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Licensee Event Report 2016-001-00
Condition Prohibited by Technical Specifications Due to 600V Load Center
Inoperable Longer than Allowed by Technical Specifications

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This Licensee Event Report is being submitted pursuant to the requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations, 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i)(B) for Unit 1.

This letter contains no NRC commitments. If you have any questions regarding the submittal, please contact Ms. Julie Collier at (334) 814-4639.

Sincerely,


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12. LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER

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13. COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT

CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANU-FACTURER	REPORTABLE TO EPIX	CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANU-FACTURER	REPORTABLE TO EPIX
E	EC	BKR	W121	Y					

14. SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED	15. EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE	MONTH	DAY	YEAR
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ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately 15 single-spaced typewritten lines)

On 4/12/2016 at 0312 CDT, with Unit 1 (U1) at 100 percent power and Unit 2 (U2) in Mode 5, the U2 supply breaker for 1-2R 600V Load Center (LC) was racked out and the control power fuses removed for both U2 supply breaker and U1 supply breaker to support replacing an agastat relay on the U2 supply breaker. On 4/13/2016 at 0456 CDT the U1 supply breaker for the 1-2 R 600V LC, tripped open when the control power fuses were restored and would not reclose. Technical Specifications (TS) 3.8.9 Condition A was entered for Unit 1 at 0456 on 4/13/2016 and exited at 0938 on 4/13/2016. Investigation attributed the cause to dirty contacts on the cell switch located in the U2 supply breaker cubicle. This condition would have prevented the U1 supply breaker from reclosing if a loss of offsite power had occurred between 04/12/2016 at 0312 and 4/13/2016 at 0938, leaving the 1-2R LC de-energized. This caused the LC to be inoperable for Unit 1 for more than the time allowed by TS 3.8.9 and is reportable per 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(I)(B). This is not reportable for Unit 2 due to the unit being in Mode 5 and having the necessary portion of the electrical power distribution subsystems operable.

Corrective Action: The U2 supply breaker cell switch was cycled which cleaned the contacts and the U1 supply breaker closed. Post maintenance testing verified operability. Until replacement of the U2 supply breaker cell switch, administrative controls are in place to declare U1 supply breaker inoperable when racked out until the interlock feature is verified.



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NARRATIVE

A. PLANT AND SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION

Westinghouse - Pressurized Water Reactor
Energy Industry Identification Codes are identified in the text as [XX].

B. DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

On 4/12/2016 at 0312 CDT, with Unit 1 (U1) at 100 percent power and Unit 2 (U2) in Mode 5, the U2 supply breaker (ER05-2) for 1-2R 600V Load Center (LC), which can supply power for both U1 and U2, was racked out and the control power fuses removed for both U2 supply breaker and U1 supply breaker (ER02-1) to support replacing an agastat relay on ER05-2. The removal of the fuses for ER02-1 caused all of the protective relays for that breaker to be in a de-energized state. On 4/13/2016 at 0456 CDT, ER02-1 tripped open when the control power fuses were reinstalled. An attempt to reclose the breaker was unsuccessful.

Breakers ER02-1 and ER05-2 contain permissive interlocks that prevent these breakers from being closed at the same time. A contact on the ER05-2 cell switch was dirty/degraded preventing continuity between the two sides of the contact. The cell switch failed to send a signal to indicate that ER05-2 was in the racked-out position, which prevented breaker ER02-1 from reclosing.

Technical Specifications (TS) 3.8.9 Condition A was entered for Unit 1 at 0456 on 4/13/2016 when the breaker tripped open and exited at 0938 on 4/13/2016 after the contacts were cleaned on the cell switch, the control power fuses replaced and the 1-2R LC was restored to operable status.

At the time of this event Unit 2 was in Mode 5 in a refueling outage. The TS is not applicable in Mode 5. Unit 2 had the necessary portion of the electrical power distribution subsystems operable to support the equipment required to be operable.

C. UNIT STATUS AT TIME OF EVENT

Unit 1, Mode 1, 100 percent power
Unit 2, Mode 5, 0 percent power

D. CAUSE OF EVENT

The cause of the supply breaker being unable to reclose was determined to be a dirty/degraded contact in the cell switch of ER05-2 relay, preventing the interlock from reclosing.

E. REPORTABILITY ANALYSIS AND SAFETY ASSESSMENT

If a loss of offsite power had occurred between 4/12/2016 at 0312 and 4/13/2016 at 0938, ER02-1 would have opened but would not have reclosed due to the contact on the cell switch on ER05-2, leaving the 1-2R LC de-energized. Therefore an LER is required based on the 1-2R Load Center being inoperable for Unit 1 for longer than the TS 3.8.9 required action completion time. The breaker was in an inoperable condition for approximately 30 hours. This is reportable in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i)(B).



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The Farley onsite standby power source is provided from four Emergency Diesel Generators (EDG) (1-2A, 1B, 2B, and 1C). The 1C EDG has a continuous service rating of 2,850 kW and the 1-2A, 1B, 2B EDGs have ratings of 4,075 kW. EDGs 1-2A and 1C are the A-train and EDGs 1B and 2B are the B-train. Farley also has a fifth diesel generator (2C), rated at 2,850 kW, that serves as a station blackout diesel and can be manually aligned to supply B-train power to either unit and supply power to loss-of-site-power (LOSP) loads.

During the time the 1-2R Load Center was inoperable for Unit 1, the EDGs 1-2A (A-train) and the 1B (B-train) were operable and available to support any event on Unit 1, and the 2C station blackout EDG was functional and available. For Unit 2 the 2B EDG was operable.

No other systems or components were affected by the condition described in this report. During the time of the inoperable LC no events occurred which challenged the offsite power supplies, and there was no loss of safety function. Therefore, the safety and health of the public was not adversely affected.

F. CORRECTIVE ACTION

The cell switch was cycled which cleaned the contacts, allowing ER02-1 to close. The cell switch function which failed is electrically bypassed when ER05-2 is racked-in. Post maintenance testing with ER05-2 in the racked-in position verified Operability of ER02-1. Administrative controls are in place to declare ER02-1 inoperable when ER05-2 is racked out until the interlock is verified or ER05-2 cell switch is replaced. The ER05-2 cell switch is scheduled for replacement in the next Unit 2 Refueling Outage. A preventive maintenance task is being developed for more frequent replacement of this component and other similar breakers.

G. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Failed Components:
Low-Voltage Power System [EC], Westinghouse

Other system affected:
None

Commitment Information:
None

Previous Similar Events:
None