UNIT TRIPPING REPORT

UNIT No: 2

STATION: NTPL,

TUTICORIN.

OUTAGE: NO.47

REPORT NO: 47

1.Date of tripping : 22-02-2020

2.Time of tripping : 22.51.22 Hrs

3. Status before tripping

a) Unit load : 300 MW

b) Mills in service : B, C, D, E, F & G

c) Oil guns in service : Nil

d) Boiler feed pumps in service : TDBFP A & B

e) CEPs in service : B & C

f) ID fans in service : A & B

g) FD fans in service : A & B

h) PA fans in service : A & B

i) CWP in service : A & B

4. First Up protection acted : Boiler RH Protection Acted

5. Similar occurrences in the

Financial Year : Nil

6.Other relays/protection acted : Turbine & Generator Tripped

7. Supporting documents attached : S.O.E & Log Book Copy

8. Any operation done prior to tripping : IPSV-1 Open LS not available

9. Analysis of tripping :

While rolling of Unit 2 Turbine in first shift on 22.02.20 after attending BTL, it was observed that IPSV-1 Open feedback (Red colour) was not available and in DCS EHTC mimic page it was shown in Black. At local Open condition of all Stop Valves were physically checked and confirmed. The defect was reported to C&I Mtce and proceeded with rolling as immediate care was not required or possible due to

inaccessibility. This IPSV Open feedback was only indicative and not used in any trip logic.

The defect was again raised in night shift by the Operation Engineer and C&I Mtce Engineer decided to simulate 'Open' indication for IPSV-1. At 22:38 hrs IPSV-1 Open feedback was simulated but there was no colour change in the mimic.

When the mimic was opened in Editor software to check the EHTC Graphics scheme, it was observed that all Stop valves status in EHTC scheme (Both HP & IP stop valves) changed from open status (Red Colour) to close status - (Green colour). The standard convention for the unit is that, any valve if open will be indicated by red colour and if closed will be indicated in green colour. The sudden change of colour from Red to green (Apparently close) indication misguided the C&I shift executive. Suspecting Module/Tag assignment fault, the executive forced IP stop valve 1 Tag feedback corresponding to red indication (Open status) at 22.47 Hrs. IP stop valve 1 indication became Red. This further misguided the C&I executive and when IP stop valve -2 Tag feedback corresponding to red indication was forced at 22.51.10 Hrs, Both IP stop valves indicated Red. When Both IP stop valve Tag corresponding to red indication were forced, Both IP stop valve close feedback Trip contact initiated and after a 10 sec time delay unit tripped on Loss of RH Protection at 22.51.22 Hrs.

10.Root cause

On further analysis, it was found that all 4 stop valves of EHTC scheme are linked with same Stop valve graphics. When the EHTC Mimic file was open in Editor, all stop valves turned to Green (Apparent close but actually open). The above event misguided the C&I executive and when IP stop valve 1 close feedback was forced, the valve turned Red. This further misguided the actual conditions. When IP stop valve 2 feedback was also forced Unit got tripped.

In order to verify the fault in EHTC stop valve Mimic, U#1 EHTC mimic file was opened in Editor for analysis purpose on 24.02.20 in Unit#1 EWS Server. The same set of events as happened in Unit 2 occurred in Unit#1 also. All stop valves indication changed from open (Red) to close(Green) whereas field contacts remained healthy. The condition prevails as same in Both Units Engineering servers. The status is normal in other operating workstations.

11.Remedial measures taken/to be taken:

- > The faulty EHTC Stop Valve Feedback Mimic File to be corrected in Shutdown.
- The Discrepancy in EHTC mimic file is reported to BHEL EDN vide mail ref dated 27.02.20. BHEL EDN opinion is expected on the above issue.

12. Time/Date of boiler light up and sync:

Light Up: : 23:15 Hrs on 22-02-2020

Sync'd: : 01:36 Hrs on 23-02-2020

13.Delay for light up

: No Delay

14.Recommendation / Action plan

Sl.No.	Recommendations/Action plan	Responsibility	Time line
1)	BHEL EDN opinion is expected on the issue of the "Discrepancy in EHTC mimic".	C&I	Opinion Awaited

15.Any specific learning / feedback

Discrepancy in the EHTC mimic of EWS Server of Unit#2 has given rise to confusion regarding Stop Valve status issue which ultimately resulted in the spurious tripping of Unit#2 Boiler on RH protection. This issue will be sorted out after getting expert opinion form BHEL EDN.

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