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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ATTN: Document Control Desk
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Subject: **COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION, DOCKET NO. 50-397**
LICENSEE EVENT REPORT NO. 2026-002-00

Dear Sir or Madam:

Transmitted herewith is Licensee Event Report number 2026-002-00 for Columbia Generating Station. This report is submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(iv)(A).

There are no commitments being made to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission by this letter. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ms. T. M. Collis, Regulatory Affairs Manager, at (509) 377-8395.

Executed on this 28 day of September, 2026.

Respectfully,

Signed by:

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Stephanie Banker
Site Vice President

Attachment: Licensee Event Report 2026-002-00

cc: NRC Region IV Regional Admin
NRC Region IV Project Manager
NRC Senior Resident Inspector/988C
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NRC FORM 366 (06-16-2026)			U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION			APPROVED BY OMB: NO. 3150-0104			EXPIRES: 04/30/2027		
 LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER) (See Page 3 for required number of digits/characters for each block) (See NUREG-1022, R.3 for instruction and guidance for completing this form http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1022/r3/)											
1. Facility Name Columbia Generating Station						☒ 050 ☐ 052 ☐ 053		2. Docket Number 397		3. Page 1 OF 3	
4. Title DG3 Autostart on SM4 Undervoltage											
5. Event Date			6. LER Number			7. Report Date					
Month	Day	Year	Year	Sequential Number	Revision No.	Month	Day	Year			
07	30	2026	2026	- 002 -	00	09	28	2026			
8. Other Facilities Involved											
Facility Name N/A								☐ 050	Docket Number		
Facility Name N/A								☐ 052	Docket Number		
Facility Name N/A								☐ 053	Docket Number		
9. Operating Mode Mode 1						10. Power Level 100					
11. This Report is Submitted Pursuant to the Requirements of 10 CFR §: (Check all that apply)											
10 CFR Part 20	☐ 20.2203(a)(3)(i)	☐ 50.69(g)	☐ 50.73(a)(2)(v)(C)	☐ 53.1640(a)(2)(ii)(A)	☐ 73.77(a)(1)(ii)						
☐ 20.2201(b)	☐ 20.2203(a)(3)(ii)	☐ 50.73(a)(2)(i)(A)	☐ 50.73(a)(2)(v)(D)	☐ 53.1640(a)(2)(ii)(B)	☐ 73.77(a)(2)(i)(A)						
☐ 20.2201(d)	☐ 20.2203(a)(4)	☐ 50.73(a)(2)(i)(B)	☐ 50.73(a)(2)(vii)	☐ 53.1640(a)(2)(iii)	☐ 73.77(a)(2)(i)(B)						
☐ 20.2203(a)(1)	10 CFR Part 21	☐ 50.73(a)(2)(i)(C)	☐ 50.73(a)(2)(viii)(A)	☐ 53.1640(a)(2)(iv)	☐ 73.1200(a)						
☐ 20.2203(a)(2)(i)	☐ 21.2(c)	☐ 50.73(a)(2)(ii)(A)	☐ 50.73(a)(2)(viii)(B)	☐ 53.1640(a)(2)(v)	☐ 73.1200(b)						
☐ 20.2203(a)(2)(ii)	10 CFR Part 50	☐ 50.73(a)(2)(ii)(B)	☐ 50.73(a)(2)(ix)(A)	☐ 53.1640(a)(2)(vii)(A)	☐ 73.1200(c)						
☐ 20.2203(a)(2)(iii)	☐ 50.36(c)(1)(i)(A)	☐ 50.73(a)(2)(iii)	☐ 50.73(a)(2)(x)	☐ 53.1640(a)(2)(viii)(A)	☐ 73.1200(d)						
☐ 20.2203(a)(2)(iv)	☐ 50.36(c)(1)(ii)(A)	☒ 50.73(a)(2)(iv)(A)	10 CFR Part 53	☐ 53.1640(a)(2)(viii)(B)	☐ 73.1200(e)						
☐ 20.2203(a)(2)(v)	☐ 50.36(c)(2)	☐ 50.73(a)(2)(v)(A)	☐ 53.1640(a)(2)(i)(A)	☐ 53.1640(a)(2)(ix)	☐ 73.1200(f)						
☐ 20.2203(a)(2)(vi)	☐ 50.46(a)(3)(ii)	☐ 50.73(a)(2)(v)(B)	☐ 53.1640(a)(2)(i)(B)	10 CFR Part 73	☐ 73.1200(g)						
			☐ 53.1640(a)(2)(i)(C)	☐ 73.77(a)(1)(i)	☐ 73.1200(h)						
☐ OTHER (Specify here, in abstract, or NRC 366A).											
12. Licensee Contact for this LER											
Licensee Contact Ashlee Adams								Phone Number (Include area code) (509) 377-4544			

LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER) (Continued)

13. Complete One Line for each Component Failure Described in this Report

Cause	System	Component	Manufacturer	Reportable to IRIS		Cause	System	Component	Manufacturer	Reportable to IRIS

14. Supplemental Report Expected

☒ No

☐ Yes (If yes, complete 15. Expected Submission Date)

15. Expected Submission Date

Month	Day	Year

16. Abstract

On the morning of July 30, 2026, Columbia Generating Station (CGS) was in MODE 1 at 100 percent power with High Pressure Core Spray (HPCS) [BG] system inoperable due to planned maintenance. At approximately 0306 an unplanned valid actuation of the HPCS Emergency Diesel Generator (HPCS-GEN-DG3) occurred when craft inadvertently touched the wrong contact and cleared electrical medium switchgear 4 (E-SM-4) [SWGR] Potential Transformer (PT) [XPT] fuses. The event occurred during preparation of dynamic motor testing on the HPCS pump.

The report is being made in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(iv)(A) for any event that resulted in automatic actuation of an emergency diesel generator. Health and Safety of the public were not affected by this event.

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LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER) CONTINUATION SHEET

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1. FACILITY NAME

Columbia Generating Station

☒ **050**
☐ **052**
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2. DOCKET NUMBER

397

3. LER NUMBER

YEAR	SEQUENTIAL NUMBER	REV NO.
2026	002	00

NARRATIVE

Plant Conditions:

At the time of the event, the plant was operating in Mode 1 at 100% power. High Pressure Core Spray (HPCS) [BG] was inoperable due to planned maintenance.

Description of Events:

On the morning of July 30, 2026, during setup for dynamic motor testing of the High Pressure Core Spray (HPCS) pump, craft personnel inadvertently contacted an adjacent terminal with an electrical voltage lead, causing potential transformer (PT) [XPT] fuses to clear. This resulted in electrical circuit breaker 4/2 (E-CB-4/2) [52], between electrical medium voltage [EB] switchgear 2 (E-SM-2) [SWGR] and electrical medium voltage [EB] switchgear 4 (E-SM-4) [SWGR], to trip open causing an undervoltage on E-SM-4. The undervoltage of E-SM-4 caused HPCS Emergency Diesel Generator (HPCS-GEN-DG3) [DG] to automatically start as designed at approximately 0306.

Completed Corrective Actions:

- Replaced both the B and the C fuses on that PT.
- Revised work instructions to setup testing location with installed jacks.

Future Corrective Actions:

- Revise additional maintenance procedures to include known test locations with installed jacks.
- Complete extent of condition by identifying additional 4160V and 6900V locations without test jacks.

Cause of Event:

During test set up by station personnel, a craft worker touched the wrong contact which cleared the E-SM-4 Potential Transformer (PT) fuses.

Assessment of Safety Consequences:

This event was not considered to be risk significant since this actuation did not impact the ability of any safety systems to perform their design basis function during this event.

Previous Similar Events:

Columbia Generating Station has not previously experienced a valid automatic start of emergency diesel generators. A review of the Corrective Action Program condition report database found no other occurrences of an event with the same or similar occurrences in the last 10 years.

Energy Industry Identification System (EII) Information codes from IEEE Standards 805-1984 and 803-1983 are represented in brackets as [XX] and [XXX] throughout the body of the narrative.