connected to each of the output system's three 24 KV phases. Each PT has a primary and secondary winding, with a separate fuse for each winding. Essentially, a PT's primary winding is connected to a 24 KV phase and the PT's secondary winding is connected to instrumentation. The instrumentation includes the Main Generator voltage regulator and a voltage balance relay (260). The voltage balance relay (General Electric type CFVB) is a protective type relay that functions to block the incorrect operation of an electrical device if a PT fuse blows. This voltage balance relay (260) is associated with the 345 KV transmission system's distance relay (221) and the Main Generator voltage regulator transfer relay (83). The voltage balance relay is connected to two auxiliary relays (260X1 and 260X2). The 260X1 relay provides a distance relay (221) blocking function if a related PT fuse blows, and a corresponding alarm function (Panel C-3R, "Generator Potential Fuse Blown"). The 260X2 relay provides a voltage regulator transfer function (from automatic to manual via the transfer relay) if a related PT fuse blows, and a corresponding alarm function to the same alarm window (Panel C-3R, "Generator Potential Fuse Blown").

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The Main Generator voltage regulator transfer function is accomplished manually or automatically via the transfer relay (83). A manual transfer to the manual control mode is accomplished by moving the voltage regulator's transfer switch to the MANUAL position (from the AUTO position). While the transfer switch is in the AUTO position, the voltage regulator is in the automatic control mode and is automatically transferred to the manual control mode if any one of the following four conditions occur: a blown PT fuse (detected by the voltage balance relay); Generator excitation limit for 10 seconds (relay J3K); Generator exciter field overcurrent (detected by devices 76/50[1X and 2X]); or, Generator field breaker open (detected by device 41E/AUX). Subsequent investigation after the event indicates the transfer was automatic and was most likely initiated by relay J3K.

Prior to the event, steady state operating conditions existed and included the following. The reactor power level was 75 percent. The Reactor Vessel (RV) pressure was approximately 980 psig and the RV water temperature was approximately 520 degrees Fahrenheit. The RV water level was +29 inches (narrow range) and was being controlled automatically in the three element control mode. The Recirculation System pumps were being controlled in the local manual control mode. The Condensate System and Feedwater System pumps were all in service. The Control Rod Drive System pump 'A' was in service. The APDS was energized by the Main Generator output system via the 4160 VAC secondary windings of the Unit Auxiliary Transformer. The Main Generator voltage regulator was in the automatic control mode with its transfer switch in the AUTO position. The RPS motor generator sets ('A' and 'B') were in service providing 120 VAC to the respective Panel C-511 busses ('A' and 'B'). The 120 VAC standby Electrical Protection Assemblies (EPA-5 and EPA-6) were in standby service and were energized via the standby RPS transformer (X-20).

Just prior to the event, on August 30, 1989 at approximately 1916 hours, several Main Control Room alarms occurred in a short interval of time. The alarms included: Panel C-3R, "Generator Potential Fuse Blown", "Stator Cooling Low Inlet Flow", "Exciter Field Ground", "Generator Field Ground", and Panel C-2L, "Turbine Runback". The accompanying automatic Turbine runback included an automatic adjustment of the four Main Steam System/Turbine Control Valves, and the sequential opaning of the three Main Steam System/Turbine Bypass Valves. Meanwhile, and in accordance with the Alarm Response Procedure (ARP-C2L) for a Turbine runback, the utility licensed reactor operator began to reduce the reactor power level in accordance with procedure 2.1.14 (Rev. 14), "Station Power Changes". The RV/Main Steam System pressure began a gradual increase in response to the Turbine runback and reached the high RV pressure scram setpoint approximately 50 seconds after the Turbine runback began.

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The shift Nuclear Operating Supervisor's (NOS) initial response to the Turbine runback alarm was to verify that the controlled reduction in reactor power was proceeding in accordance with procedure (2.1.14). Subsequently, the NOS proceeded to the Electrical Control Panel C-3 and noticed that the Main Generator voltage regulator voltmeter (raise-lower) was indicating full deflection in the "raise" direction. Accordingly, the NOS (utility licensed operator) moved the voltage regulator transfer switch to the MANUAL position. After the event, investigation revealed the NOS moved the transfer switch just after the automatic transfer. The automatic transfer resulted in a decrease in the Main Generator's output. Based on data obtained from the regional power authority (REMVEC), the Main Generator output voltage had increased from an initial nominal value of approximately 24,350 VAC to a calculated maximum value of 27,794 VAC. The duration of the voltage transient, from nominal to maximum and return to nominal, was approximately 40 seconds.

CAUSE

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The direct cause for the scram signal was a momentary high RV pressure condition. Though short in duration (approximately five seconds), the pressure (approximately 1069 psig) was slightly above the RPS high RV pressure scram setpoint (calibrated at approximately 1065 psig). The gradual increase in RV pressure was an expected response to an automatic Turbine runback at 75 percent reactor power.

The Turbine runback was the designed response to the comparative mismatch in the Main Generator current and the generator's stator cooling water flow. The mismatch was caused by the increase in the generator's current that occurred as a result of the failure of the primary winding of the 24 KV phase 'A' PT and an error in an electrical drawing (E47) that consequently affected the voltage regulator transfer function.

The voltage balance relay (260) was wired in accordance with the approved electrical drawing (E47). However, the drawing incorrectly (i.e., oppositely) identified the terminal designations that connected the voltage balance relay to the coils of auxiliary relays 260X1 and 260X2. Because of the drawing error, the coil of auxiliary 260X1 was connected to the voltage balance relay terminal number 18 instead of terminal number 13, and the coil of the 260X2 auxiliary relay was connected to terminal number 13 instead of terminal number 18. The drawing error existed since original construction (c.1971). Apparently, the architect-engineer (Bechtel) designer for the drawing (E47) incorrectly translated the termination numbers from the voltage balance relay manufacturer's instruction manual (i.e., General Electric GEI-31030C Figure 5) to the drawing (E47).

The actuation of either auxiliary relay (260X1 or 260X2) causes the same alarm (Panel C-3R window F-3) to annunciate. The nonsafety-related voltage balance relay is functionally tested in accordance with procedure 3.M.3-39, "Turbine/Generator Calibration of Relays, Lockout Test and Associated Annunciator Verification". The drawing error was not previously detected because the procedure (3.M.3-39), although demonstrating the voltage balance relay functions and alarm functions, did not include a step(s) to identify the specific auxiliary relay (260X1 of 260X2) that actuated and resulted in the alarm(s) during the test.

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For this event, the actuation of the voltage balance relay should have resulted in the actuation of auxiliary relay 260X2 and an automatic transfer of the Main Generator's voltage regulator to the manual control mode via the transfer relay (83). Because of the reversed wiring of the auxiliary relays (260X1 and 260X2), the transfer relay (83) did not actuate and the voltage regulator remained in the automatic control mode. Concurrently, the failure of the PT (primary winding) resulted in the voltage regulator's circuitry to falsely sense a decrease in the Main Generator's output voltage. Consequently, the voltage regulator automatically increased the generator's output voltage (and corresponding current). The increased current resulted in a comparative mismatch (i.e., greater than 15 percent) in the Main Generator current and the generator's stator cooling water flow. The mismatch resulted in the automatic Turbine runback and related alarms, "Turbine Runback", and, "Stator Cooling Low Inlet Flow".

The Panel C-3R, "Generator Potential Fuse Blown", "Exciter Field Ground", and, "Generator Field Ground", alarms were the result of the failure of the primary winding (24 KV) of the PT connected to the Main Generator output system (24 KV phase 'A'). The failure of the primary winding caused its related fuse to blow and actuated the voltage balance relay.

Preliminary results of ongoing testing indicates the failure of the PT was random, and was most probably not age related. The failed PT was manufactured by the Westinghouse Electric Corporation, style EED2253 and serial number 70F3376.

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The following corrective actions have been taken or planned:

- The drawing (E47) was revised (to Rev. E8) after verifying that the drawing was incorrect. The drawing change was accomplished via a corrective action program document (PCAQ 89-84).
- The voltage balance relay wiring to the auxiliary relays (260X1 and 260X2) was reversed after the wiring diagram was changed. The wiring change was implemented as a modification (FRN 89-02-23).
- Procedure 3.M.3-39 (formerly Rev. 6), "Turbine/Generator Calibration of Relays, Lockout Test and Associated Annunciator Verification", was revised. Essentially, the procedure was revised to identify the specific auxiliary relay (260X1 or 260X2) that actuates during a functional test of the voltage balance relay and the related alarms ("Generator PT Fuse Blown"). The revision similarly strengthened other portions of the procedure regarding functional tests of the "Generator Field Overvolt", and, "Voltage Regulator Trip", alarms.
- The failed PT and its related blown primary fuse were replaced. Prior to installation, the new PT was tested (insulation resistance, polarity, and ratio) with satisfactory results. The replacement was completed on September 2, 1989.

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- The voltage balance relay (260) and auxiliary relays (260X1 and 260X2) and alarms were functionally tested with satisfactory results on September 4, 1989. The test was performed via the revised procedure (3.M.3-39) and was completed on September 4, 1989.
- The windings of the Main Generator field and exciter field were tested (resistance and polarization index) with satisfactory results. The testing was completed on September 3, 1989.
- The Main Transformer was tested (power factor) with satisfactory results. The testing was completed on September 3, 1989.
- Oil samples obtained from the Main Transformer and Unit Auxiliary Transformer after the event were analyzed with satisfactory results. The results for each transformer compared favorably with previous analyses performed and indicated that the transformers were not adversely affected as a result of the event.
- The 4160 VAC motor of the Control Rod Drive (CRD) System pump 'A' (P-209A), in service at the time of the event, was tested (polarization index) with satisfactory results. The test was completed on September 2, 1989. The test provided assurance that 4160 VAC motors in service at the time of the event were not adversely affected as a result of the event.
- The 480 VAC motors of two Closed Cooling Water System pumps, one safety-related (P-202A) and one nonsafety-related (P-110B), that were in service at the time of the event were tested (polarization index). The test was performed with satisfactory results via procedure 3.M.3-4 (Rev. 4) Attachments AA, "480V Non-safety Related Loads & Cables", and BB, "480 Safety Related Loads & Cables". The testing was completed on September 2, 1989 (P-202A) and September 4, 1989 (P-110B). The testing provided assurance that 480 VAC motors in service at the time of the event were not adversely affected as a result of the event.

At Pilgrim Station, there are two other applications of voltage balance relays in addition to the Main Generator output system. The instrumentation for the output system of each of the two Emergency Diesel Generators (EDGs) includes a voltage balance relay and its related PTs. Each of the two voltage balance relays (160-509 and 160-609) separately provides a blocking function and alarm function if a related PT fuse blows. The drawings (wiring, schematic, and functional control) for these voltage balance relays were reviewed to ensure the applications of the relays are consistent and agree with the applications described in the manufacturer's manual (i.e., vendor manual V-0358). The review was performed with satisfactory results.

The unit returned to commercial service on September 7, 1989 at 1015 hours. The Main Generator core monitor was continuously monitored with satisfactory results when the Main Generator field was initially flashed and during the subsequent power increase.

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SAFETY CONSEQUENCES

This event posed no threat to the public health and safety.

The scram signal was the designed response to the high RV/Main Steam System pressure that occurred as a result of the Turbine runback. The Turbine trip and Generator trip were the expected designed responses to the scram signal.

The (Technical Specification 2.2) limiting safety system settings for the Main Steam System relief valves and safety valves are 1115 psig (+/- 11 psig) and 1240 psig (+/- 13 psig), respectively. During the event the highest RV/Main Steam System pressure that occurred, approximately 1069 psig, was below those settings.

The decrease in the RV water level was the expected response to the scram and accompanying shrink in the RV water. The PCIS and RBIS actuations were the expected designed responses to a low RV water level condition, i.e. +12 inches (narrow range).

The (Technical Specification 2.1.I) limiting safety system setting for actuation of the Core Standby Cooling Systems (CSCS) is -49 inches. During the event the lowest Reactor Vessel water level that occurred, approximately -32 inches, was approximately 14 inches above the CSCS setpoint (calibrated at approximately -46 inches). In addition, the level (-32 inches) was approximately 95.5 inches above the level that corresponds to the top of the active fuel zone (approximately -127.5 inches).

A Nuclear Engineering Department (NED) evaluation of the voltage transient concluded that the station electrical system was not adversely affected. The evaluation was based on considerations that included the following:

- Recent calibration data of the 120 VAC standby Electrical Protection Assemblies (EPA-5 and EPA-6) that were energized and did not trip.
- The results of the electrical tests of the Main Generator field and Exciter field, Main Transformer and Unit Auxiliary Transformer.
- The results of analyses of the oil samples taken from the Main Transformer and Unit Auxiliary Transformer.
- The excitation characteristic curves of the Unit Auxiliary Transformer and Standby RPS Transformer.
- The results of the electric tests performed on selected motors that included the 4160 VAC motor (P-209A) and 480 VAC motors (P-202A and P-110B) that were energized during the event.
- The results of voltage calculations for the 24 KV and 480 VAC busses.

A supplement to this report will provide additional details regarding Boston Edison Company's evaluation of this event. The supplement is expected to be submitted by November 15, 1989.

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This report is submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(iv) because the RPS was actuated.

SIMILARITY TO PREVIOUS EVENTS

A review was conducted of Pilgrim Station Licensee Event Reports (LERs) submitted since January 1984. The review focused on LERs involving an actuation of the RPS due to a Turbine runback, or involving the failure of a potential transformer. The review identified no previous events.

CODEC

ENERGY INDUSTRY IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (EIIS) CODES

The EIIS codes for this report are as follows:

COMPONENTS	CODES
Circuit Breaker, AC	52
Motor	MO
Potential Device (PT)	FD
Relay, Blocking (260X1 and 260X2)	68
Relay, Voltage Balance	60
Transformer (PT)	XMFR
Valve, Isolation (PCS valves)	ISV

SYSTEMS

Condensate System	SD
Containment Isolation Control System (PCIS, RBIS)	JM
Control Rod Drive System	AA
Engineered Safety Features Actuation System	
(RPS PCIS RBIS)	JE
Foodwater System	SJ
Low Voltage Power System (ARO VAC) - Class 1F	ED
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Main Steam System	SD TA
Main Turbine System	IA
Medium-Voltage Power System (4160 VAC) - Class 1E	EB
Plant Protection System (RPS)	JC
Reactor Building (SCS)	NG
Reactor Recirculation System	AD
Reactor Water Cleanup (RWCU) System	CE
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