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SUBJECT: RO: on 800324, determined that potential generic problem could exist in Westinghouse relay Model NGED-315. Three relays have exhibited coil failures due to shorting of lead-in wires. Westinghouse is investigating problem.

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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

In accordance with Plant Technical Specification 6.9.2.a.9, the following event is reported:

On March 24, 1980, it was determined that a potentially generic problem could exist in the Westinghouse relay Model NDED-318. Three (3) relays of this model have exhibited coil failures due to shorting of the lead-in wires. All relays of this model at H. B. Robinson are utilized in fail safe situations and therefore do not present a safety problem. However, due to the generic implications of this failure, we are reporting it under section 6.9.2.a.9 of our Technical Specifications.

Westinghouse Electric Corporation has been notified of this failure and are currently investigating the problem.

This event was reported on March 24, 1980 to Mr. Austin Hardin of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Atlanta Office and Mr. B. J. Furr, Vice President of Nuclear Operations Department at the Carolina Power and Light Company Corporate Office.

Very truly yours,

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