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On 10/11/84, a special test was being performed to verify relay protection on the Unit 2 Main Transformer and the Unit 2 Station Service Transformers (USST) 2C and 2D. The procedure established an electrical circuit from Unit 2 Main Transformer through USST 2C, 4KV bus 2A, System Station Service Transformer (SSST) 2A, Station Service Feeder A, to Unit 1 SSST 1A and Unit 1 4KV bus 1B. The normal configuration was transferred to this line up as per this procedure by opening Oil Circuit Breaker (OCB) 92. (Normal offsite supply to Unit 1 SSST 1A).

During relay verification checks relay crew personnel attempted to obtain phase angle readings from the overcurrent protection circuitry on Unit 2 breakers 42A and 42C. (These breakers connect Unit 2 bus 2A to Unit 2 SSST 2A and Unit 2 USST 2C respectively). When the phase angle meter was connected from phase A of the overcurrent transformer to phase A of the overcurrent relays of breaker 42C a current path was established through the ground overcurrent relay for breaker 42A. Breaker 42A tripped open due to its overcurrent relay actuation. This caused a loss of power to USST 1A. 4KV bus 1B was, at the time, being fed via SSST 1A. A low voltage condition on bus 1B caused the "B" reactor coolant pump to trip. The pump trip caused low flow bistables to actuate on loop B. At approximately 1453 hours, a reactor trip signal was generated by protection interlock P8, low flow on 2/3 bistables in one reactor coolant loop while at greater than 31% power.

The automatic bus transfer scheme did not operate on bus 1B. If it had operated the low voltage condition and the reactor coolant pump trip and subsequent reactor trip should not have occurred. It is believed that the breaker feeding the bus via Unit 1 SSST 1A (141A) should have tripped from an undervoltage on SSST 1A. This in turn would have caused 141C to close and feed the bus (1B) from onsite power via USST 1C. The probable cause is a faulty undervoltage relay and its operability is currently under investigation.

Following the reactor trip an automatic bus transfer was completed on busses 1C and 1D. (Switched from USST 1D to SSST 1B). Busses 1A and 1B temporarily lost their offsite power source along with the loss of onsite power due to the reactor trip. The 1A emergency diesel generator started and sequenced on all of its designated safety related loads because of the loss of power to emergency bus 1AE. (Bus 1A is the normal power supply to bus 1AE).

The plant was stabilized at approximately 1515 hours. OCB 92 was manually closed in to allow busses 1A and 1B to be powered through their normal offsite power source. With all power sources now in normal alignment the emergency diesel generator was shutdown and a normal shutdown to operational mode 3 was continued with one reactor coolant pump in service.

The loss of one of two physically independent circuits between the offsite transmission network and the onsite distribution system caused the station to enter Technical Specification (T.S.) 3.8.1.1. An unusual event was declared as a result of the EPP (Tab 20). Subsequent re-evaluation of the EPP revealed that no unusual event should have been declared because the T.S. action statement was not exceeded. All appropriate notifications were made.

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Two root causes have been identified as contributors to the trip. First, the current transformer shorting switch blade/jaw interface did not make satisfactory contact. Weak contact pressure and the existence of some dirty film in the contact area resulted in a slight impedance between this point and ground. Thus when the phase angle meter was connected from the transformer to the overcurrent relay lead, a parallel path existed to ground through the impedance of the shorting switch contact and the overcurrent relays.

Second, the physical location of the circuit ground allowed a current path to exist through the overcurrent trip relay of breaker 42A. It was a combination of the shorting switch contact resistance problem and the physical location of the circuit ground that caused the overcurrent relay to trip breaker 42A.

The current transformer shorting switch has been replaced and the ground locations for all Unit 2 4KV busses, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D have been relocated as agreed upon by Duquesne Light Company and Stone and Webster (Unit 2 Architect Engineers) personnel.

There were no safety implications to the health and safety of the plant personnel or the general public. All safety systems functioned as designed and all emergency equipment remained operable.



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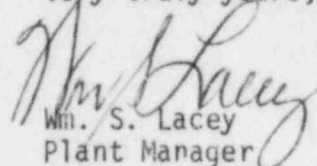
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Gentlemen:

In accordance with Appendix A, Beaver Valley Technical Specifications, the following Licensee Event Report is submitted:

LER 84-012, 10 CFR 50.73.a.IV, "Engineered Safeguards Features System Actuation."

Very truly yours,


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