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CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
SHEARON HARRIS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
1986 - 900,000 KW - UNIT 1
POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT FAILURE OF THE
REACTOR PROTECTION SYSTEM FOLLOWING A
SECONDARY HIGH ENERGY LINE RUPTURE
(STEAM GENERATOR REFERENCE LEG HEATUP) - ITEM 41

Dear Dr. Grace:

Attached is our final report on the subject item which was deemed reportable per the provisions of 10CFR50.55(e) on July 7, 1980. With this report, Carolina Power & Light Company considers this matter closed.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

R. M. Parsons

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Attachment

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CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
SHEARON HARRIS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

UNIT 1

FINAL REPORT

POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT FAILURE OF THE
REACTOR PROTECTION SYSTEM FOLLOWING A SECONDARY
HIGH ENERGY LINE RUPTURE
(STEAM GENERATOR REFERENCE LEG HEATUP)
ITEM 41

April 30, 1985

REPORTABLE UNDER 10CFR50.55 (e)

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SUBJECT:

10CFR50.55(e) Reportable Item
Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant Unit 1
Potential Significant Failure of the Reactor
Protection System Following a Secondary High Energy
Line Break (Steam Generator Reference Leg Heatup)

ITEM:

Steam Generator Level Measurement for SHNPP Unit 1

SUPPLIED BY:

Westinghouse Water Reactor Division

**NATURE OF
DEFICIENCY:**

Westinghouse notified the NRC under 10CFR21 in June 1979 of a potentially significant failure of the reactor protection system following a secondary high energy line break. Such a break within containment could result in the heatup of the steam generator level measurement reference leg. A heatup of the reference leg would result in severe density changes which would give erroneous indication of steam generator water level.

**DATE PROBLEM
WAS CONFIRMED
TO EXIST:**

Westinghouse Letter CQL-5801 dated March 20, 1980, received March 28, 1980

**DATE PROBLEM
REPORTED:**

N. J. Chiang notified the NRC (Mr. J. Bryant) that this item was reportable under 10CFR50.55(e) on July 7, 1980.

**SCOPE OF
PROBLEM:**

Unit 1 steam generators (three per unit).

**SAFETY
IMPLICATIONS:**

An erroneous indication of the steam generator water level could result in delayed signals to the reactor protection system.

**REASON PROBLEM
IS REPORTABLE:**

Delayed reactor protection signals could lead to a degraded safety condition.

**CORRECTIVE
ACTION:**

Westinghouse has now adopted insulation of the steam generator reference leg as a permanent solution to the heatup concern. Corrective action has been achieved by the issuance of a design change that incorporates insulation of the steam generator reference legs.

FINAL REPORT:

This item is considered resolved based on the issuance of the design change which resolves the design deficiency.