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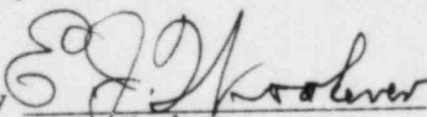
SUBJECT: Beaver Valley Power Station - Unit No. 2
Docket No. 50-412
Potential Deficiency of Westinghouse Gate Valve Position
Indication
Significant Deficiency No. 83-01

Gentlemen:

This interim report is in reference to the potential problem in the Westinghouse EMD gate valve position indication instrumentation reported to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission by S. D. Hall, of Duquesne Light Company, on January 12, 1983.

Westinghouse is currently reviewing the Beaver Valley Power Station Unit 2 specific application of the affected gate valves and instrumentation; and, upon completion of this review, will recommend design changes, where necessary, to remedy the potential deficiency. Pursuant to the requirements of 10CFR50.55(e), an interim report is submitted, and it is expected that a subsequent report on this subject will be issued to the Region I Office by April 29, 1983.

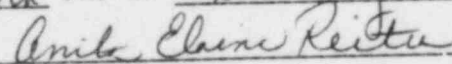
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS
11th DAY OF February, 1983.



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) SS:
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On this 11th day of February, 1983, before me,
a Notary Public in and for said Commonwealth and County, personally
appeared E. J. Woolever, who being duly sworn, deposed and said that (1)
he is Vice President of Duquesne Light, (2) he is duly authorized to exe-
cute and file the foregoing Submittal on behalf of said Company, and (3)
the statements set forth in the Submittal are true and correct to the best
of his knowledge.

Anita Elaine Reiter
Notary Public

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BEAVER VALLEY POWER STATION - UNIT NO. 2
DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY

Interim Report on Potential Deficiency of Westinghouse
Gate Valve Position Indication

1. SUMMARY

Westinghouse has identified a potential significant deficiency in Westinghouse supplied EMD gate valve position indication instrumentation which could result in an indication that the valve is "closed" prior to the valve disc fully isolating flow. Should the valve stall or bind following the premature indication, the operator would have an inaccurate indication of true valve position.

2. IMMEDIATE ACTION TAKEN

On January 12, 1982, Duquesne Light Company notified B. Crocker of the Region I office by telephone. Duquesne Light Company also instructed Westinghouse to continue with their investigation of the potential deficiency.

3. DESCRIPTION OF DEFICIENCY

A geared limit switch rotor is set to provide an electrical bypass of the OPEN torque switch at the beginning of the opening stroke. On a closing stroke, this switch changes state before the flow path is completely blocked. As a result, it is likely that monitor and/or indicator lights also operated by that rotor will indicate valve closure slightly before the flow path is completely shut off. If the valve were to stop between this setpoint and the full shut off position, a flow path through the valve could exist even though a CLOSE indication had been achieved.

Depending on the plant-specific valve application and consequences of inaccurate closure indication, the wiring of certain valves may need to be altered to meet operational safety requirements. This finding was based on Westinghouse generic wiring specification. This issue may not be applicable depending on Duquesne Light Company's specific wiring requirements or if the subject valves were rewired as part of other modifications to increase shut off pressure rating.

The various generic gate valve applications have been reviewed to determine those that may result in unacceptable consequences. These are:

- a. Hot leg safety injection (high and low pressure)
- b. Alternate cold leg (high pressure) injection (3-loop plants only)
- c. Cold leg injection (low head)

All valves which have been identified as potentially requiring modification and which incorrect position indication by itself could cause an unacceptable situation that violates the established licensing basis for Beaver Valley Power Station Unit 2 are:

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8885
8889
8814
8888A
8888B

4. ANALYSIS OF SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

Inaccurate position indication of safety-related isolation valves could result in improper system isolation or system operation and possible inaccurate operator response, degrading the affected system's ability to perform its safety function.

5. CORRECTIVE ACTION TO REMEDY DEFICIENCY

Westinghouse is currently conducting a plant specific review for Beaver Valley Power Station Unit 2, and, upon completion of this evaluation, will recommend design changes, where necessary, to remedy the problem.

6. ADDITIONAL REPORTS

Westinghouse is scheduled to provide results of their design review and recommend a schedule for implementation of any corrective action, if needed, to remedy the potential deficiency. Duquesne Light Company plans to issue another report, interim or final, when additional details concerning the corrective action are available. It is expected that this report will be submitted to Region I by April 29, 1983.