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Diablo Canyon Unit 1

<u>License Event Report 1-2011-001-00: Mode Transition With Turbine-Driven Auxiliary</u> Feedwater Pump 1-1 Inoperable

Dear Commissioners and Staff:

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i)(B), Pacific Gas and Electric Company is submitting the enclosed licensee event report regarding an improper mode transition with an inoperable turbine-driven auxiliary feedwater pump and a failure to meet Technical Specification 3.0.4.

In addition, this event is being reported under 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(ii)(B) and 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(v)(B).

There are no new or revised regulatory commitments in this report.

This event did not adversely affect the health and safety of the public.

Sincerely,

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I. Plant Conditions

When the event occurred, Unit 1 was transitioning from Mode 4 (Hot Shutdown) to Mode 3 (Hot Standby). The reactor coolant system temperature and pressure at this time were approximately 350 degrees Fahrenheit and 1,000 psig respectively, and steam generator pressure was approximately 115 psig. At the time of testing, the steam generator pressure was approximately 1,000 psig.

II. Description of Problem

A. Background

The Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) Unit 1 is a Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR) with four Reactor Coolant Loops (RCL)[AB] to circulate reactor coolant to each of the four steam generators (SGs). Each SG is a vertical U-tube design provided by the Nuclear Steam Supply System (NSSS) vendor, Westinghouse. The auxiliary feedwater (AFW) system [BA] is a safety-related system that serves as a backup supply of feedwater to the secondary side of the SG. It maintains the heat sink function of the SGs whenever the main feedwater (MFW) system is unavailable.

The AFW system consists of three AFW supply trains. One train employs a full capacity, approximately 800 gpm steam turbine-driven AFW Pump 1-1 (TD AFW PP 1-1), aligned to all four SGs. The other two trains consist of half-capacity motor-driven AFW pumps, AFW Pump 1-2 and AFW Pump 1-3, each supplying approximately 400 gpm to two of the four SGs, with the capability to be manually aligned to any of the four generators. The normal operation of the AFW system, which is during unit startup and shutdown, is to supply the SGs with a secondary heat sink while main feedwater is unavailable.

Technical Specification (TS) Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) 3.7.5, "Auxiliary Feedwater System," requires three AFW trains to be OPERABLE in Modes 1, 2, and 3. TS 3.7.5 LCO is modified by a note stating that LCO 3.0.4b is not applicable. Under Surveillance Requirement SR 3.7.5.2, testing of the TD AFW PP 1-1 is required to be performed within 24 hours after reaching 650 psig steam pressure in the steam generators.

LCO 3.0.4 states that when an LCO is not met, entry into a Mode or other specified condition in the Applicability shall only be made:

- a. When the associated Actions to be entered permit continued operation in the Mode or other specified condition in the Applicability for an unlimited period of time;
- b. After performance of a risk assessment addressing inoperable systems and components, consideration of the results, determination of the acceptability of entering the Mode or other specified condition in the Applicability, and establishment of risk management actions, if appropriate; exceptions to this Specification are stated in the individual Specifications, or
- c. When an allowance is stated in the individual value, parameter, or other Specification.

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B. Event Description

On October 27, 2010, during the 1R16 refueling outage, Maintenance completed replacement of the governor and servo on the TD AFW PP 1-1. At 0512 PST on November 6, 2010, Unit 1 entered Mode 3.

On November 6, 2010, at 2222 PST, DCPP commenced Surveillance Test Procedure (STP) P-AFW-11, "Routine Surveillance Test of Turbine-Driven Auxiliary Feedwater Pump 1-1." This procedure was also used with a maintenance procedure to set the speed of the governor, with support from Maintenance personnel, and also served as post-maintenance testing (PMT) for TD AFW PP 1-1. When steam was admitted to TD AFW PP 1-1 to raise the speed, test personnel observed speeds in excess of 4,300 rpm, at which point the governor had still not assumed control. Maintenance personnel made internal adjustments to the governor in order to achieve a pump speed below 4,260 rpm (the maximum allowable recirculation speed stated in the surveillance procedure). After the adjustments, the pump reached a recirculation speed of 4,210 rpm. The test was completed satisfactorily and the TD AFW PP 1-1 was secured on November 7, 2010, at 0026 PST.

C. Other Systems or Secondary Functions Affected

No additional safety systems were adversely affected by this event.

D. Method of Discovery

The condition was discovered on January 3, 2011 when it was recognized that TD AFW PP 1-1 had excessive pump speed prior to governor adjustment.

E. Status of Inoperable Structures, Systems, or Components that Contributed to the Event

When the pump recirculation speed exceeded 4,300 rpm without governor intervention, TD AFW PP 1-1 was considered inoperable because it operated at a speed outside the band specified in the test procedure and in DCPP's Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR). Motor-driven AFW pumps 1-2 and 1-3 remained operable during this event.

F. Operator Actions

Operations utilized Maintenance support to adjust pump speed within an acceptable range.

G. Safety System Responses

Not applicable for this event.

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III. Cause of the Problem

To be provided in the supplemental report.

IV. Assessment of Safety Consequences

To be provided in the supplemental report.

V. Corrective Actions

A. Immediate Corrective Actions

Operations utilized Maintenance support to adjust pump speed within an acceptable range.

B. Corrective Actions to Prevent Recurrence (CAPR)

To be provided in the supplemental report.

VI. Additional Information

- A. Failed Components / Extent of Condition
- **B.** Previous Similar Events
- C. Industry Reports

To be provided in the supplemental report.