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**DOMINION NUCLEAR CONNECTICUT, INC.**  
**MILLSTONE POWER STATION UNIT 3**  
**LICENSEE EVENT REPORT 2016-001-00**  
**AUTOMATIC REACTOR TRIP ON REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM LOW FLOW DUE TO**  
**LOSS OF 'B' REACTOR COOLANT PUMP**

This letter forwards Licensee Event Report (LER) 2016-001-00 documenting an event that occurred at Millstone Power Station Unit 3, on January 25, 2016. This LER is being submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(iv)(A) as an event that resulted in manual or automatic actuation of systems listed in 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(iv)(B), initially reported via event notification 51682 pursuant to 10 CFR 50.72 (b)(2)(iv)(B) and 10 CFR 50.72 (b)(3)(iv)(A).

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Thomas G. Cleary at (860) 444-4377.

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Commitments made in this letter: None

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## 1. FACILITY NAME

Millstone Power Station Unit 3

## 2. DOCKET NUMBER

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## 4. TITLE

Automatic Reactor Trip on Reactor Coolant System Low Flow Due to Loss of 'B' Reactor Coolant Pump

5. EVENT DATE			6. LER NUMBER			7. REPORT DATE			8. OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED	
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9. OPERATING MODE

11. THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR §: (Check all that apply)

1	<input type="checkbox"/> 20.2201(b)	<input type="checkbox"/> 20.2203(a)(3)(i)	<input type="checkbox"/> 50.73(a)(2)(i)(C)	<input type="checkbox"/> 50.73(a)(2)(vii)
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## 12. LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER

## LICENSEE CONTACT

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## 13. COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT

CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANU-FACTURER	REPORTABLE TO EPIX	CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANU-FACTURER	REPORTABLE TO EPIX
	P	CAP	Westinghouse	No					

## 14. SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED

☐ YES (If yes, complete 15. EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE) ☒ NO

## 15. EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE

MONTH	DAY	YEAR

## ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately 15 single-spaced typewritten lines)

On January 25, 2016 at 0147 hours an automatic reactor trip occurred at Millstone Power Station Unit 3 while the unit was in Mode 1, operating at 100 percent power due to a trip of the 'B' Reactor Coolant Pump. The 'B' Reactor Coolant Pump tripped on a ground fault, which in turn caused the Unit 3 reactor to trip on reactor coolant system low loop flow (Reactor Protection System actuation). All control rods fully inserted into the reactor. The auxiliary feedwater pumps started as designed on low steam generator level and operators maintained steam generator level. All other post trip actions were standard and all safety systems operated as expected.

The 'B' Reactor Coolant Pump trip was caused by failure of one of three motor capacitors on the Reactor Coolant Pump motor. The failed capacitor on the affected Reactor Coolant Pump motor was replaced and the integrity of the motor windings, cabling, breaker, and associated protective relays were verified. Based on an assessment of the event, the risk impact was determined to be very small. There were no radiological challenges and the health and safety of the public were not affected.

The actuation of the reactor protection system and the automatic start of the auxiliary feedwater pumps is being reported in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(iv)(A) as an event that resulted in manual or automatic actuation of systems listed in 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(iv)(B).

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**NARRATIVE****1. EVENT DESCRIPTION:**

On January 25, 2016 at 0147 hours an automatic reactor trip occurred at Millstone Power Station Unit 3 (MPS3) while the unit was in Mode 1, operating at 100 percent power. The Reactor Protection System (RPS) was initiated due to a reactor coolant system loop low flow. All control rods fully inserted into the reactor. The auxiliary feedwater pumps started as designed on low steam generator level and operators maintained steam generator level. All other post trip actions were standard and all safety systems operated as expected, stabilizing the plant.

The 'B' Reactor Coolant Pump (RCP) trip was caused by failure of one of three motor capacitors on the RCP motor. The failed capacitor on the affected RCP motor was replaced and the integrity of the motor windings, cabling, breaker, and associated protective relays were verified.

Based on an assessment of the event, the risk impact was determined to be very small. There were no radiological challenges and the health and safety of the public were not affected.

The actuation of the reactor protection system and the automatic start of the auxiliary feedwater pumps is being reported in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(iv)(A) as an event that resulted in manual or automatic actuation of systems listed in 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(iv)(B).

**2. CAUSE:**

The direct cause of the 'B' RCP trip, which resulted in an automatic reactor trip due to partial loss of forced reactor coolant flow, was due to the failure of one of the three RCP motor capacitors. Failure of the capacitor provided a short to ground.

**3. ASSESSMENT OF SAFETY CONSEQUENCES:**

Final Safety Analysis Review (FSAR) Section 15.3.1 presents an analysis of a Partial Loss of Forced Reactor Coolant Flow (one RCP). The analysis presented spans 10 seconds from the onset of the flow coast down to beyond the time of minimum Departure from Nucleate Boiling Ratio (3.6 seconds).

The event as presented in the FSAR contains conservative assumptions typical of safety analysis. These include rapid coast down characteristics, maximum trip delay times, most adverse time in cycle reactivity feedbacks, etc.

Plant computer data and log entries were examined to verify that the actual plant response was bounded with respect to that in the safety analysis. Examination of the plant response showed that the January 25th partial loss of forced reactor coolant flow due to the loss of 'B' RCP transient was well bounded by the FSAR analysis.

The event was considered uncomplicated as defined by the Reactor Oversight Process. In addition, all equipment designed to remove decay heat was available prior to the event and functioned properly during the event. The event was not a significant operational event. Therefore, the event posed no actual or potential hazard to public health and safety.

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**NARRATIVE****4. CORRECTIVE ACTION:**

The failed motor capacitor was replaced on the 'B' RCP.

Additional corrective actions are being taken in accordance with the Millstone Corrective Action Program.

**5. PREVIOUS OCCURRENCES:**

Millstone Power Station Unit 3 has no previous occurrences.

**6. Energy Industry Identification System (EIIIS) codes:**

- Reactor Coolant System – AB
- Pump – P
- Auxiliary Feedwater System – BA
- Steam Generator- SG
- Capacitor- CAP

**7. MANUFACTURER/PART NUMBER**

- Capacitor: Westinghouse/6060B7H01N