

July 22, 1985

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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-85-37 A

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by NRC staff on this date.

FACILITY: Public Service Co. of Colorado  
Fort St. Vrain  
Platteville, Colorado  
Docket No.: 50-267

Licensee Emergency Classification:  
☐ Notification of Unusual Event  
☐ Alert  
☐ Site Area Emergency  
☐ General Emergency  
☒ Not Applicable

SUBJECT: RETURN TO OPERATION AFTER A PROLONGED SHUT DOWN

The licensee achieved criticality at 4:18 a.m. (MDT) July 21, 1985. The licensee had been shut down since June 23, 1984. During this prolonged shut down, the following major items occurred:

- o Refurbishment of all Control Rod Drive assemblies
- o Replacement of bolting in all four circulators
- o Replacement of reserve shutdown hopper material

Region IV inspectors are on site and observed the criticality. The plant will be operated at low power for an extended period of time for moisture removal.

This updates PN 85-37 and is current as of 8:30 a.m. (CDT) on July 22, 1985.

The licensee has notified the media by telephone.

The state of Colorado has been informed.

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