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Saturday, May 20, 2000 2:04 PM

0: Subject: Thompson, Phillip FW: TS Operations

Phil.

I recieved an outlook message that Charlie is on vacation. I sent this message to Tom Buhr also, but please ensure that the Op Order is provided to your operators.

Thanks,

Dave Fitzgerald

-Original Message

From:

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Saturday, May 20, 2000 1:59 PM Kempf, Charles L; Weiman, Larry A; Beckerle, Gerald D

Post, Richard G; Buhr, Thomas A; Diederich, Jim H; Iselin, Chris A; BLANK, KARL P; Jarvis, Dan E

Supject:

Larry, Charlie, and Gerry:

I have been contacted several times recently with requests to operate Taum Sauk outside of what I consider to be prudent operational limits. This has included generating over the top of the lower reservoir dam and pumping back with two pumps below the previous guidance provided for levels to secure pumps. In the case of generating over the top of the dam, doing such could result in severe action by FERC due to a licensed condition violation, and also subsequent litigation by anyone downstream who is affected. We have been allowed by FERC to operate without flood warning systems, mainly due to the fact that persons downstream would have some time to prepare and be aware of impending flood conditions from weather reports. Flooding due to generation falls outside of the residents and downstream users expected conditions. We have been required by FERC to develop an Emergency Action plan for potential or actual flood conditions due to dam breaks of the upper or lower reservoirs. Common sense and logic concludes that we should not place ourselves into a condition nat we are required to have Emergency Action Plans for.

Since the upgrade of the units there is increased motivation to capitalize on the investment Ameren made by utilizing the units as much as possible. Everyone feels the pressure to maximize generation revenue. Caution must be exercised to operate in accordance with sound operating judgement, within the constraints of the FERC license, Taum Sauk Operating Manual and any additional Operating Orders. I am attaching an operating order that includes some normal operations limits from the operating manual and previously provided orders and tables. Please review this order and provide it to your operators and dispatchers.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Dave Fitzgerald

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