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Fort St. Vrain
Unit No. 1
P-79270

Mr. Karl V. Seyfrit, Director
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
611 Ryan Plaza Drive
Suite 1000
Arlington, Texas 76012

REF: Facility Operating License
No. DPR-34

Docket No. 50-267

Dear Mr. Seyfrit:

Enclosed please find a copy of Reportable Occurrence Report No. 50-267/79-50/03-L-0, Final, submitted per the requirements of Technical Specification AC 7.5.2(b)2.

Also, please find enclosed one copy of the Licensee Event Report for Reportable Occurrence Report No. 50-267/79-50/03-L-0.

Very truly yours,

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO
16805 WELD COUNTY ROAD 19 1/2
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Final

IDENTIFICATION OF
OCCURRENCE:

On two occasions during the period of October 18 and 19, 1979, with the reactor operating at power, the motor driven fire pump was removed from service in order to repair an air release valve. These occasions constitute operation in a degraded mode of LCO 4.2.6 and are reportable per Fort St. Vrain Technical Specification AC 7.5.2(b)2.

EVENT
DESCRIPTION:

On August 28, 1979, operations personnel performing routine rounds observed that an air vacuum release valve for the motor driven fire pump was leaking. This leakage was not sufficient to render the motor driven fire pump or the fire water system inoperable.

At approximately 1140 hours on October 18, 1979, with the reactor operating at power, the motor driven fire pump was removed from service in order to repair the leaking air release valve. The pump was returned to service at 1600 hours, with the valve repair not yet complete. At 0700 hours on October 19, 1979, the pump was again removed from service to complete the required valve repair. The valve repair was completed and the pump returned to service at 1030 hours on October 19, 1979.

Technical Specification LCO 4.2.6, Fire Water Pumps, requires that both the engine driven and the motor driven fire pump be operable with the reactor at power. However, a 24 hour period with either pump inoperable is allowed per Section 4.0 of the Technical Specifications. Neither period of inoperability exceeded this 24 hour time limitation.

CAUSE
DESCRIPTION:

It was necessary to remove the motor driven fire pump from service in order to repair a water leak in an associated air vacuum release valve. Cause of valve leakage was determined to be a damaged float and bent float arm.

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CORRECTIVE
ACTION:

The valve was removed from service and disassembled. The damaged float was replaced and the bent float arm repaired and adjusted. Valve repair was completed and inspected, and the pump was returned to service.

No further corrective action is anticipated or required.

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