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From: Birk, Mark C
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Cc: Kelley, Richard A; Voss, Thomas R
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After going through the sequence of events concerning Rush Island Unit #1 this past weekend I wanted to make crystal clear my expectations concerning the plant operating groups.

The Operations Department (i.e.; operating supervisors, general supervisors, etc.) is responsible and accountable for the safe and efficient operation of the generating units. If tripping of equipment or the unit is warranted due to safety or asset preservation requirements that decision must be made in a timely manner by the operating group aside from any requirements Trading, Generation Services or the ESO may have. ESO and Trading will generally push to keep a unit on but the ultimate authority and accountability resides with the plant operating staff.

Decisions concerning testing and/or configuration manipulation of operating equipment reside with the operating staff. If Operations doesn't understand or isn't knowledgeable of the procedure being performed it is their responsibility to have a questioning attitude and deny any requests that they aren't fully confident in performing. The Operating group cannot be afraid to push back and challenge any request that they feel doesn't make sense or could potentially incur additional unwarranted risk.

With the impending Day 2 energy markets and the current reorganization at the fossil plants I look toward the Operating Departments to take a leadership role in making Ameren the recognized performance leader in the industry.

Please make sure that this information is conveyed to all of your operating groups and let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,
Mark

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