



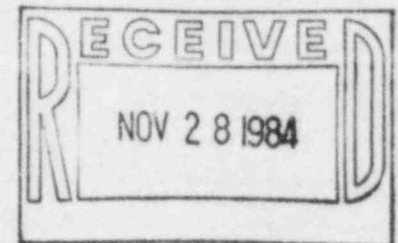
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Mr. Robert D. Martin, Regional Administrator
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV, Office of Inspection and Enforcement
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000
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Dear Mr. Martin:

River Bend Station Unit 1
Docket No. 50-458
Final Report/DR-256

On October 19, 1984, GSU notified Region IV by telephone that it had determined DR-256 to be reportable under 10CFR50.55(e). This deficiency concerns the VAR and watt meter scales in the standby diesel generators supplied by Transamerica Delaval, Incorporated. The attachment to this letter is GSU's final 30-day written report pursuant to 10CFR50.55(e) with regard to this deficiency.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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ATTACHMENT

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DR-256 VAR and Watt Meter Scales in the Standby Diesel Generators supplied by Transamerica Delaval, Incorporated

Background and Description of the Problem

The Var and Watt meter scales are not compatible with the transducers, current transformers, and potential transformers in the standby diesel generators 1ENS*SWG1A and 1ENS*SWG1B supplied by Transamerica Delaval, Incorporated (TDI).

Safety Implication

The incompatible meters could result in actual generator output that is approximately 12% greater than the output displayed on the panel meters. While performing the 24 hour test requirements, the diesel generator would exceed the specified 2 hour rating (at above 110% load) thereby resulting in rapid wear of the diesel generator's critical components. This condition could therefore result in unavailability of the diesel generator on an emergency start signal.

Corrective Action

In accordance with Engineering and Design Coordination Report No. C-60393A, the existing 0-5000 KW and 0-5000 KVAR scales in 1EGS*PNL1A and 1EGS*PNL1B will be replaced with 0-5600 KW and 0-5600 KVAR scales as ordered under Field Purchase Requisition No. 499306.