

1 Tuesday Afternoon Session

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3 3:20 o'clock p.m.

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5 (Present: Messrs. Burns, Rossi, Bell,
6 Beard, Lanning, Shafer, Jackiw, Kosloff, Roles and
7 O'Connor.

8 MR. ROSSI: What we are going to do now
9 is just discuss the feedwater system, the auxiliary
10 feedwater system and the main steam system, and the
11 Steam and Feedwater Rupture Control System just to
12 get a better understanding of how the systems work
13 at the Davis-Besse plant. That's what we want to
14 do. And you have given us three or four drawings
15 here and you can make some comments on what these
16 drawings are so that that will be on the record.

17 MR. O'CONNOR: Let's everybody --

18 MR. LANNING: May I interrupt you a
19 second. Would you state your name first and give
20 us a little background as to your position.

21 MR. O'CONNOR: My name is Bill O'Connor,
22 I'm the operations superintendent. I have been at
23 the station for about eleven years. I have been
24 the operations superintendent since last September.

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1 Prior to that, I was the operations
2 engineering supervisor for several years. I was
3 the operations training supervisor for about a year
4 and a half. I was a training instructor before
5 that.

6 I was a reactor operator, auxiliary
7 operator, equipment operator, came up through the
8 ranks while through that time I was going to school,
9 got my degree and all that, then moved on into the
10 office engineering positions.

11 I was in the Navy before that. In fact,
12 I met Larry in the Navy. We worked together for a
13 while at SLC. I was surprised to see him when he
14 walked in today.

15 MR. LANNING: Thanks very much.

16 MR. O'CONNOR: I do have a senior license.
17 I had an RO license before that. I have been
18 licensed for about, oh, since 1978.

19 Let's look at the main feedwater drawing
20 first, the one that says Main Feedwater System,
21 Figure 1, the official drawing number if you have a
22 set of P&ID is M-006B. In other words, if you are
23 wanting to get great detail and you get a real P&ID,
24 it looks like this one, but this is a simplified

1 drawing showing the major flow paths.

2 I would like to describe the flow path of
3 the main feedwater system and the startup system
4 first, and then we will talk about the auxiliary
5 feedwater system and then the main steam system.
6 So we will go through each of these drawings in
7 some detail to explain our flow paths at
8 Davis-Besse.

9 MR. BEARD: Before you get into the
10 drawings, are these drawings made up for training
11 purposes?

12 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes. These are simplified
13 training drawings.

14 MR. BEARD: Do you have a strong feeling,
15 do they really reflect the plant? There has been
16 some problems that training documents don't really
17 reflect the plant.

18 MR. O'CONNOR: I feel these drawings
19 adequately reflect the major flow paths, and I
20 don't expect to find any major errors -- there may
21 be some of the valves that are shown normally open
22 here and normally closed, that may not be
23 necessarily 100 percent true. But I don't think
24 that there is any glaring errors in these.

1 Let's start out with the main feed system.
2 We have two main feedpumps at Davis-Besse. They
3 are turbine-driven pumps. On one end of the
4 turbine is connected the shaft of the turbine which
5 is connected to the main feedpump. The other end
6 of the turbine shaft connects to a gear reducer to
7 the booster feedpump.

8 In other words, on your drawing you have
9 got a main feedpump and a booster pump, they are
10 connected to the same turbine, one is on one end
11 and one is on the other. The booster pump, however,
12 does have a gear reducer. It's about a 2.8 to 1
13 reduction.

14 The main feedpump turbine receives its
15 steam supply at full power from the cross-around
16 steam to the moisture separator reheaters. We will
17 get to that a little bit later, but there is also
18 supply from the main steam system.

19 In other words, when you start the
20 turbine up, initially on the main steam, as we
21 build up cross-around pressure in the turbine, then
22 the high pressure control valve will end up not in
23 control. The low pressure control valves will take
24 over.

1 I don't know if you want to go into the
2 specifics?

3 MR. BELL: Who makes these turbines here?

4 MR. O'CONNOR: GE.

5 MR. BELL: Do they have an electrohydraulic
6 control system or a control --

7 MR. O'CONNOR: No. We have what is
8 called an MDT 20 system. It's an electronic
9 control system. It's not -- we use a speed pick-up
10 for the signal and then it controls a secondary
11 operating piston to the actual valve covering.

12 MR. BELL: Then is the EHC system used to
13 operate that piston?

14 MR. O'CONNOR: Not in the term you want
15 to use EHC system. That's a high pressure fuel
16 system.

17 MR. BELL: Not off the turbine EHC.

18 MR. O'CONNOR: No.

19 MR. BELL: Okay.

20 MR. O'CONNOR: It's driven off the main
21 oil pumps for the turbine -- for the feedpump
22 turbine, and it's not an electrohydraulic control
23 system separate to the turbine.

24 Normal flow rate through the main

1 feedpump turbines at full power is about six
2 million pounds per hour nominally. The feedpumps
3 discharge through two nonreturn valves, their
4 FW-488 and 491 shown on your drawing, right on the
5 discharge of the pumps.

6 Up through there is a cross-connect
7 header at that point that joins the two feedwater --
8 high pressure feedwater heaters together. Our two
9 high pressure feedwater strings through our four,
10 five and six feedwater heaters down each train,
11 then the piping joins back down together again for
12 about ten or fifteen feet of pipe when it branches
13 off to the two control valve networks for the
14 individual steam generators.

15 We have minifeed valves, FW-44 and 139
16 shown near the top of your drawing, these maintain
17 the minimum 32 gallons a minute required for the
18 feedwater nozzles to insure that they always remain
19 full and we don't thermal shock the nozzles. So
20 they are always throttled to 32 gallons a minute.
21 Actually it's a little -- that's the minimal. They
22 are typically 40 to 50 gallons per minute.

23 Immediately below them is the startup
24 control valves, SP7B and SP7A. These valves would

1 be during a startup the first ones that we would
2 open, and they would control up to around 15
3 percent power.

4 MR. BELL: These valves are the valves
5 used primarily to hold you on the low level limit
6 when you are starting it.

7 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes. These valves will
8 control on low level limits.

9 MR. BELL: SP7B and 7A, okay.

10 MR. O'CONNOR: They are air operated
11 control valves from the integrated control system.

12 MR. BELL: And manual control station's
13 in the control room?

14 MR. O'CONNOR: Manual control in the
15 control room.

16 MR. BELL: Okay, sir.

17 MR. O'CONNOR: Below that we have SP6A
18 and 6B, which are the main feedwater control valves
19 which as the startup valve gets to 80 percent full
20 open, it will send a signal to open the block valve
21 to the main feed control valves, which would be 780
22 and 779, the two valves with the circle and the M
23 shown as a motor operated valve, they automatically
24 open when the startup valve gets to about 80

1 percent open to put the main control valve in
2 service.

3 So now during a startup we would have the
4 minifeed's throttle at about 40 gallons a minute,
5 the startup valve would end up being full open and
6 the main valve taking over as control at about 80
7 percent open on the startup valves.

8 MR. SHAFER: For the record, SP7A is the
9 one that failed on the feedpump?

10 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes. We were not able to
11 reopen immediately after the trip. It has a blocking
12 function to allow overriding the Steam and
13 Feedwater Rupture Control closure, but it did not
14 open immediately. We were able to get it open
15 several minutes later when we got an I & C tech in
16 the back, and I'm not sure of the details of what
17 he did at this time, but he was able to
18 successfully get it blocked.

19 Downstream of these three valves which
20 are in parallel is a check valve on each side, No.
21 147 and 156. This is immediately outside the
22 containment and next to the containment isolation
23 valves 612 and 601.

24 612 and 601 are the large motor operated

1 feedwater stop valves that isolate immediately
2 outside the containment building. These valves are
3 automatically closed on Steam and Feedwater Rupture
4 Control logic and Safety Features Actuation logic.

5 MR. BELL: Automatic closure signals to
6 SP6 and 7 are just the Steam and Feedwater Rupture
7 Control.

8 MR. O'CONNOR: Control.

9 MR. BELL: And you use that to backup the
10 closure on 612 and 601?

11 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes, sir. The logic -- we
12 will get into that when we do the SFRCS, but they
13 close on opposite sides to assure any single
14 failure will always assure feedwater isolation.

15 MR. BELL: So maybe 612 comes off channel
16 chain --

17 MR. O'CONNOR: 601 and 612 are on
18 opposite channels, as 6A and 6B.

19 MR. BELL: 612 6B and 7B would be
20 opposite channels?

21 MR. O'CONNOR: 612 and 7B are on the same
22 channel and 601 and 7A is on the opposite side
23 channel. When we get to that one drawing that
24 shows all of them, I will go through which channels

1 they operate off of. I think it might be easy to
2 explain that.

3 MR. O'CONNOR: Downstream of 612 and 601,
4 the piping just goes into the containment and
5 enters the feedwater nozzles. That takes care of
6 the discharge side of the feedpump. Let's move
7 back over to the suction side.

8 MR. BEARD: Before you go there, since
9 the question has already arisen about this SP7A
10 valve that apparently failed to reopen, that's the
11 one where you tried to radio a startup pump and
12 feed and that valve kept you from using that valve.

13 MR. O'CONNOR: To that steam generator.

14 MR. BEARD: Could you show us just
15 quickly where the electric startup pump feeds into
16 this diagram?

17 MR. ROSSI: He's getting to that, I
18 believe.

19 MR. BEARD: I was just trying to relate
20 this before we get too far away from this.

21 MR. O'CONNOR: If you look at the bottom
22 of your chart are the motor driven startup feedpump
23 and coming out the left side of that pump and
24 following the arrow up, it ties to FW-106 into the

1 common feedwater header downstream of FW-45, which
2 is a manual isolation valve.

3 MR. ROSSI: Okay. So it comes in
4 upstream of the heaters.

5 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes, sir.

6 MR. ROSSI: Okay.

7 MR. O'CONNOR: I guess we can start with
8 the startup pump next before we go to the suction
9 of the pumps. The startup feedwater pump is an
10 electric driven feedpump. It's rated at 300
11 gallons a minute. It is used on normal startups up
12 to about one to two percent power. That's all it's
13 capable of supplying feedwater, the capacity of it.
14 We have a problem in our startup --

15 MR. ROSSI: What's the megawatt thermal
16 rating of your plant?

17 MR. O'CONNOR: 2772.

18 Our Startup Feedpump piping is not
19 seismically qualified and it passes through the Aux
20 Feedpump room, so we have to maintain this piping
21 isolated during power operation so that when the
22 Startup Feedpump, when it is in service on a
23 startup, we have to maintain an operator in the
24 room such that if the piping were to break, he can

1 stop the pump and isolate the piping so it can
2 affect the Aux Feed pump system.

3 MR. ROSSI: And where does that isolation
4 take place on that piping?

5 MR. O'CONNOR: What's required on the
6 isolation is on the suction side we have to
7 maintain the suction FW-32 shut, which is the
8 suction from the deaerator, we have to maintain the
9 discharge side shut with FW-106, which is up by the
10 feedwater heaters, we have to maintain the cooling
11 water supplies shut, which are not shown on this
12 drawing. They are cooled from the turbine building
13 cooling water system. In other words, the pump is
14 isolated from the system so that it doesn't count
15 as a high energy line break.

16 MR. ROSSI: FW-32, is that the one right
17 here and that goes back to the deaerator?

18 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes. If you go back right
19 here, I'll find a spot on the drawing where that is
20 located. Right here where it has got an A right
21 next to this FW-85, that's the other end of the
22 Startup Feedpump. If you connect this A and this A
23 together, that's the other end of that pipe.

24 MR. ROSSI: Okay.

1 MR. O'CONNOR: Which is off the deaerator
2 cross-connect header.

3 MR. ROSSI: Okay.

4 MR. BEARD: But the valves that would be
5 closed during normal operation or the ones that
6 this person down there would close in the event of
7 a problem, would they be 106, 91 and 32?

8 MR. O'CONNOR: And the cooling water
9 isolation valves, CW --

10 MR. BELL: Which there are none shown.

11 MR. BEARD: But the ones that are on this
12 diagrams would be those three?

13 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes.

14 MR. BELL: Now, the other one you used to
15 startup the feedwater pump building, where was it
16 getting its suction produced?

17 MR. O'CONNOR: When they lined it up the
18 other night, it was getting the suction from the
19 deaerator. They lined it up to FW-32. That did
20 cause, in other words, if this was lined up in
21 standby, they would have been able to start it
22 immediately from the control room. But since we
23 have to keep it isolated, this is a recent
24 requirement, starting up from this refuel, we had

1 to keep this pump isolated. Prior to this filling
2 it was normally in standby and you could start it
3 from the control room.

4 MR. BELL: So you are saying had it not
5 been for compliance with the seismic -- nonseismic
6 qualifications of this pump, this pump would have
7 been immediately available?

8 MR. O'CONNOR: Immediately available, yes.

9 MR. ROSSI: Well, to put it into service,
10 you had to open up FW-32 and FW-106?

11 MR. O'CONNOR: And the cooling isolation
12 valves.

13 MR. ROSSI: And that cannot be done from
14 the control room?

15 MR. O'CONNOR: They were all manual
16 valves.

17 MR. BELL: 12-, 14-inch lines?

18 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes. It's about - I think
19 the suction lines is a ten or twelve, and the
20 discharge lines is a six or an eight.

21 MR. ROSSI: And that started this last
22 refueling.

23 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes. We used to have the
24 pump in service with FW-32 open and 106 open.

1 MR. BELL: Adequate suction pressure can
2 be maintained on the startup pump from just the
3 head in the deaerator storage tanks?

4 MR. O'CONNOR: The deaerator storage are
5 in the top of the turbine building and the pump is
6 in the basement. So I don't know exactly how many
7 feet, a hundred feet plus the pressure in the
8 deaerators.

9 MR. SHAFER: For the record, if I may,
10 the rationale for keeping the startup feedpump
11 isolated because the lines are not seismic is
12 basically because those lines pass through the
13 auxiliary feedwater pump.

14 MR. O'CONNOR: I said that in the
15 beginning.

16 MR. BEARD: High energy line.

17 MR. SHAFER: That's right.

18 MR. BEARD: Has this electric startup
19 pump been in the plant design since day one?

20 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes, sir.

21 MR. BEARD: It hasn't been added.

22 MR. O'CONNOR: It's been there since day
23 one.

24 MR. BELL: And your normal feed path and

1 startup you normally feed through the feed nozzle,
2 then right up through the six or seven?

3 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes.

4 MR. BELL: Would it be the sevens,
5 because the sixes would be isolated?

6 MR. O'CONNOR: Right. Once we get up to
7 about two percent power, then we put a main
8 feedpump on, shut down the startup pipe and isolate
9 it.

10 MR. LANNING: Is that a manual operation
11 now you are talking about?

12 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes, sir.

13 MR. LANNING: It's all manual.

14 MR. BEARD: So you don't use Aux feed
15 startup?

16 MR. O'CONNOR: No, sir.

17 MR. LANNING: When do you switch over to
18 automatic control of feedwater?

19 MR. O'CONNOR: Feedwater control on the
20 valves is put into automatic prior to lifting off
21 what we call low level limits. In other words, all
22 of the valves would be in full automatic control.

23 We typically do not put our main
24 feedwater pumps in automatic until we get the flow

1 rate up over three or four million pounds per hour.
2 They don't like to control at low flows in
3 automatic. You just -- they are not available.

4 MR. BELL: But to amplify your answer,
5 you can startup with startup control valves in auto?

6 MR. O'CONNOR: They are in auto.

7 MR. BELL: You startup with Aux standby
8 maintaining you at your low level limit?

9 MR. O'CONNOR: The valves are in
10 automatic, the pumps are not. Once we get up off
11 of low level limits is when we put the pumps in
12 automatic.

13 Now, let me clarify that a little bit.
14 Based on some of the problems we have had with our
15 feedpump oil control systems over the last few
16 months, we have been -- we recently changed our
17 startup procedure to maintain one of the main
18 feedpumps in manual control at all times, because
19 we have had some spurious trips in automatic and we
20 fully added extra instrumentation to the No. 1 main
21 feedpump, we are running it in automatic and No. 2
22 in manual control in hopes to isolate this spurious
23 problem that was not able to be fully -- you know,
24 we weren't sure we could fully solve that or had

1 found the root cause to that problem.

2 MR. BEARD: Could you say again, Bill,
3 what that problem was?

4 MR. O'CONNOR: We were having spurious
5 trips of the main feedpump following a reactor trip
6 and were not able to isolate a cause. We would go
7 in and check all the pressure switches, run the
8 pumps up and down, reset them, trip them and could
9 not duplicate the trip. So what we did following
10 our last trip, that would have been I think on the
11 2nd or the 3rd, we fully instrumented the No. 1
12 main feedpump, we went into places in the oil
13 system, we went across all of the trip contacts in
14 the electronic trip circuitry so that we could --
15 and put strip charts on all these things so we
16 could isolate it to a particular fault if it
17 tripped again.

18 MR. ROSSI: Then you put No. 2 --

19 MR. O'CONNOR: Then we ran No. 2 in
20 manual control.

21 MR. BEARD: It seems the trips were
22 associated only if it was in automatic.

23 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes.

24 MR. ROSSI: Do you have experience that

1 indicates that that's the case?

2 MR. O'CONNOR: Every trip we had was in
3 that mode. And while we were doing the testing
4 shutdown, we were not able to cause it to trip in
5 manual.

6 MR. ROSSI: Okay.

7 MR. BELL: But you were able --

8 MR. O'CONNOR: We were able to cause it
9 to trip when it was under ICS control. So we put
10 it in manual control in hopes that we could keep
11 one pump and verify that the rapid feedwater
12 reduction system, which I will get to a little
13 later, wasn't interjecting something and causing
14 the feedpump to step change too fast and trip it.

15 MR. BELL: Okay. Now, there are feedpump
16 speed controls, is it a function of the delta P
17 across the feed valve network up here?

18 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes. The one next is the
19 feed delta P across feedwater control valves and
20 feedwater demand.

21 MR. BELL: And the other is feedwater
22 demand.

23 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes.

24 MR. ROSSI: From the ICS.

1 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes.

2 MR. BEARD: One of the things I heard --
3 and it may not be accurate -- but you had some
4 problem with governors. And I don't know whether
5 that is a situation on the main feed or the Aux
6 Feed.

7 MR. O'CONNOR: Both.

8 MR. BEARD: I don't want to get into it
9 in great detail.

10 MR. O'CONNOR: We changed the speed pump
11 controls during this last outage.

12 MR. ROSSI: The main?

13 MR. O'CONNOR: Main and one of the Aux.
14 The old system was what I want to call the rev zero
15 GE system with all the levers and springs, and I
16 don't know a real name for it, but we disassembled
17 the entire old governing system and put in a new
18 electronic governing system for the main feedpumps.

19 MR. BEARD: That was this outage.

20 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes, sir.

21 MR. BELL: And these trips didn't show up
22 until you had the new turbine governor system in
23 place?

24 MR. O'CONNOR: Right.

1 And we have had the vendor in here
2 numerous occasions and he's made adjustments to
3 like the thrust wear pressure switches and turbine
4 control oil pressure, trying to isolate it to a
5 particular fault.

6 MR. ROSSI: And that vendor is?

7 MR. O'CONNOR: From General Electric.

8 MR. BELL: You don't -- when you have a
9 reactor trip that trips the turbine, taking a
10 turbine off, the turbine trip will not result in a
11 feedpump trip, will it?

12 MR. O'CONNOR: It should not. We have
13 had several spurious trips, and that's one of the
14 problems that we are trying to solve.

15 MR. ROSSI: Let's see. When you trip the
16 turbine then, does the steam flowing to the main
17 feedpumps revert to the main steam header?

18 MR. O'CONNOR: To the main steam header,
19 yes. It's just a function of there is a high
20 pressure control valve and five low pressure
21 control valves, and initially the low pressure
22 valves open, but there is no low pressure steam
23 since the moisture separator reheaters have no
24 steam in them at that point.

1 As the last low pressure valve opens, it
2 opens up the high pressure stop valve to allow the
3 high pressure control valve to start control over
4 the mainstream. As you start building a
5 cross-pressure, as that pressure builds up, the
6 first thing it does is the governing mechanism sees
7 this pressure increase and the speed starts to
8 increase, the first valve it closes down on is the
9 high pressure valve, and as we get more and more
10 cross-around pressure, it presses down on the LP
11 valves to control.

12 MR. JACKIW: Bill, do you know if GE made
13 the modifications at other plants?

14 MR. O'CONNOR: I'm not familiar with
15 whether GE made the modifications. I believe that
16 they did, but I can't say for sure.

17 MR. JACKIW: You don't know if other
18 projects are having the same problems with tripping?

19 MR. O'CONNOR: I know SHUD had some
20 problems when they changed out, but they didn't go
21 to the exact same system we did. They went to a
22 similar system but not the exact same one.

23 MR. LANNING: This feedpump is instrumented
24 presently; is that correct?

1 MR. O'CONNOR: No. 1 is.

2 MR. LANNING: No. 1 is. So there are
3 data available during this transient feedwater pump
4 No. 1?

5 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes. The data that we saw
6 immediately after the trip, none of the electronic
7 trips had picked up. The only thing that had
8 picked up was a mechanical trip on overspeed.

9 And our flow data shows and our speed
10 data shows that the pump did trip on overspeed, and
11 what we are theorizing now, since we haven't been
12 able to go into the cabinets because we have a stop
13 work essentially, is that the speed pickup to the
14 electronic circuit opened up. In other words, it's
15 sensing speed off a magnetic pickup.

16 If it sees a zero speed signal, it tells
17 the turbine controls that the turbine is not
18 turning any more and says speed up. If it gets a
19 zero input, it will tell the valves to open just as
20 fast as they can go and would give an overspeed
21 trip. GE told us that in our training also.

22 MR. BELL: But isn't there more than one
23 speed pickup?

24 MR. O'CONNOR: There is two pickups, yes.

1 But they come together in a parallel path. If it
2 failed at the last point up to -- in other words,
3 if I open the wire after the speed pickups come
4 together, in other words, when it leaves the MDT-20
5 cabinet to the governor control system, anywhere in
6 that circuit, it would be a zero input. If it
7 failed at the turbine, then the other one will
8 still come in.

9 MR. BEARD: Have you had any experience
10 of failures of that type?

11 MR. O'CONNOR: No, sir.

12 MR. BEARD: So there is no reason to
13 believe that that is the cause other than
14 speculation?

15 MR. O'CONNOR: Other than we had an
16 overspeed trip and no other contact showed trip.

17 MR. BEARD: But your history doesn't show
18 that.

19 MR. O'CONNOR: No.

20 MR. BELL: Isn't there an electronic
21 overspeed trip on that pump too?

22 MR. O'CONNOR: No.

23 MR. BELL: There is not.

24 MR. O'CONNOR: Not to my knowledge. All

1 there is is a mechanic. There is high speed stops
2 and everything that if the speed goes up, it's not
3 supposed to let it go over like 105 percent of
4 rated speed.

5 MR. BEARD: That's what I don't
6 understand as to why your high speed systems didn't
7 come in.

8 MR. O'CONNOR: Even GE in our training
9 following an outage said a zero speed signal will
10 not be protected by a high speed stop, it will go
11 to overspeed. They said the change is too fast to
12 be caught by anything.

13 MR. BEARD: Are we about at the end of
14 the main feed storage?

15 MR. O'CONNOR: I would like to go back to
16 the six for a minute. The normal suction for the
17 feedpumps is from the deaerator storage tank. We
18 have two large tanks of sixty-four thousand gallons
19 each which provides suction to the feedpumps, and
20 these are normally cross-connected through two
21 valves, FW-423 and FW-84, so either feedpump can
22 take suction from either deaerators, and both
23 deaerators stay at the same level during normal
24 operation.

1 Now, feed into the deaerators is from the
2 condensate system. So unlike other systems, if we
3 were to trip all our condensate powers, our
4 feedpumps still have a suction, and there is about
5 four to five minutes of water there on a loss of
6 condensate for our plant.

7 So we could turn all of our condensate
8 pumps off and still have water to the feedpumps for
9 about five minutes. And our integrated control
10 system has a runback associated with the deaerator
11 level, if you get to four feet in the deaerator, it
12 will run the plant back to 55 percent in
13 anticipation of a loss of a feedpump.

14 MR. BEARD: Okay. With regard to how
15 this system performed during the event, I don't
16 really think we intended to get into it this hour.
17 Maybe you can clarify, the question has come up in
18 my mind, the failure of the No. 1 main feedpump is
19 what we are now calling the transient initiator and
20 then somewhat later the No. 2 tripped out I guess
21 on loss of steam.

22 MR. O'CONNOR: I didn't trip out. It
23 costed to a stop because it had no head steam to
24 the turbine

1 MR. BEARD: So you ended up with one out
2 immediately at the onset and the second one coasted
3 down after about five minutes, so you had still
4 main feed in the plant for about five minutes after
5 transient stop?

6 MR. O'CONNOR: Its post-trip response
7 was normal. It calmed down to low level limits,
8 everything looked normal. Came into a normal
9 post-trip TF condition. It was at that point that
10 things started going away when the MSIVs went
11 closed an that.

12 But there is enough steam when the
13 turbine trips and closes the valves, that the
14 moisture separator reheaters, and the water in
15 their drain tanks flashing off, there is quite a
16 bit of steam trapped in there and the main
17 steamlines to run the main feedpump turbines, and
18 the main feedpump turbines are essentially under a
19 no load condition at this point because when our
20 reactor trips, we have a rapid feed reduction
21 system which immediately jams the main feed valves
22 closed and the startup valves to a target position
23 of about 20 percent open. That's equivalent to
24 about 4 percent K heat load, 4 to 5 percent, where

1 is where it should be targeted to coast it right in
2 on low level limits

3 MR. BEARD: Is part of that control
4 system also something that would tend to speed up
5 the turbine in anticipation of pumping it against
6 the high pressure?

7 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes, sir. Part of that
8 system sends a target speed signal to the main
9 feedpumps -- their normal speed at full power is
10 somewhere between four thousand and forty-four
11 hundred rpm. Each one is a little different. And
12 after the trip, it targets that speed up about two
13 hundred more rpm.

14 MR. BEARD: It's about a 5 percent
15 increase roughly.

16 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes, sir.

17 MR. BEARD: So your control system is
18 telling the turbine to speed up.

19 MR. O'CONNOR: Valves to close.

20 MR. BEARD: And I heard rumor, and I'll
21 characterize it as purely rumor, and the reason I
22 bring it up now is to set the record straight and
23 at least get me straight. Have you had problems on
24 the main feedwater side of the balance of that

1 system turning, if you will, to the control aspects
2 of this speeding up the turbine side and closing
3 down the valve, and I guess there is a speed
4 governor involved in that.

5 MR. O'CONNOR: We have had some
6 difficulty making all of the things come together
7 at the same time. The target speed adjustment,
8 what is done there is it's a pure minus ten to plus
9 ten volt ramp, and the speed is supposedly linear
10 so they pick off, it should be at 8.2 volts or
11 whatever and it should be forty-six hundred rpm.
12 That voltage, however, they found later to be too
13 high and our feedpump was actually going to a much
14 higher speed.

15 MR. BEARD: So it was nonlinear.

16 MR. O'CONNOR: So it was nonlinear, if
17 you would like to call it that. They found some
18 other signals that were getting to it affecting
19 that voltage and made further adjustments following
20 the trip we had a week ago to the rapid feedwater
21 reduction system to put this speed back down to
22 where it was supposed to be. We didn't get a
23 chance to check it because the feedpump tripped.

24 MR. BEARD: Okay. The last thought or

1 question I had in this line here is that have you
2 had these problems since you put in this now I
3 guess governor, if you can call it that, in here in
4 this last outage, or have these problems been over
5 a longer period of time?

6 MR. O'CONNOR: We have experienced some
7 problems with the rapid feedwater reduction system
8 since its inception several cycles ago.

9 MR. ROSSI: It's a separate system from
10 say the ICS.

11 MR. O'CONNOR: It's part of the ICS.

12 MR. ROSSI: It is a part of the ICS.

13 MR. O'CONNOR: It's a separate subsystem
14 to the ICS.

15 MR. ROSSI: But you haven't always had it
16 in the ICS?

17 MR. O'CONNOR: No. I can't remember what
18 refueling we added to it. It seems to me it was at
19 the end of cycle three I want to say, but it may
20 have been -- I think it was cycle three.

21 MR. ROSSI: Let me ask you this. During
22 the event, main feedwater pump two as far as you
23 have been able to determine up until now worked the
24 way it should have worked?

1 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes.

2 MR. ROSSI: Okay. And the rapid
3 feedwater reduction system after the trip worked
4 the way it was supposed to work.

5 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes.

6 MR. ROSSI: The problem with the main
7 feedwater pumps that's known now was that something
8 went wrong with main feedpump No. 1 and initiated
9 the transient. But as far as main feedwater pump
10 No. 2 is concerned, and I don't know how much in
11 looking at it you have done up to now, its controls
12 and everything worked the way you would expect them
13 to work?

14 MR. O'CONNOR: Is normal, yes, sir.

15 MR. ROSSI: It being in manual?

16 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes, sir. The operators
17 did raise its speed up. In other words, when the
18 main feedpump No. 1 tripped, the plant starts an
19 automatic runback to 55 percent power based on a
20 loss of a feedpump. In other words, they got the
21 ICS reactor power limited by feedwater alarm
22 runback in effect and they raised up No. 2 feedpump
23 to pump some more water with it, which is what the
24 ICS would have done also.

1 The plant was running back normally, and
2 this is one of those triggers that for us, if we
3 are up above 85 percent power, it's a 50/50 chance
4 we will make the runback. If we are below about 80
5 percent, it's guaranteed you usually make it.

6 So that being the case, they ran up No. 2
7 feedpump, everything was kind of all right, but at
8 30 seconds we didn't make it. We tripped up high
9 reactor cooler pressure. In other words, one
10 feedpump can only pump a little over seven million
11 pounds per hour, and the feed flow you need at that
12 point is around eight or nine for the power level
13 they were at and the power was ramping off, the
14 turbine was ramping off, but they just didn't make
15 it. We were on a cross-limit, but they didn't make
16 it.

17 MR. BELL: Your reactor was cross-limiting
18 feedwater?

19 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes.

20 MR. BELL: What was your initial rod
21 position?

22 MR. O'CONNOR: The rods, I can't tell you
23 the exact percent, they were about 92, 93 percent
24 with drawing group seven.

1 MR. BELL: We are getting more into
2 incidents than we are systems.

3 MR. ROSSI: Okay.

4 MR. O'CONNOR: That pretty well takes
5 care of the main feedwater system. I would like to
6 defer the Aux Pumps which are down at the bottom of
7 the drawing until we get to another drawing.

8 MR. BEARD: Can we take a two-minute
9 break and go down and pick up some coffee or
10 something?

11 MR. ROSSI: Okay. We will take a break
12 of four or five minutes then.

13 (Thereupon, a brief recess was taken.)

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15 MR. O'CONNOR: I redrew the drawing
16 called Figure 41, SFRCS Components. There is one
17 error on the auxiliary feedpump to discharge line
18 where it says PDS 2685. Delete that from the
19 drawing and move it straight down to the next pipe
20 on the main feed drawing.

21 MR. BEARD: This is on the top half of
22 the drawing we are talking about?

23 MR. O'CONNOR: Yeah, on the top half of
24 the drawing. In other words, this -- well, it

1 would be this one. This DP on your drawing was
2 shown right here, move it down here.

3 MR. BEARD: Where the initials that go
4 with that, I assume that's an instrument, should
5 that be PDS or FDS?

6 MR. O'CONNOR: PDS, pressure differential
7 switch. These are training drawings and if the
8 real numbers and everything, the valve numbers are
9 okay, but the switch numbers, like I say, this is a
10 training drawing. It's not officially controlled
11 from the book that I got it out of.

12 MR. BEARD: I'm not criticizing you.

13 MR. O'CONNOR: It should be PDS, pressure
14 differential switch.

15 All right. This shows the feedwater
16 valves that are controlled by the Steam and
17 Feedwater Rupture Control System. What I would
18 like to do now is show the valves in a condition
19 that they would have been prior to the event and
20 discuss what valves move by the Steam and Feedwater
21 Rupture Control System.

22 MR. ROSSI: Okay. You will differentiate
23 which ones do certain things on level and which
24 ones do certain things on pressure.

1 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes.

2 MR. BEARD: So you are going --

3 MR. O'CONNOR: I'll draw it in a full
4 power line to begin with.

5 MR. BEARD: All right.

6 MR. O'CONNOR: Probably that's the
7 easiest thing to do.

8 MR. BEARD: Why don't you do it outloud
9 so it will go on the transcript.

10 MR. ROSSI: Say the position of each
11 valve as you --

12 MR. O'CONNOR: FW-780 is open, FW6B is
13 open, FW7B is open -- I left out a valve. This is
14 612, FW-612 is open. That's on the main feed line
15 to Steam Generator 1. The same or the
16 complimentary valves on Steam Generator 2 FW-799 is
17 open, FW6A, FW7A and FW-601 are open.

18 One thing to keep in mind here, just as a
19 little "Oh, by the way," the valves labeled B go to
20 No. 1 steam generator, which isn't logical but
21 that's the way it is, and the valves labeled A go
22 to No. 2 steam generator. And that is consistent
23 through the plant. In other words, this when we
24 get to the steam drawing, you will see it also,

1 like ICS 11B goes to No. 1 steam generator and A
2 goes to No. 2.

3 When you get to our reactor protection
4 system, if you get into that, you will find the
5 breakers don't go A, B, C, D, 1, 2, 3, 4. They go
6 B, A, D, C. So it's a little confusing if you
7 haven't been here.

8 MR. BEARD: On the Aux speed system, I
9 take it the 608 and 599 would normally be closed?

10 MR. O'CONNOR: No. On the Aux system,
11 608 is normally open, 599 is normally open, 3870 is
12 closed, 3869 is closed. I forgot the other two. I
13 forget which one goes to No. 1. 3871 and 3872 are
14 both closed.

15 MR. BEARD: So all four of those
16 cross-over valves are closed, feed and cross-over?

17 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes. Let's go to the
18 bottom part of your drawing and mark it up so we
19 get our normal lineups. On the steam side, the
20 flow pass from right to left here, the atmospheric
21 dump valve, ICS 11B, is normally closed. The steam
22 generator steamline warmup drain, MS-394 is
23 normally closed. The main steam isolation valve
24 101 is normally opened. The by-pass valve 101-1 is

1 normally closed. The nonreturn valve, that's just
2 a check valve, and it's obviously normally opened.

3 On the other steam generators, Steam
4 Generator 2, ICS 11A is normally closed, the
5 atmospheric dump on that side. The warmup drain
6 MS-375 is also normally closed. The main steam
7 isolation valve on Steam Generator 2 MS-100 is
8 normally opened. Its by-pass 100-1 is normally
9 closed, and the nonreturn valve is also normally
10 open.

11 Now, this section of the header continues
12 on to the main turbine stop valves and other
13 components downstream in the main steam system.
14 For the auxiliary feedpump turbines, their steam
15 supplier for all four valves, MS-106 is normally
16 closed. 106-A is normally closed, 107-A is
17 normally closed. 107 is normally closed.

18 The next valve is -- that is not labeled
19 on your drawing immediately downstream of these
20 steam valves -- this is actually a dual valve.
21 There is a trip throttle valve, and it is normally
22 opened. Downstream of that not shown is the
23 governor valve, it also is normally open when the
24 turbine is shut down. So there is another valve in

1 here called the governor valve, which is normally
2 open also.

3 MR. BEARD: There is a label on the
4 drawing in that area that says auxiliary governor.
5 Is that the area you are talking about?

6 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes. I think on your
7 drawing it shows it -- yeah, where it says
8 auxiliary governor, that's actually two valves, to
9 be technically correct. There is a trip throttle
10 valve and a governor valve right in series. We
11 will get into those in just a couple of minutes.
12 So everyone understands the normal lineup?

13 All right. Let's go back to the feed
14 system. Before we get to that, I would like to
15 list the trips on the Steam and Feedwater Rupture
16 Control System. The first one is low steam
17 generator level, and the setpoint for that is
18 twenty-six and a half inches. The second one is
19 steam-to-feed differential pressure, and the
20 setpoint of that is 177 psid. In other words, if
21 the feed pressure is less than the steam pressure
22 by 177 pounds, the Steam and Feedwater Rupture
23 Control System will actuate.

24 MR. ROSSI: Feed less than steam.

1 THE WITNESS: Yes.

2 MR. O'CONNOR: The third actuation is low
3 main steamline pressure, and the setpoint for that
4 is 612 pounds. And the forth trip and the final
5 trip is loss of all four reactor coolant pumps. So
6 there is four actuation signals for the Steam and
7 Feedwater Rupture Control System.

8 MR. BEARD: On that loss of reactor
9 coolant.

10 MR. O'CONNOR: It's monitors -- it senses
11 the same thing as the reactor protection system.
12 In other words, it's that dual current transmitter.
13 If the current -- you have got a normal current, if
14 it's high or low, the pump contact monitor circuit
15 senses the loss of forepumps. Same thing as the
16 reaction protection system.

17 MR. ROSSI: Pump motor currents.

18 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes. It's the Bailey dual
19 current sensor, black box; okay? Any questions on
20 the four actuation signals?

21 For ease of discussion, the low steam
22 generator level or the steam-to-feed differential
23 pressure do the exact same things to these
24 components. So we will discuss what these two

1 signals do to the Steam and Feedwater Rupture
2 Control system first. In other words, we will go
3 through those components one by one and see how
4 they move for these two signals, then we will talk
5 about the difference in a low pressure -- in a loss
6 of low pressure and loss of reactor coolant pumps.

7 On a low steam generator level or a
8 steam-to-feed differential pressure trip, the main
9 feedwater block valves, 780 and 779, will go closed,
10 the main feedwater control valves, 6A and 6B, will
11 go closed -- I don't know if I can mark this up
12 here.

13 MR. ROSSI: SP6A and SP6B on here.

14 MR. O'CONNOR: How about if I put a
15 little mark above these for where they go during
16 the trip?

17 MR. BEARD: If they are open, they are
18 going to go to the opposite direction.

19 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes.

20 MR. ROSSI: They close, okay.

21 MR. O'CONNOR: The startup feed control
22 valves go closed, 7A and 7B. The containment
23 isolation valves 612 and 601 go closed. The
24 auxiliary feedpump discharge valves 3870 would go

1 open, 3869 would remain closed. 3872 would open,
2 3871 would remain closed. In other words, the
3 auxiliary feedpumps No. 1 would line up to No. 1
4 steam generator, No. 2 would line up to No. 2 steam
5 generator.

6 The containment isolation valves 599 and
7 608, they are already open but they receive an open
8 signal. In other words, they are sent an open
9 signal, even though the valves are normally open.
10 So the feedwater side of the system, we isolate
11 fully the main feedwater on both steam generators
12 and line up the auxiliary feedwater so that the
13 complimentary pump feeds its steam generator. In
14 other words, No. 1 lines up to feed No. 1 steam
15 generator, No. 2 Aux Feed lines up to feed No. 2
16 steam generator.

17 This is a normal response, assuming all
18 four Steam and Feedwater Rupture Control channels
19 function normally. On the steam side, the -- we
20 are still talking about a low steam generator level
21 and steam-to-feed differential pressure, the
22 atmospheric dump valves. ICS 11B and 11A are
23 closed and receive a closed signal.

24 I shouldn't say -- they may be open

1 blowing steam, but when the trip comes in they get
2 a close signal. The steam generator drain valves
3 394 and 375 or the main steam valves get a closed
4 signal. The Main Steam Isolation Valves MS-101 and
5 100 get a closed signal.

6 The main steam isolation by-pass valves
7 101-1 and 100-1 get a closed signal. The auxiliary
8 feedpump turbines line up to steam from their
9 respective steam generators. MS-106 will open,
10 106-A will remain closed, 107 will open, 107-A will
11 remain closed.

12 In other words, they will be steaming
13 from their own steam generator, No. 1 from No. 1,
14 No. 2 from No. 2, remembering they are also feeding
15 their own steam generator. That's a normal
16 response for the Steam and Feedwater Rupture
17 Control System on level or differential pressure.

18 MR. LANNING: The main feedpump turbine
19 is not tripped?

20 MR. O'CONNOR: No. The main feedpump
21 turbine is not tripped, but when the Steam and
22 Feedwater Rupture Control System actuates, the main
23 turbine receives a trip signal; all right? When
24 the main turbine trips, also with the MSIVs closed,

1 there is no steam for the main feedpump turbines,
2 so they just wind down. They stay reset, but they
3 have no steam, so they just coast to a stop.

4 There are two other valves not shown on
5 here, on your simplified drawing. There is two
6 steam generator drain valves -- I'm trying to
7 remember the number of them -- 611 -- I can't
8 remember -- 603 and 611, and I don't know which,
9 they also receive a closed signal. I'll write it
10 this way, but these may be reversed, the numbers.
11 It will be on your real P&ID. They were added last
12 outage and this drawing has not been updated on
13 this simplified drawing. But there is two other
14 valves that are the drains off the steam generator
15 that also receive a closed signal.

16 In addition, the Steam and Feedwater
17 Rupture Control System goes to our anticipatory
18 reactor trip system, so if we get a Steam and
19 Feedwater Rupture Control trip, it also goes over
20 and opens control rod drive breakers.

21 MR. BEARD: What's that acronym?

22 MR. O'CONNOR: ARTS, ARTS system,
23 Anticipatory Reactor Trip System. So it also goes
24 to the ARTS.

1 Now, this ARTS trip will come in from any
2 of the four trips except for a loss of fore or aft
3 cooler pumps. In other words, any of these three
4 will cause an ARTS trip. The loss of fore does not --

5 MR. BEARD: That doesn't imply you don't want
6 the trip to react.

7 MR. O'CONNOR: The trip has always
8 tripped on many other things. The purpose of the
9 ARTS system, which was added after TMI, was to shut
10 the reactor down on things like temperature and
11 pressure pumps and things like that.

12 Now, as a quick review, if we get a trip
13 of the Steam and Feedwater Rupture Control System
14 on level or DP, you get full feedwater isolation,
15 full steam isolation, a turbine trip, a reactor
16 trip and auxiliary feedwater running to their own
17 steam generators. No. 1 from No. 1 and from No. 2
18 into No. 2. Any questions on that?

19 All right. Let's go back to a low
20 pressure trip. It's a little different. On each
21 of the main steamlines in your little drawing, you
22 will see an indication that says pressure switch.
23 There is actually twelve pressure switches on each
24 main steamline. It would be on the bottom part of

1 your drawing a little thing that says PS. These go
2 to the Steam and Feedwater Rupture Control System
3 for the trip logic and the low steam pressure block
4 logic.

5 Eight of the switches on each steamline
6 are used for trips. Four of them are used for
7 blocking functions on normal cool down so you don't
8 get a trip.

9 Now, for the sake of discussion, it's
10 easiest to look at a particular point and break a
11 steamline off to show what happens on a low
12 pressure; all right? And let's say for the sake of
13 discussion that I break off No. 1 steamline
14 upstream of this MSIV. In other words, for some
15 reason the 36-inch steamline broke in half and all
16 the steam is running out this hole.

17 The steam pressure in this steam
18 generator, instead of going down to the turbine,
19 all runs out the hole and the pressure immediately
20 starts to decrease. All the steam that was coming
21 out of this steam generator which was supplying
22 half the steam to the main turbine, the turbine
23 valves are still in their same position, so the
24 steam going out of here is now feeding a hole twice

1 as big as it used to be. So the pressure in this
2 steam generator also drops. And what happens is
3 both steam generators blow down to less than 612
4 pounds. Does that make sense to everybody, why
5 that happens?

6 MR. BEARD: What's normal system pressure?

7 MR. O'CONNOR: Normally system pressure
8 is about 920 in the steam generators and 870 on the
9 turbine header.

10 Now, as soon as the Steam and Feedwater
11 Rupture Control System trips, the first thing it
12 does is cause a full isolation, just like we talked
13 about before. Main steam isolates exactly the same
14 way. In other words, the MSIV 101 and 100 go shut,
15 the by-pass 101-1, 100-1 go shut. The atmospheric
16 vent valves 11B and 11A, the steam generator drains
17 394, 375 all go closed. We will skip Aux Feedwater
18 for a second.

19 On the feedwater side, the same valves
20 that went shut before go shut now: 780, 6B, 7B,
21 612, on the other side 779, 7A, 6A and 601. So
22 right now we are sitting there with steam fully
23 isolated and feed fully isolated. And we haven't
24 talked about Aux Feedwater yet. Does everybody

1 understand that? So steam is isolated, feed is
2 isolated.

3 Now, when the MSIVs go closed, what's
4 going to happen in the pressure in this steam
5 generator? It turns right around and comes back up
6 because these bottle up while there is still steam
7 in the generator. The MSIVs close in less than
8 five seconds.

9 So with these closed, that is repressurized
10 immediately. This steam generator however doesn't.
11 It still has a hole in it.

12 MR. BELL: It repressurizes if the RCS is
13 high enough to repressurize it. But if the cool
14 down has caused its pressure to drop to 612 it
15 won't.

16 MR. O'CONNOR: Our analysis is it will
17 pressurize above 612 based on the time SR senses it
18 and establishes it. It will pressurize above 612.
19 You are right though, later if it would continue to
20 blow on down, obviously you can't repressurize or
21 if you blow all the water out of it first, but our
22 analysis shows that this occurs in a time frame
23 that that will repressurize.

24 Now, this steam generator repressurizes

1 above the trip setpoint, so it's the good steam
2 generator. The Steam and Feedwater Rupture Control
3 logic senses this steam generator repressurizing
4 and lines up both Aux Feed pumps to steam from that
5 one and feed that one.

6 MR. BEARD: Hold it. Point of
7 clarification: Is there actually a network that
8 senses the return to pressure and identifies one
9 steam generator as being good versus logic that
10 really says the other one is bad so -- or one is
11 bad so go to the other one?

12 MR. O'CONNOR: Okay. The network that is
13 used is the same pressure switches that sense the
14 low pressure now clear.

15 MR. BEARD: They are self-resetting then?

16 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes. In other words, the
17 pressure switch is tripped, the pressure switch is
18 reset. That's all it is, and it senses this steam
19 generator has pressure now and this one does not.

20 MR. BEARD: All right. Is the logic such
21 that it will really go to the one for which
22 pressure has returned?

23 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes.

24 MR. BEARD: Or will it just go anyway

1 from one which there is no pressure?

2 MR. O'CONNOR: It will go to the one that
3 returns. If neither return, then it requires
4 action of the operator.

5 MR. ROSSI: What if the break were
6 downstream of the MSIVs and so both return?

7 MR. O'CONNOR: Can I get to that after we
8 finish this one?

9 MR. BEARD: Let me stay on this first one
10 first. This morning or some time prior to noon we
11 had a discussion of what took place during this
12 event and how the plant responded and et cetera.
13 And I don't even remember who the gentleman was,
14 but someone explained to us that the Rupture
15 Control System senses a loss of pressure on both of
16 them during this event, because there was a
17 manually inputted actuation, because neither
18 returned for at least a few seconds, and because of
19 that it did all the switch-overs as if both
20 channels were trying to assume the other steam
21 generator was good.

22 And so I raise the question then about
23 how the system actually works versus the theory of
24 how you want it to work, and I have got a little

1 different response between there and now. And
2 that's why I'm puzzled.

3 MR. O'CONNOR: The reason the system
4 responded differently is the two buttons the
5 operator pushed were the two channels for low steam
6 pressure for both steam generators, and what it did
7 based on just the two he pushed going to the output
8 logic was cross-connect the Aux Feed pumps such
9 that 106-A opened and 107 opened.

10 You have to get into the logic drawing
11 and see the two buttons he pushed and where they
12 enter the system. That's not like the pressure
13 switches picking up. It's not the same.

14 MR. BEARD: In other words, the way the
15 system, the Rupture Control System responds on the
16 manual input may be a little different from the way
17 it would respond for a hypothesized steamline break?

18 MR. O'CONNOR: Right.

19 MR. BELL: Is it fair to say that the two
20 buttons are downstream, the pressure switch contact
21 inputs?

22 MR. O'CONNOR: Say that again.

23 MR. BELL: The two push buttons are
24 downstream, the pressure switch inputs, and because

1 they are pushed they could never see the pressure
2 switches were reset?

3 MR. O'CONNOR: They go directly to the
4 output logic.

5 MR. BEARD: If we disregard this one area
6 I was questioning in, still the output of the
7 Rupture Control System, the effect is it senses
8 steam generator is kaput and therefore tries to
9 switch over to what is presumed to be a good steam
10 generator even though the signals to it indicate it
11 may not be good. You see my dilemma?

12 MR. O'CONNOR: No. I'm a little --

13 MR. SHAPER: What you need is a steamline
14 break on Steam Generator 2 same as this to get the
15 same effect that the operator gave.

16 MR. O'CONNOR: Except if he would have
17 pushed all four low pressure buttons, then it would
18 have done what you wanted it to do. It would
19 simulate a double break here.

20 MR. BEARD: We are getting more into the
21 event than understanding the system, but I was a
22 little confused as to the way the system works.

23 MR. MYERS: Bill, if you would, the key
24 idea that didn't get across was there is a

1 difference, the system thinks differently if you
2 only push the top two than if you push all four of
3 the top ones.

4 MR. O'CONNOR: That's what I was going to
5 get to. The operator pushed these two buttons, and
6 the way -- the channels go to different valves and
7 the combination that he pushed allowed the cross-over
8 valves to open.

9 MR. ROSSI: But not the Aux Feed valves.

10 MR. O'CONNOR: Right. It shut 599 and
11 608 though.

12 MR. MYERS: Now, if you pushed all four,
13 the cross-over wouldn't have opened.

14 MR. O'CONNOR: Would not have opened. If
15 he would have gone over all, the cross-overs would
16 have stayed closed too.

17 MR. ROSSI: Then all of the Aux Feed
18 would have been -- on both steam side and --

19 MR. O'CONNOR: Steam side, everything,
20 all the valves we just talked about would have been
21 closed if that occurred.

22 MR. BELL: Let's get back to normal a
23 minute. We got a break in No. 1 -- let's look at
24 the water side. That steam side is not that hard.

1 MR. O'CONNOR: All right. Does everybody
2 understands why this repressurized and how it lines
3 up the steam to steamoff the good one?

4 MR. BELL: Yeah.

5 MR. O'CONNOR: Let's go to the water side.
6 We haven't finished it yet. The water side will
7 line up to feed the good steam generator also. In
8 other words, Aux Feedpump one will come down
9 through 3869 and 599 to Steam Generator 2, and the
10 Aux Feed 2 will line up to feed Steam Generator 2
11 through 3872.

12 Now, the only thing is low pressure
13 closed 599 and 608 when both of them went less than
14 612. Something has to open them back up. When
15 this steam generator repressurized and cleared the
16 low pressure trip immediately behind it with the
17 MSIV shut, there is a DP trip that comes in because
18 the feedpumps went away and a low level trip
19 because no water is going in.

20 So those trips subsequently come in
21 within a second or so to allow the system to
22 realign and reopen the good steam generator
23 isolation valve, 599 or 608.

24 MR. ROSSI: But only for the good one.

1 MR. O'CONNOR: Right. Only the side that
2 repressurized.

3 MR. ROSSI: So for the case you described,
4 608 stays closed. 599 --

5 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes, sir. If both of them
6 repressurized, then both of these would reopen
7 automatically due to the low level or the DP trip
8 coming in.

9 MR. BELL: But since we had two erroneous
10 low pressure signals, both 608 and 599 remained
11 closed?

12 MR. O'CONNOR: Yeah. Until they undid
13 the low pressure and pushed the low level, they
14 stuck closed, but they were getting an open signal.

15 MR. BELL: There was pushed the low level
16 actuation?

17 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes.

18 MR. ROSSI: When you pushed the buttons,
19 the pressure just being high didn't automatically
20 clear it. He had to clear it manually.

21 MR. O'CONNOR: No matter what the
22 pressure was in the steam generators, you were
23 telling the system it was low.

24 MR. ROSSI: And it stays low until he resets

1 something?

2 MR. O'CONNOR: It could have gone to
3 wherever it wanted, and as long as it was told that
4 it had low pressure by the operator, it was going
5 to stay in that condition.

6 MR. BEARD: So let me see if I got this
7 straight. When he pushed the two buttons, that low
8 pressure caused 608 and 599 to close.

9 MR. O'CONNOR: Yep.

10 MR. BEARD: And had it been a real thing
11 rather than -- I mean, an automatic thing versus
12 manual and Steam Generator 2 had been good, its
13 pressure would have come back up, which would have
14 subsequently caused 599 to reopen?

15 MR. O'CONNOR: Based on another trip
16 coming in, a DP or a low level.

17 MR. BEARD: Well, I was thinking just to
18 return to pressure point.

19 MR. O'CONNOR: That will not reposition
20 any valves. Just returning to pressure does
21 nothing other than clear the low pressure trip. It
22 does not reposition any valves. Another trip must
23 be present to reposition valves.

24 MR. BEARD: I see. They stay isolated.

1 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes.

2 MR. BEARD: So the valves would have both
3 stayed in the closed position had the operator not
4 taken subsequent action to undue what he had done?

5 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes. If he had never
6 unblocked the low pressure trip or undone that trip,
7 they would have stayed shut.

8 MR. BEARD: All right. Good.

9 MR. O'CONNOR: Just his undoing that, the
10 level trip came up, was in already, and it would
11 have opened them anyhow, even if he hadn't pushed
12 low level.

13 MR. BEARD: And during the event, I don't
14 want to get too much into it, he did go through
15 that sequence and the valve should have opened.
16 But part of the event was they didn't.

17 MR. O'CONNOR: Right.

18 MR. BEARD: Okay. Thank you.

19 MR. O'CONNOR: Another thing, keep in
20 mind -- I didn't bring this out yet. Pressure trip
21 overrides all trips. Low pressure supersedes any
22 other trip that's in.

23 In other words, you could have all the
24 other three trips present and you give it a low

1 pressure, and it takes precedence. In other words,
2 it will isolate a steam leak first since that's the
3 most serious, the overcooling.

4 Now, any questions on a steamline rupture?
5 If you go back through it the other way, we could
6 break the other steamline and do the same thing.
7 If we break it downstream, the only difference is
8 both of them will repressurize, and once they both
9 repressurize, as soon as the low level of their DP
10 comes in, each Aux Feed pump will realign to its
11 own steam generator instead of just this one since
12 they are both good. Does that make sense?

13 MR. BEARD: So they don't stay in the
14 crisscrossed arrangement?

15 MR. O'CONNOR: No. Once you get -- if
16 both of them repressurize, the subsequent trip on
17 DP or level will realign them to their own steam
18 generator. All right?

19 Now, loss of forereactor cooler pumps is
20 very simple. It doesn't need to isolate feed, it
21 doesn't need to isolate steam. All it needs to do
22 is put auxiliary feedpumps on. So we pump water in
23 the top of the generator to promote natural circ,
24 so all the loss of forepump does is open MS-106,

1 MS-107. That's the normal steam supplies from
2 their own steam generator and opens the discharge
3 valves to their own steam generators 3870 and 3872.

4 So the Aux Feed pumps just start on their
5 own sides, spray the water in the top of the steam
6 generator and promotes natural circulation. That's
7 all that happens on the loss of forereactor.

8 MR. ROSSI: The Aux Feed pumps always
9 spray from above?

10 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes, sir. They can only
11 feed the top nozzles.

12 MR. BEARD: On Davis-Besse as compared to
13 other B & W plants, is it -- did the Davis-Besse
14 plant steam run high --

15 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes.

16 MR. BEARD: -- or low? You have high
17 steam levels.

18 MR. O'CONNOR: For those of you who
19 aren't familiar with other plants, our reactor sits
20 essentially at the bottom of the system. The hot
21 leg comes out and goes up into the steam generators
22 and the pumps come out the bottom, so our steam
23 generator sits above the reactors.

24 We have what's called a raised loop plan.

1 The other B & W plants if you transpose the steam
2 generators down so they sit essentially alongside
3 the reactor, that's a lower loop plant.

4 MR. BEARD: So you have the raised loop
5 steam generators, but you have the low head high
6 pressure injection pumps?

7 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes.

8 MR. BEARD: So that's the uniqueness?

9 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes. We need very little
10 water in our steam generators to natural circ. We
11 can natural circ on low level limits. We typically
12 or we automatically control them at about 46 inches,
13 which is a little bit above our low level limits,
14 but we can natural circ just fine on low level
15 limits.

16 MR. BEARD: Is that 35?

17 MR. O'CONNOR: 35. The other plants have
18 to raise their level up to 50 percent on the
19 operator range or higher depending on the
20 conditions they are in.

21 MR. BEARD: Is Davis-Besse the only one
22 with the high loops?

23 MR. O'CONNOR: As far as I know, the only
24 177.

1 MR. BEARD: This plant is unique in two
2 respects, raised steam generator loops and the low
3 head pumps for high pressure safety injection.

4 MR. O'CONNOR: Yes.

5 MR. MYERS: Those are two of the areas.

6 MR. BEARD: There may be more.

7 MR. MYERS: I think makeup separation
8 from LPI/HPI is another area we are separate.

9 MR. O'CONNOR: They have three makeup
10 pumps, one makeup -- two HPIs -- they are all the
11 same. We have two makeup pumps and two HPI pumps.

12 MR. BEARD: One of the reasons this
13 tutorial session is so important from where I
14 come from, I deal with not only you folks and
15 Westinghouse plants, but I have got to be concerned
16 with the Ranchos and everything else. And it's
17 very easy to get them mixed up. And it's important
18 in this kind of a situation to try to get it
19 straight.

20 MR. O'CONNOR: I did not give you a
21 drawing of the emergency core cooling system pumps.

22 MR. BEARD: I didn't need that.

23 MR. BELL: When you say low pressure/
24 high pressure pumps, what is the shut off?

1 MR. O'CONNOR: The high pressure
2 injection shutoff heads is 1650, the low pressure
3 injection pumps is about 190 to 200 pounds.

4 MR. BELL: That 1650 is with BWSI tech
5 section pressure?

6 MR. O'CONNOR: If we have the LPI
7 discharge, we can get up to about 1850. Did that
8 adequately cover how the Steam and Feedwater
9 Rupture Control System works and how the feed and
10 steam systems hook together for that?

11 MR. MYERS: JT, is that a little better
12 than Fred's?

13 MR. ROSSI: I think he covered it fairly
14 well. We may want to come back and ask some more
15 questions about what the buttons do. The buttons
16 are clearly a significant part of the event.

17 MR. O'CONNOR: One thing, if we can get
18 them a copy of the Steam and Feedwater Control
19 panel, they are all explained in the back and there
20 is a logic drawing back there.

21 MR. BEARD: Someone has already suggested
22 that's important for us to get.

23 MR. O'CONNOR: It's got a little logic
24 network and shows you exactly what valves move when

1 you push what buttons.

2 MR. BEARD: Can we get that before we
3 leave today? Off the record.

4 (Discussion held off the record.)

5 MR. O'CONNOR: Now, what did you want to
6 do next?

7 MR. BELL: I would like to go home.

8 MR. ROWLES: We would like to get into
9 the list of equipment.

10 MR. BELL: Do you want him to terminate
11 one thing and start another?

12 MR. O'CONNOR: I will be here tomorrow
13 and will be around here all day. I will make
14 myself available in this building.

15 (Thereupon, a recess was taken at 4:50
16 o'clock p.m.)

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77	6	Name "Roles" should be "Rowles"
81	15	"fuel" should be "oil" (steno error)
82	3	"their" should be "they're" (steno error)
88	1	"can" should be "can't" (steno error)
91	13	"rooms" missing after "pump" (steno error)
92	8	"pipe" should be "pump" (steno error)
96	10	"speed" should be "feed" (steno error)
101	14	"storage" should be "story" (steno error)
102	22	"I" should be "It" (steno error)
102	23	"Costed" should be "Coasted" (steno error)
108	8	"up" should be "on" (steno error)
108	12	"our" should be "or" (steno error)
112	8	"speed" should be "feed" (steno error)
115	9	word "pumps" missing (steno error)
115	15	"fore pumps" should be "four pumps" (steno error)
120	2	"fore or aft" should be "four reactor" (steno error)
120	3	"cooler" should be "coolant" (steno error)
120	4	"fore" should be "four pumps" (steno error)
137	4	"BWSI tech" should be "BWST tank" (steno error)

78	10	change "office" to "operations"	incorrect
81	15	change "fuel" to "oil"	incorrect
93	23	change " -- " to "identified"	word left out
103	7	change "calmed" to "came"	incorrect
103	9	change "TF" to "Tave"	incorrect
103	24	change "K" to "of full"	incorrect
108	24	change "withdrawing" to "withdrawn"	incorrect
111	4	change "line" to "lineup"	incorrect
113	15	change "supplies" to "supply"	incorrect
115	7	I would like to document that I forgot to mention the High Skimm Generator Level Trip at $\approx 92\%$ (384"). This was not left out of the transcript, I just forgot to include it in the discussion.	
120	11	change "pumps" to "transients"	incorrect
123	16	change "is" to "says"	incorrect
133	19	change "fore" to "four"	incorrect
134	24	change "plan" to "plat"	incorrect
135	19	change "operata" to "operate"	incorrect