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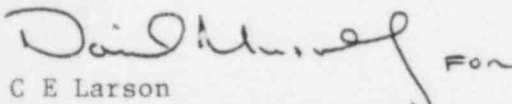
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Original plans called for the use of four valve blocks to be removed from Unit 2 during the recent outage. However, all eight valve blocks were reinstalled during the outage. Instead, four valve blocks are being purchased from Bergen Paterson for this test program. These valves will be identical to those originally supplied by Bergen Paterson. Bergen Paterson is presently determining the schedule for the manufacture of these valves. Depending on that schedule, the delivery of these valves may become the critical item for determining when the test can be performed.

Scope

The scope of the test includes ramping the snubber bank to lock up in tension and compression. The velocity of the snubber bank will be increased in tension until all four snubbers have locked. The data will be evaluated to verify that, even with the individual snubber lock up velocities set differently, the snubbers resist load equally. The snubber bank will also be ramped up to lock up velocity in compression, and the load increased to attain an internal pressure of 8950 PSI in each snubber (the equivalent of 3600 kip load for the steam generator snubber bank). The bleed ports on two adjacent snubbers will be blocked, the load will be held constant and individual snubber load versus bleed rate versus time will be recorded. This data will be evaluated to verify that the snubbers are not overloaded. Preliminary acceptance criteria is that all snubbers carry equal loads with a tolerance of +/- 10% of the average load per snubber or the minimum difference which can be read on the test setup, whichever is larger.

So as to avoid any delays in the test schedule we ask that you review the information provided and return any comments to us by the first week of December. If you have any questions related to this information please call.


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