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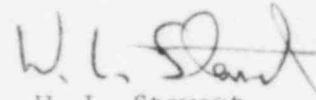
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Gentlemen:

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY
NORTH ANNA POWER STATION UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2
RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING
MAIN TRANSFORMER FAILURES AT NORTH ANNA POWER STATION

In the NRC letter dated July 25, 1983, Vepco was requested to provide additional information concerning the main transformer failures that had occurred at North Anna Unit Nos. 1 and 2. Enclosed are the responses to the questions that were provided in your July 25, 1983 letter.

Very truly yours,


W. L. Stewart

Enclosure

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QUESTION 1: Submit a summary of the tests performed by Vepco on each of the seven transformers prior to their failure. The summary should include type of test, test results, and test acceptance criteria (noting at what point Vepco would consider the transformer suspect). Also address all other test types which may be a part of Vepco's normal routine maintenance procedures.

ANSWER 1: Before energization, and after any major incident involving these transformers, the following routine tests were performed and all results were satisfactory.

Also listed is our acceptance guide. These are the values which require further investigation. They do not necessarily indicate a problem exists, but we do investigate and explain results outside of this range.

<u>TEST</u>	<u>ACCEPTANCE GUIDELINE</u>
Insulation Power Factor	Less than 1%
Bushing Insulation Power Factor	Less than 1%
Transformer Excitation	Less than 120% of previous data
Transformer Turns Ratio	Less than $\pm 1.5\%$ deviation from previous data
Bushing Capacitance	Less than 110% of previous nameplate data
Lightning Arrestors	Doble Engineering guidelines
Oil Dielectric	*more than 26kV ASTM 1816 40 mil gap
Oil Moisture Content	*Less than 25 ppm
Oil Power Factor	*Less than .1%
Dissolved Gas-In-Oil	*Less than 240 ppm H_2 160 ppm CH_4 115 ppm C_2H_6 190 ppm C_2H_4 trace C_2H_2 580 ppm CO

*American Nuclear Insurer's Guide

In addition to the routine tests listed above induced voltage tests were performed on all units on generator #2 after the fourth failure. The tests were conducted from August 2 through August 6, 1981. Tests were performed on two Westinghouse transformers and one General Electric transformer. The maximum test voltage was 150% of the nameplate rating. We duplicated the one hour corona test as closely as field conditions allowed. All test results were satisfactory and all scheduled tests were performed with the exception of the last Westinghouse transformer serial no. 7002099. The failure of the test equipment prevented completion of the last portion of tests on this unit. Because this unit had just been factory repaired and complete factory tests performed and the test set was unavailable the remaining portion of the induced voltage tests was not required. The transformers were energized and operated satisfactorily for approximately 1 year without incident.

After the sixth failure we again decided to perform induced voltage tests. The tests were performed on the 3 transformers on Generator #1, which included one McGraw Edison transformer and two Westinghouse transformers. The maximum test voltage was 135% of the nameplate rating. Again we duplicated the one hour corona test as closely as field conditions allowed. All test results were satisfactory. After these tests the transformers were energized on backfeed and the B phase transformer failed approximately 36 hours after energization.

QUESTION 2: Westinghouse Drawing HAM 707.03 indicates the main transformer is shipped on its side. Submit a summary of Vepco's shipping procedures and practices.

ANSWER 2: The Westinghouse generator step-up transformers at North Anna Power Station were designed to be shipped on their sides. The only additional support required inside the transformer tank are the shipping braces for the bridge structure inside the tank and the internal shipping wedge retainers around the inside of the tank, Items #44 and #45 on the Drawing No. HAM 707-03. The Westinghouse Drawing No. HAM 707-75, "Inside Assembly" has instructions on installing and removing the shipping supports for the bridge structure. Whenever one of these transformers is shipped, supports are installed using the shipping bracing which came in the transformers from the factory or a shipping brace fabricated from clean kiln dried boards as specified in the manufacturers' instruction leaflet. The shipping supports and bolts are painted yellow before installation so that they can be spotted easily and removed after shipping is complete and the transformer is back in an upright position. A copy of the Drawings No. HAM 707-1, 3, and 75 are attached.

QUESTION 3: Submit a summary of the modifications to the main transformer and generator systems completed and planned as a result of the failures. The summary should also include any additions or changes in the administrative, maintenance, and fire protection procedures.

ANSWER 3: All of the Westinghouse GSU transformers at North Anna have been replaced with General Electric (Unit #2) and McGraw Edison (Unit #1) transformers. Each of the replacement GSU transformers incorporate the manufacturer's latest design features including their conservator tank oil preservation system. All of these transformers were delivered and installed in the first half of 1983.

The following modifications were recommended as a result of Vepco's analysis of the 22 KV main generator failure:

1. Install 24 KV surge arresters on the isolated phase bus.
2. Install stress cone terminations (15 KV minimum) on the generator neutral grounding cable. This cable should be shielded cable. It should be isolated, with foam sealant, from metallic edges. The neutral grounding transformer should have at least a 125 KV BIL rating.
3. The generator frame grounding should be equivalent to 1, 1000 MCM copper conductor at two points, terminated in compression lugs.
4. The generator frame connection to the neutral enclosure should be 1 - 2000 MCM copper conductor terminated with compression lugs.
5. Clearance between the isolated phase bus flexible elbows and the bus duct should be increased to the manufacturer's recommended value.
6. Continuous monitoring recorders should be installed to record generator and isolated phase bus electrical parameters.

Modifications 2-5 have been completed on North Anna 1.
Modifications 1 and 6 are being engineered for installation.

Modifications 2-5 have been completed on North Anna 2.
Modification 6 is being engineered for installation.
Modification 1 is being evaluated.

Also recommended was the cleaning and inspecting of the isolated phase bus, ducts and insulators during refueling outages.

A study has been completed of possible fire protection modifications for the transformer area. The recommendations of the study include the following:

- a) Raise the height of the dike which surrounds the transformer area.

- b) Add firewalls at each end of the transformer area.
- c) Modify the drainage system to accommodate larger flow rates.

These recommendations are being evaluated for possible installation in 1984.

No procedural changes have been recommended.

QUESTION 4: Submit a summary on the amount of shutdown time incurred as a result of the main transformer failures.

ANSWER 4:	<u>Failure Dates</u>	<u>Date Replacement</u>	<u>Re-energized</u>
	11-29-80	12-10-80	11 days
	06-19-81	07-02-81	13 days
	07-03-81	07-25-81	22 days
	07-25-81	08-12-81	18 days
	08-22-82	08-30-82	8 days
	11-16-82	12-05-82	19 days
	*12-05-82	03-08-83	93 days

*The shutdown time for the December 1982 failure included time for concurrent generator repairs.

QUESTION 5: Submit the results of Vepco's investigation on the seventh main transformer failure.

ANSWER 5: This transformer was one of seven units purchased from Westinghouse in February 1971. This transformer was shipped in September 1973; installed by February 1974 serving North Anna Unit #1.

After the failure of the "C" phase unit in this bank (see #6 report) constant oil pressure system (COPS) was installed; barrel insulation cylinder around HV bushing was removed, top of transformer internals were carefully inspected, oil processed per Westinghouse cold weather re-impregnation rules, and prepared for service.

After 24 hours of energization, including 6 hours carrying load, transformer failed at 12:38 p.m., December 5, 1982.

Internal inspection disclosed two burn marks which may have been the terminals of an arc under oil. One point was on the HV bushing lead 6 1/2" below the spun copper corona shield. In the HV bushing lead there was a 1/2"-3/4" diameter hole burned through 1"-1 1/4" crepe tape. The second arc burn was on LV winding 41" from the HV burn mark. The transformer was returned to the factory for inspection and teardown. A third arc mark even more remote from the HV bushing was found on the side of the second LV coil. The factory engineers could find no reason for this failure even after the teardown inspection.

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NOTES

SEE INSTRUCTION BOOK HAM707-12 FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THIS TRANSFORMER.
THIS OUTLINE CAN BE USED FOR ELECTION OR MONITORING PURPOSES. IT IS NOT TO BE REPRODUCED
AS INDICATING THE EXACT DETAILS OF CONSTRUCTION.
ALL VALVES HAVE THERMAL SHUT-OFFS UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.
ALL TUBING VALVES AND FITTINGS ARE EQUIPPED WITH M.T. PLUGS.
SLANG SPRINGERS MUST BE USED WHEN LIFTING COILS AND COILS IN ORDER TO CLEAR THE
SUPERSTRUCTURE.
BEFORE BREAKING THE SEAL ON ANY OPENING, BE SURE THE LIQUID IS LOWERED BELOW THE OPENING.
THE CASE IS BRACED FOR FILLING UNDER A FULL VACUUM.
THIS TRANSFORMER HAS A FOUR-PIECE CASE. THE UPPER SECTION OF THE CASE IS WELDED TO THE
LOWER SECTION AT SEAM. THE COILS AND COILS ARE BRACED IN THE TANK TO WITHSTAND HANDLING,
SHIPPING AND OPERATING FORCES. THIS BRACING IS A PERMANENT PART OF THE TRANSFORMER STRUCTURE.
IF IT EVER BECOMES NECESSARY TO REMOVE THE TOP SECTION OF THE CASE, REMOVE THE LIQUID
AND CUT THE WELD AT THE FLANGE D.S. 48-069-16, FIGURE 3, AND LIFT THE TOP SECTION OF THE CASE
FROM THE TRANSFORMER. THIS EXPOSES THE COILS AND COILS FOR INSPECTION OR REPAIR.
AUXILIARY BRACES ARE USED TO SUPPORT THE TRANSFORMER'S SUPERSTRUCTURE FOR SHIPMENT.
REMOVE THESE BRACES BEFORE FILLING THE CASE UNDER VACUUM OR EXHAUSTING. SEE DETAIL.
SHIPMENT WILL BE MADE IN NITROGEN IN ITS OWN CASE. BE SURE TO REMOVE NITROGEN
CONTAINERS BEFORE FILLING WITH LIQUID. BEFORE FILLING CASE WITH LIQUID, SEE INSTRUCTION BOOK.
CHECK OPERATION OF ALL TAP CHANGER MECHANISMS BEFORE SEALING TRANSFORMER.
THE TRANSFORMER IS EQUIPPED WITH EXHAUSTIVE
TAPS OR FEEDSTOCKS USED TO SUPPORT THE TRANSFORMER OR ROLLERS USED TO MOVE THE TRANS-
FORMER MUST BE LOCATED IN OR ACROSS THE SHADING AREA. THE TRANSFORMER WEIGHT IS INDICATED
AND SUPPORTED BY THE TANK WALL LOCATED AS INDICATED BY THE SHADING AREA. THE PORTION OF
THE TRANSFORMER BOTTOM NOT SHADING WILL NOT SUPPORT THE TRANSFORMER.
THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE TO BE REMOVED FOR SHIPMENT: 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 33, 43, 44, 45.
SEE INSTRUCTION BOOK WILL BE ATTACHED TO ANY INTERNAL PARTS INCLUDING FIELD TAPING.
200 GALLONS OF LIQUID ARE REQUIRED TO COVER COILS AND COILS WITH COILS SHADING AND
200 GALLONS WITHOUT COILS.

	APPROXIMATE NET WEIGHTS (LBS.)	SHIPPING WEIGHT (LBS.)
COILS AND COILS		
MAIN UNIT	310000	310000
CASE AND FITTINGS	50000	50000
COILS	13100	13100
OIL	67400	67400
MAIN UNIT	2500	2500
TOTAL	445000	445000

FITTINGS AND DESCRIPTIONS

1. S.W. BUSHING, 1 TOTAL, STUD SIZE 2 - 12 1/2 2-1/4 10-1/2, OUTLINE 800, 48-069-16, INTERNAL BOTTOM CONNECTED - BOLTED TERMINAL.
2. S.W. BUSHING, 2 TOTAL, OUTLINE 800, 48-069-16, 4 SPARE TERMINAL WITH 1/2 1/4 O.D. BORES, 16 TOTAL PER SPARE AT 2-1/4 INCH SPACING. INTERNAL BOTTOM CONNECTED - BOLTED TERMINAL.
3. S.W. BUSHING, 1 TOTAL, STUD SIZE 2 - 12 1/2 2-1/4 10-1/2, OUTLINE 800, 48-069-16, 4 SPARE TERMINAL WITH 1/2 1/4 O.D. BORES, 16 TOTAL PER SPARE AT 2-1/4 INCH SPACING. INTERNAL BOTTOM CONNECTED - BOLTED TERMINAL.
4. POTENTIAL DEVICE - TYPE PRC-2, NOTE: ONLY ONE PRA AND CABLE WILL BE SUPPLIED FOR SHIPMENT ORIGIN.
5. PLATE FOR 800 DUCT CONNECTION. SEE DETAIL.
6. CONTROL CABINET FOR PRA AND PRA'S. UNPAINTED PLATE OVER A 10-1/2 X 15-1/4 OPENING FOR SHIPMENT'S CONNECTIONS.
7. FOR COILS, 5 TOTAL. THE PRA MOTORS ARE 3 PRA'S, 60 HERTZ, 480 VOLTS.
8. TOTAL EVA REQUIRED 30.
9. POWER-OIL PUMP WITH DRIVE AND VENT PUMP, 5 TOTAL, 1 PRA, 60 HERTZ, 480 VOLTS.
10. SHUT-OFF VALVE.
11. GIL FLOW INDICATOR WITH ALARM CONTACTS SUITABLE FOR 600 VOLT-AMPERES AT 125, 250 AND 480 VOLTS AC OR 60 WATTS AT 125 TO 250 VOLTS DC LOAD OR 6 WATTS AT 125 TO 250 VOLTS DC RELAY LOAD.
12. INTERNAL CABLES.
13. INTERNAL CONNECTIONS.
14. MECHANICAL RELAY DEVICE WITH SEMAPHORE FOR INDICATING RELAY DEVICE TRIP AND ALARM CONTACTS FOR INDICATING RELAY DEVICE TRIP SUITABLE FOR 1200 VOLT-AMPERES AT 125 TO 250 VOLTS AC, OR 60 WATTS NON-INDUCTIVE LOAD AT 125 TO 250 VOLTS DC, OR 6 WATTS INDUCTIVE LOAD AT 125 TO 250 VOLTS DC.
15. 30 POINT JUNCTION BOX FOR CURRENT TRANSFORMER LEADS.
16. CONTROL BOX WITH 1/8 INCH VENTILATING HOLES.
17. EYES FOR LIFTING TOP SECTION OF TANK ONLY. SEE D.S. 48-069-12, FIGURE 30.
18. HORIZONTAL LIFT EYES FOR UPRIGHTING OR LIFTING UNIT, 2 TOTAL. SEE DETAIL.
19. COMBINATION VERTICAL LIFT EYE, PULLING EYE AND HOOKS FOR LIFTING OR PULLING COMPLETE UNIT, 2 TOTAL. SEE DETAIL.
20. STARTLING EYE FOR THE LINE UPRIGHTING TRANSFORMER, 2 TOTAL. SEE DETAIL.
21. HORIZONTAL JACK PAD AND PULL EYE, 2 TOTAL. SEE DETAIL.
22. HORIZONTAL JACK PAD AND PULL EYE, 2 TOTAL. SEE DETAIL.
23. VERTICAL JACK PADS, 2 TOTAL. SEE DETAIL.
24. VERTICAL JACK PADS, 2 TOTAL. SEE DETAIL.
25. LIFT EYES, 2 TOTAL FOR LIFTING COMPLETE UNIT HORIZONTALLY OR VERTICALLY. SEE DETAIL.
26. HANDBOLE 10 INCH DIAMETER OPENING.
27. 1 INCH FILLING OR VACUUM PLUG, 2 TOTAL.
28. GROUND PAD OR CASE WALL 2 TOTAL. SEE D.S. 48-069-11, FIGURE 1.
29. VALVE 1-1/2 INCH FOR WATER FILTER PRESS CONNECTIONS.
30. VALVE 1 INCH FOR COMBINATION ABOVE FILTER PRESS CONNECTION AND COMPLETE DRAIN WITH 3/8 INCH SAMPLING DEVICE.
31. WELD TO CASE. SEE DETAIL.
32. MAGNETIC LIQUID LEVEL GAUGE. 9-1/2 DIAMETER DIAL WITH LOW LIQUID LEVEL ALARM CONTACTS SUITABLE FOR: 600 VOLT-AMPERES AT 125 TO 250 VOLTS AC, OR 60 WATTS AC, 125 TO 250 VOLTS DC LOAD, OR 6 WATTS AT 125 TO 250 VOLTS DC RELAY LOAD.
33. THREE PRESSURE RELAY. SEE D.S. 48-069-1 FOR CONTACT RATINGS, ETC.
34. INSULATING CONTAINER - TO BE REMOVED BY CUSTOMER BEFORE FILLING CASE WITH LIQUID.
35. LIQUID TEMPERATURE INDICATOR - LIQUID PRESSURE DIAL TYPE - WITH MAXIMUM INDICATING HAND AND ALARM CLOSING CONTACTS SUITABLE FOR 600 VOLT-AMPERES AT 125 TO 250 VOLTS AC OR 60 WATTS AT 125 TO 250 VOLTS DC LOAD.
36. WET SPOT TEMPERATURE INDICATOR - LIQUID PRESSURE DIAL TYPE - WITH MAXIMUM INDICATING HAND AND ALARM CLOSING CONTACTS SUITABLE FOR 600 VOLT-AMPERES AT 125 TO 250 VOLTS AC OR 60 WATTS AT 125 TO 250 VOLTS DC LOAD.
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DETAILS SEE HAM 707-03

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CHD 1200 HERTZ, 480 VOLTS, 1200 HERTZ, 480 VOLTS, 1200 HERTZ, 480 VOLTS

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