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accounting order relating to its electrical)
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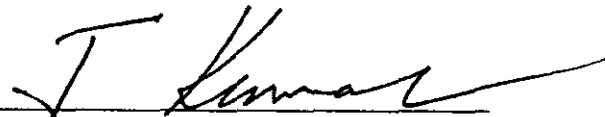
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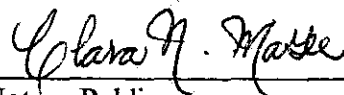
STATE OF MARYLAND)
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COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY)

Jatinder Kumar, of lawful age and being first duly sworn, deposes and states:

1. My name is Jatinder Kumar. I am a consultant retained by the Missouri Office of the Public Counsel.
2. Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is my rebuttal testimony consisting of pages 1 through 25 and Schedules 1 through 11.
3. I hereby swear and affirm that my statements contained in the attached testimony are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Jatinder Kumar

Subscribed and sworn to me this 9th day of October, 2000.


Notary Public

My commission expires 1/6/01

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NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MARYLAND
My Commission Expires January 6, 2001

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APPEARANCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, POSITION, AND ADDRESS.

A. My name is Jatinder Kumar. I am president of Economic and Technical Consultants, Inc. ("ETC"), a public utility and energy consulting firm with offices at 6241 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Q. ON WHOSE BEHALF ARE YOU FILING YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?

A. I am filing my rebuttal testimony on behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel").

Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE.

A. My educational qualifications and experience are appended to my rebuttal testimony.

Q. HAVE YOU WORKED FOR A UTILITY?

A. Yes, I worked for Pacific Gas & Electric Company in San Francisco for three years during 1969-1972 as a design engineer. Besides my other duties, I was involved with the development of control systems and a new electric dispatch center. I have also been involved with the design and operation of various types of cooling and pump systems.

1 Q. HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF GENERATING
2 PLANTS?

3 A. Yes, I have been involved with the installation of a 45 MW gas based GE unit in Illinois that
4 became operational on May 15, 2000. Currently, I am involved with the installation of another 45
5 MW dual fuel GE unit in Delaware and a 90 MW Clean Coal Technology unit in Illinois. My
6 assignment in regard to all of these generating units is to provide consulting services on the overall
7 project management including equipment procurement, contract negotiations and interface with
8 contractors and vendors.

9 Q. HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE ANALYSIS OF A FAILURE OF A
10 GENERATING PLANT?

11 A. Yes, I have been involved with a number of such analyses with the most prominent being the
12 analysis of the failure of Breyton Point No. 3, a 626 MW coal based unit owned by New England
13 Power Co. This unit was severely damaged due to the design, installation and operating problems
14 associated with the turbine.

15 PURPOSE

16 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?

17 A. In my rebuttal testimony, I will comment on the Application filed by St. Joseph Light & Power Co.
18 ("SJLP" or "Company") seeking an Accounting Authority Order ("AAO") from the Missouri
19 Public Service Commission ("Commission") to defer the costs associated with the Incident that
20 occurred with SJLP's Lake Road Generating Unit 4/6 on June 7, 2000. In my testimony, I will

1 respond to SJLP witness Svuba and will also review and analyze the causes of the June 7, 2000 fire
2 and explosion which required the repairs and determine whether the causes were within or beyond
3 the SJLP's control.

4 **SCOPE AND BASIS OF REVIEW AND ANALYSIS**

5 **Q. PLEASE EXPAND ON THE SCOPE OF YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY.**

6 A. The results of my review and analysis presented in my testimony focus on the main cause of the
7 incident which occurred on June 7, 2000. The focal point of my investigation was to determine if
8 the fire and explosion that occurred at Unit 4/6 on June 7, 2000 was caused by an act of God,
9 unforeseen mechanical failure beyond the Company's control or whether the fire and explosion was
10 caused by acts or omissions on the part of SJLP.

11 **Q. WHAT DOCUMENTS DID YOU REVIEW FOR YOUR ANALYSIS.**

12 A. For my analysis, I reviewed the direct testimony submitted by Mr. Dwight Svuba on behalf of
13 SJLP, the documents provided by SJLP in response to various data requests and the deposition of
14 Mr. John Modlin. References to Mr. Modlin's deposition will appear as "TR" followed by the
15 appropriate page(s) of the deposition.

16 **SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

17 **Q. BASED ON YOUR REVIEW OF THE DIRECT TESTIMONY AND THE**
18 **DOCUMENTS IN THIS PROCEEDING, WHAT ARE YOUR CONCLUSIONS AND**
19 **RECOMMENDATIONS?**

1 A. My review of the results of various investigations conducted by or on behalf of SJLP indicates that
2 there is a consensus that the damage at Unit 4/6 took place because of the failure of the DC oil
3 pump to start operating when the Unit 4/6 tripped. There is also a consensus that this pump did not
4 start operating because it had been placed in the "off" position. Thus the issue is whether the DC
5 oil pump was in the off position because of an act of God, unforeseen mechanical failure, or
6 because of an act or omission on the part of SJLP. My conclusion is that the repairs to Unit 4/6
7 were required because of an incident which would have been prevented if the Company acted
8 reasonably according to good utility practices. In other words, the incident occurred due to causes
9 which were not beyond the Company's control. Therefore, I recommend that the Commission deny
10 SJLP's request for an AAO regarding the explosion and fire that occurred at Unit 4/6 on June 7,
11 2000.

12 **BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS OF JUNE 7 INCIDENT**

13 **Q. BEFORE YOU PRESENT YOUR REVIEW AND ANALYSIS, COULD YOU**
14 **PROVIDE A BRIEF BACKGROUND OF THE LAKE ROAD PLANT AND THE**
15 **INCIDENT YOU MENTIONED?**

16 A. The Company owns and operates a generating plant known as the Lake Road Plant. This plant has
17 a total net generating capability of 257 MW and the plant also supplies steam to six industrial
18 customers. The plant consists of two separate systems - an 1800 pound system and a 900 pound
19 system.

20 The 1800 pound system consists of a single generating unit known as Turbine-Generator No. 4
21 ("TG#4") manufactured by General Electric ("GE"). This unit also has a boiler known as Boiler

1 #6. TG #4 and Boiler #6 are jointly referred to as "Unit 4/6". This plant produces steam at 1800
2 psi and uses coal as a primary fuel.

3 The 900 pound system at the Lake Road Plant consists of five boilers, Boilers #1, #2, #3, #4 and
4 #5. Boiler #5 uses coal and the other boilers use natural gas or No. 2 fuel oil. The 900 pound
5 system supplies steam to three turbine generators and industrial steam customers. The Lake Road
6 Plant also has three combustion turbines ("CTS"). One CT, CT No. 5, operates on natural gas or
7 No.2 fuel oil and CT Nos. 6 and 7 can only use No. 2 fuel oil.

8 TG #4 was originally installed in 1966 and has a capacity of about 100 MW. During the Spring
9 2000, TG#4 was down for scheduled maintenance work. During this time, a number of major
10 modifications were made to TG#4. One of the modifications related to the replacement of a part of
11 the old turbine-generator control system with the GE Mark V control system. The Unit was
12 returned to operation on June 2, 2000 and the incident which resulted in requiring extensive repair
13 work at TG#4 occurred on June 7, 2000 ("June 7 Incident").

14 **Q. PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE EXPLOSION AND FIRE THAT OCCURRED**
15 **AT UNIT 4/6 ON JUNE 7, 2000.**

16 A. At about 2:06 PM on June 7, 2000, the TG#4 unit "tripped". The term "tripping" means sudden
17 stopping of a machine or operation of a switching device generally without operator intervention.
18 The tripping can also be caused intentionally by an operator. On June 7, the turbine tripped first
19 and then the generator tripped. The tripping of the generator resulted in switching off the power
20 supplies to two AC oil pumps used for lubricating the bearings at the TG#4 turbine and generator.
21 The emergency - DC oil pump, which was supposed to come on line after the tripping of TG#4, did

1 not start working. The lack of lubrication resulted in excessive heat at the bearings which caused
2 the explosion and fire at TG#4.

3 **Q. BEFORE YOU PROCEED WITH THE DETAILS OF YOUR TESTIMONY, COULD**
4 **YOU EXPLAIN THE FUNCTIONS OF GENERATOR AND TURBINE SUCH AS**
5 **UNIT 4/6?**

6 **A.** As I stated earlier, steam for this unit is produced at Boiler No. 6. This steam is fed into a turbine
7 and steam flow is used to turn or rotate the turbine at high speed. The turbine is connected with the
8 rotor of a generator and the rotation of this rotor results in generating electricity.

9 **Q. COULD YOU EXPLAIN THE TURBINE LUBRICATION SYSTEM?**

10 **A.** The lubrication system provides oil to lubricate the turbine and generator bearings. This lubrication
11 is provided by force feed oil pumps. Sometimes lubrication is also used to supply low pressure seal
12 oil for a hydrogen-cooled generator as is the case of TG#4. Lubrication of the turbine/generator
13 bearings is essential. Generally three oil pumps are used to feed lubricating oil at high pressure to
14 the bearings. The main pump receives AC power from the turbine/generator to which it provides
15 the oil supplies. The second pump is an AC driven auxiliary oil pump which receives power from
16 another source of AC power and not from the source for the first pump. This pump is used for start
17 up and it also acts as an emergency pump if the oil pressure falls below the normal level. This pump
18 is known as the second line of defense. The third line of defense or emergency back up is provided
19 in the form of a DC motor driven oil pump which will start automatically in case of abnormally low
20 oil pressure. This pump is driven by power supplied by the batteries. This pump is known as the

1 third line of defense. Mr. John Modlin, SJLP's Director of Fuels and Projects also confirmed this
2 three tier pump configuration in his deposition (TR 130, 131).

3 **Q. AT THE TIME OF THE JUNE 7 INCIDENT, WERE THE TWO AC OIL PUMPS**
4 **AND THE DC OIL PUMP CONFIGURED IN THIS MANNER AT UNIT 4/6?**

5 A. Contrary to the general practice, both the AC oil pumps at TG#4 received their power from TG#4.
6 Therefore, the second line of defense provided by the second AC oil pump was eliminated as both
7 AC oil pumps could not operate with the tripping of the TG#4. In other words, at the time of the
8 June 7 incident TG#4 had only two instead of three lines of defense.

9 When the TG#4 tripped, the two AC oil pumps stopped receiving power and they stopped
10 operating. At that time, the DC oil pump was supposed to start operating. However, because of the
11 operators' unfamiliarity with the change in the control system during the scheduled outage Spring
12 2000, the DC oil pump was not put in the "automatic" position and it also did not operate after the
13 tripping of TG#4.

14 **Q. HOW DID SJLP DESCRIBE THE JUNE 7 INCIDENT?**

15 A. A report by Mr. W.J. White, the Shift Supervisor at the Lake Road Plant, about the incident which
16 took place on June 7, 2000 is attached as Schedule JK-1. The incident can be summarized as
17 below:

- 18 1. At about 2:06 PM on June 7, 2000, Mr. White and the next shift supervisor Scott Hinkle
19 determined that the TG#4 had tripped.
- 20 2. At that time, they also heard an explosion.

3. At about the same time, they were advised by another SJLP employee Lance Brumbaugh that smoke was coming out of the Bearing #5 at TG#4.

4. Mr. White also saw the fire at the Bearing #5 and heard a second explosion.

5. They also saw a small fire at Bearing Nos. 3 and 4.

6. In spite of the tripping, TG#4 continued to run fast.

7. Mr. White also found that the stop and reheat valves were closed, however, as stated above, the TG#4 continued to run.

8. Mr. White stated that he did not believe, "the Unit was still rolling and not decelerating" and he instructed one of the SJLP employees to open the dump valve which resulted in abruptly stopping the TG#4 unit.

Q. WHAT WERE THE RESULTS OF LATER INVESTIGATION?

A. As explained by Mr. Dwight V. Svuba, in his direct testimony filed on behalf of SJLP, when the primary two AC oil pumps lost power with the tripping of the TG#4, the second line of defense - the third DC oil pump, which was supposed to start supplying oil to the TG#4 bearings, did not start.

Q. WHY DID THE DC OIL PUMP NOT START WHEN THE PRIMARY TWO AC OIL PUMPS LOST POWER WITH THE TRIPPING OF TG#4?

A. The DC oil pump had been placed in the "local" or "off" position. In that position the DC oil pump was not supposed to start.

1 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE THREE OPERATING POSITIONS FOR THE DC OIL
2 PUMP.

3 A. The DC oil pump has three positions. First is "start" and the operator has to put the pump in this
4 position to start the pump. The second position is "auto" or automatic position. In this position,
5 the DC oil pump would start automatically in the event of the failure of both AC oil pumps. The
6 third position is the "local" or "off" position. The pump in this position will not start. As stated by
7 Mr. Svuba on page 7 of his direct testimony, the DC oil pump control must be in automatic mode to
8 start automatically on loss of oil pressure due to the failure of the two AC oil pumps. On page 7 of
9 his direct testimony, Mr. Svuba further described, "Due to control changes that were completed
10 during the GE turbine control replacement project, the operators failed to realize that the pump
11 control did not return to automatic mode after a stop command." The failure on the part of SJLP
12 operators to insure that the DC oil pump was in the "automatic mode" resulted in the DC oil
13 pump's failure to operate when it was supposed to operate. This, in turn resulted in damages to the
14 turbine.

15 Q. WHAT WAS THE CONSEQUENCE OF THE FAILURE OF AC&DC OIL PUMPS?

16 A. The failure of all three pumps resulted in no oil supplies to the bearings. Without the lubricating oil
17 supplies, the bearings at TG#4 overheated which resulted in an explosion and fire and damage to
18 the TG#4 turbine. This conclusion is also supported in a letter dated June 20, 2000 by Mr. Joseph
19 G. Pisoni of Factory Mutual Insurance Co. to Mr. Gary Myers of SJLP. A copy of this letter is
20 attached as Schedule JK-2.

1 In his deposition, Mr. Modlin also acknowledged that the DC oil pump failure on June 7 resulted in
2 the lack of lubrication to the bearings and the increased friction caused the explosion and fire
3 resulting in damage to TG#4(TR 171).

4 **Q. WHY DID THE OPERATORS FAIL TO REALIZE THE PUMP DID NOT RETURN**
5 **TO THE AUTOMATIC MODE?**

6 A. As I will explain later, SJLP personnel were not properly trained and advised about the changes in
7 the control system before TG#4 was placed in operation on June 2, 2000. The operators were not
8 fully familiar with design changes made with respect to the new control system, especially with
9 respect to the DC oil pump switch.

10 **Q. WHAT WERE THE CHANGES MADE TO THE TG#4 CONTROL SYSTEM?**

11 A. On pages 7 and 8 of his direct testimony, Mr. Svuba explains the changes to the TG#4 control
12 system. These changes are also explained in a memo written by Mr. Joseph Byrd on June 15, 2000.
13 A copy of this memo is attached as Schedule JK-3.

14 The original control system involved with the DC oil pump was a manual pistol grip control switch.
15 Anytime the operator would turn the switch to stop position, it would spring return to the "auto"
16 position. This pistol grip control switch had indicating lights on the north wall of the control room
17 and was visible to the operator. In 1995, computer controlled logic relays were installed
18 (Distributed Control System ("DCS")) which provided redundancy to the pistol grip switches. The
19 manual pistol grip control switch was physically visible to the operator. However, the new
20 interface was only visible on a computer screen. Further, the manual pistol grip switch provided a
21 fail-safe system and the new system did not have a fail-safe logic. It seems that in spite of the

1 installation of DCS, the operators continued to rely on and interface with the manual pistol grip
2 switch..

3 During the Spring 2000 maintenance work, the wall switch and light were removed and replaced
4 with the Mark V turbine control system cabinet. (TR 186) The DCS system continued to control all
5 three oil pumps.

6 **Q. WHAT WERE THE CONSEQUENCES OF REMOVING THE PISTOL GRIP**
7 **CONTROL SWITCH?**

8 **A.** With the removal of the manual pistol grip switches and light, the following things happened:

- 9 1. There was no redundant control system left and the DCS was the sole control system.
- 10 2. DCS logic was not changed to a fail-safe system.
- 11 3. Since 1966, operators were used to interface with the manual pistol grip switch system and
12 light on the wall. This interface was removed and the operators were left with one single
13 interface via the DCS screens.
- 14 4. The light indicating the off position of the switch was removed.

15 As stated above, after the wall pistol grip switch and light were removed, the operator had to use
16 the DCS console display to determine the status of the DC oil pump. During the TG#4 testing
17 procedure, the DC oil pump was stopped by the operator and the pump was never returned to
18 automatic position and as stated earlier, the operator failed to realize that the pump was not in the
19 automatic position.

1 Q. HAVE THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW CONTROL SYSTEM BEEN
2 RECOGNIZED?

3 A. Yes. First, in his June 15 memo (Schedule JK-3), Mr. Byrd reviewed the new GE control system
4 and stated, **

5 ** However, as I stated earlier, the experience with the
6 June 7 Incident proved the inadequacy of the new oil system.

7 A one page memo titled, "Turbine Generators June 7, 2000 Incident, Possible Contributing Factors"
8 written by Mr. Modlin, dated July 13, 2000 states, "DC oil pump served both as 'normal' and
9 'emergency role,' and thus it did not provide any second line of defense." A copy of this memo is
10 attached as Schedule JK-4.

11 Q. DID MR. MODLIN ACKNOWLEDGE DEFICIENCIES RESULTING FROM THE
12 REMOVAL OF THE MANUAL PISTOL GRIP SWITCH?

13 A. Yes. In his deposition, Mr. Modlin acknowledged the following facts about the DC oil pump
14 switch:

- 15 1. Some employee of SJLP put the pump switch into "local" or in an "off" position. (TR 98).
- 16 2. With the restart of the TG#4, the pump switch should have been in "automatic" position.
17 (TR 98).
- 18 3. With changes made in the Spring 2000, SJLP lost reliability of its control system and GE
19 which removed the pistol grip switch created a "trap" for SJLP. (TR 101).

4. SJLP went from a more reliable to a less reliable system with the changes made by GE, however, SJLP had no idea about it. (TR 102).

5. The operators were put into a situation with a new control logic and the engineers should have looked at the changed situation and advised the operators about these changes. (TR 103).

6. In spite of the removal of the manual pistol grip pump switch, the operators continued to believe that the pump switch would return to "automatic" if they stopped the pump. (TR 104).

7. GE failed to investigate the result of changes made to the control system. (TR 107).

8. The pistol grip switch was removed and the DCS logic was not reviewed to determine whether it would operate correctly. (TR 104).

9. No alarm or other device was installed to indicate to the operators that the DC oil pump switch was off. (TR 134)

Q. REFERRING BACK TO THE OPERATOR TRAINING, FIRST EXPLAIN WHY THE TRAINING IS ESSENTIAL.

A. Training is an essential part of operating any machine as a lack of training could result in the improper operation of the machine, and sometime in a catastrophe. Thus, the lack of training could result in expensive repair costs and possibly the need to replace the damaged machine. This concept is applicable to all machines, simple or complex, small or big. It is highly unreasonable to

1 operate a 100 MW power plant without proper training or without insuring that the plant operators
2 are completely familiar with the operation of the plant and control system, especially those related
3 to an emergency situation. In his deposition, Mr. Modlin also realized the importance of
4 appropriate training for the safe operation of the unit. (TR 154).

5 **Q. DID SJLP ARRANGE FOR TRAINING OF ITS PERSONNEL PRIOR TO THE**
6 **RESTART OF THE TG#4 ON JUNE 2, 2000?**

7 A. Yes. SJLP had arranged a five day training program by GE for its personnel. This training took
8 place on May 22-26, 2000.

9 **Q. WAS SJLP SATISFIED WITH THE TRAINING?**

10 A. No, it was not. On June 23, 2000 Mr. John T. Modlin, Director, Fuels and Project of SJLP wrote a
11 letter to GE about GE's training program. A copy of this letter is attached as Schedule JK-5.
12 Although, Mr. Modlin did not attend the training, he wrote the letter based on the input he received
13 from those who attended the training. Some of the salient points from his letter are summarized
14 below:

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17 ** Evidently, no training was held for the SJLP instrument

18 technicians prior to the June 7 Incident.

1 Q. IS THERE ANY DOCUMENT WRITTEN BY A SJLP EMPLOYEE WHO ATTENDED
2 THE GE TRAINING WORKSHOP?

3 A. Yes. A memo was written on June 1, 2000 by Mr. Scott Hinkle, Shift Supervisor who came to
4 relieve Mr. White after the June 7 Incident started. A copy of this memo is attached as Schedule
5 JK-6. Some of the points from his memo are summarized below:

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6 **Q. DID MR. MODLIN ACKNOWLEDGE THE DEFICIENCIES IN GE'S TRAINING?**

7 **A.** Yes. In his deposition, Mr. Modlin also acknowledged the following facts:

- 8 1. The operators did not know that on the DCS "local" means "off" position of the DC oil
9 pump switch (TR 134)
- 10 2. The operators were not specifically advised that the manual switch was replaced and they
11 had to rely on DCS control screens. (TR 142, 143)
- 12 3. SJLP assumed that the operators would have understood the obvious fact that the pistol
13 grip control was not there. (TR 142, 143)
- 14 4. The GE training was not adequate. (TR 144)
- 15 5. The operators did not have the training which SJLP would have liked. (TR 145)
- 16 6. In May 2000, SJLP did not prepare the outline of the training which it had proposed for the
17 training in September 2000. A copy of this outline is attached as Schedule JK-7. (TR 167-

168). The Company did not give any reason why it did not prepare such an outline in May 2000.

7. SJLP had realized that SJLP's operators had not received proper training prior to the unit start up date of June 2, 2000. (TR 155)

Q. BESIDES IMPROPER TRAINING, ARE THERE OTHER INDICATIONS ABOUT THE IMPROPER OPERATION OF THE UNIT?

A. Yes. A number of problems with the TG#4 operation and control are summarized in the previously referenced memo written on July 13, 2000. Schedule JK-4. Three of the highlights from this memo are presented below:

1. Improper design of the control system such as lack of alarms to indicate the loss of power to oil pumps and that the DC oil pump was in the "off" position.
2. SJLP operators were not properly trained by GE and familiar with the Mark V control system.
3. GE was several weeks behind in project engineering and the job of putting TG#4 back in operation was rushed.

Q. IS IT CORRECT MR. MODLIN REVISED HIS JULY 13 REPORT ATTACHED AS SCHEDULE JK-4 TO YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?

A. Yes. Mr. Modlin revised his report on September 29, 2000, a copy of which is attached as Schedule JK-8.

1 **Q. COULD YOU PLEASE DESCRIBE THE CHANGES?**

2 A. The changes are mostly cosmetic, however, there are three changes that are worth mentioning here
3 which might have an effect of sanitizing the original report to some extent. These changes are
4 described below:

- 5 1. Under Bullet No. 3, titled, "Mark V Installation Engineering (February-May 2000)."
6 Originally the first sub bullet read, "GE several weeks behind in project engineering,
7 rushed job". In the revised report, Mr. Modlin dropped the words "rushed job."
- 8 2. Under the sixth Bullet, titled, "Operation (May 25-June 7, 2000)," the original report had
9 the first sub bullet, "DC pump breaker may not have been returned to normally closed
10 position after opened for hydrogen seal work on about 5/25." In the revised report, Mr.
11 Modlin deleted this sub bullet.
- 12 3. Under the sixth bullet, the original report had as its last sub bullet, "routine check of pump
13 readiness not performed at shift changes." In the revised report, the last sub bullet reads,
14 "Pump readiness less apparent to operators due to removal of manual switch."

15 **Q. DO THE ABOVE CHANGES REDUCE THE SERIOUSNESS OF SJLP'S ERRORS?**

16 A. No, they do not.

17 **Q. DO YOU HAVE COMMENTS ON THE CHANGES?**

18 A. Yes, I do. The first change involving the elimination of words "rushed job" does not obliterate the
19 fact that GE was several weeks behind in project engineering and thus, it is obvious that the job had
20 to be rushed.

1 The elimination of the first sub bullet under the sixth bullet does not change the fact that the DC
2 pump was not returned to "automatic" mode after it was tested and this pump did not run when it
3 was supposed to do so because it had been placed in the off position.

4 The change in the last sub bullet under the sixth bullet also does not change the fact that the DC oil
5 pump was not tested on June 5, 2000, as mentioned in the third sub bullet of the original report.
6 There is no proof that this pump was even tested until after the June 7 Incident.

7 **Q. REFERRING TO THE DELAYS BY GE, DID MR. MODLIN MAKE OTHER**
8 **COMMENTS?**

9 **A.** Yes, his comments about delays and GE's performance are summarized below:

- 10 1. GE did not do a good job throughout the project. (TR 109)
- 11 2. GE had several project engineers whereas the normal practice is to have one. Multiple
12 project engineers resulted in discontinuity and a number of project starts and stops. (TR
13 109 and 136)
- 14 3. Generally, drawings are received a couple of months in advance, however, SJLP received
15 the drawings on May 5 or 6, 2000, i.e., less than one month in advance. (TR 112, 113)
- 16 4. Because of the delays, SJLP did not have time to review the drawings in advance. Had
17 SJLP been given sufficient time, SJLP might have found the problem. (TR 111, 112)

18 **Q. IS THERE ANY OTHER REPORT THAT DISCUSSES THE FINDINGS OF THE**
19 **INVESTIGATION OF THE JUNE 7 INCIDENT?**

1 A. Yes. Another SJLP report, "SJLP Lake Road Turbine Generator 4, June 7, 2000 Incident
2 Investigation Notes" dated July 13, 2000 summarizes some of the results of the investigation of the
3 June 7 incident. A copy of this report is attached as Schedule JK-9. Some of the findings of this
4 report are summarized below:

- 5 1. The DC oil pump was not tested on June 5, 2000. First bullet under 6/12/00 on page 1 of
6 Schedule JK-9.
- 7 2. GE's installation package was not timely delivered which resulted in insufficient time for
8 proper review by SJLP. Second bullet under "6/23/00" on page 4 and 5 of Schedule JK-9.

9 **Q. DID YOU FIND OTHER STATEMENTS IN THE RECORD THAT YOU REVIEWED**
10 **RELATED TO THE TESTING OF THE PUMP?**

11 A. Yes, I have. Not only was the DC oil pump not tested on June 5, 2000, it was also not tested on
12 June 2, 2000. (TR 146). In his deposition, Mr. Modlin also acknowledged that the operator's
13 schedule required the DC oil pump to be tested every Monday, however, the DC pump was not
14 tested on June 5, 2000 as scheduled. (TR 85 - 87).

15 **Q. DID GE ALSO PREPARE A REPORT ON ITS INVESTIGATION OF THE JUNE**
16 **7 INCIDENT?**

17 A. Yes. During the deposition of Mr. Modlin on October 4, 2000, SJLP provided a copy of GE's
18 report which is attached as Schedule JK-10.

Q. COULD YOU PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE RELEVANT POINTS OF THIS
REPORT?

A. Some of the relevant points of the GE report are summarized below:

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** (I did not find any record which indicated that the operators took notice of this
alarm). **

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7 Q. DID YOU SEE ANY EVIDENCE OF SJLP'S EFFORTS TO CORRECT THE
8 POOR TRAINING AND PERFORMANCE BY GE PRIOR TO THE JUNE 7
9 INCIDENT?

10 A. No, I did not. It seems that SJLP was fully aware of the poor training and performance by GE prior
11 to the June 7 Incident, however, I did not see any evidence of efforts made by SJLP, save the June
12 23 letter, to either insure a proper training of its personnel or remedy the other deficiencies which
13 might have been caused by poor GE performance. It was very evident that the pistol grip switch,
14 which was mainly relied upon by the SJLP operators since 1966, was removed by GE. However,
15 both SJLP and GE ignored the consequences caused by the removal especially in view of SJLP's
16 reliance on the DC oil pump alone in case of an emergency.

17 Q. WHY SHOULD SJLP HAVE BEEN MORE CAREFUL ABOUT THE FUNCTIONING
18 OF THE DC OIL PUMP?

19 A. As Mr. Modlin acknowledged in his deposition, although generator trips do not happen every day,
20 these trips are not unusual. (TR 68-69) In the case of the generator trips, due to SJLP's

1 configuration of its three oil pumps, SJLP had to rely solely on the DC oil pump for lubrication of
2 the bearings and hydrogen seal of its TG#4.

3 In view of the importance of the DC oil pump, extra care and effort should have been devoted to the
4 DC oil pump to make sure that this pump operates in case of a generator trip and the failure of the
5 two AC oil pumps. The records indicate that SJLP failed to pay even cursory attention to the pump
6 switch with the full knowledge that the pistol grip switch on which the operators relied since 1966
7 had been removed.

8 CONCLUSIONS

9 **Q. WHAT ARE YOUR CONCLUSIONS?**

10 A. It is very clear that SJLP restarted TG#4 on June 2, 2000 without proper training and without a full
11 understanding of the design changes made when the Mark V was installed. SJLP failed to realize
12 the impact of the removal of the pistol grip switch and it also failed to make sure that its operators
13 clearly understood the impact of such removal and to concentrate more on the DCS. It is also clear
14 that SJLP failed to oversee GE's performance and to control the project schedule.

15 To start with, the configuration of the lube oil pumps was not appropriate, and with the changes
16 made in the Spring 2000, the redundancy of the pump control system by removing the manual
17 pistol grip switch was completely eliminated. It is also evident that the operators were not properly
18 advised to rely solely on the DCS which controlled the DC oil pump. For some unexplained
19 reasons, it seems SJLP rushed to place TG#4 back into operation by the target date of June 2, 2000
20 without completely insuring of the reliability of the control system and operators' familiarity with

1 the changes made to the control system. It was SJLP's responsibility to make sure that, before a
2 generator with a new control system is started, all of the system were properly installed and tested
3 and its operators were well trained and fully familiar with the operation of the refurbished TG#4
4 and the removal of redundant manual pistol grip control switches. Based on my review and
5 analysis, it is my conclusion that SJLP failed in its responsibilities. One cannot claim an act of God
6 as in the case of a plane crash if the plane is operated by a pilot who is untrained and not even
7 familiar with the aircraft he is flying. This is the case involving the June 7 Incident which was not
8 an act of God or unforeseen mechanical failure, as this incident could have been avoided by not
9 prematurely placing the TG#4 in operation. In his deposition, Mr. Modlin acknowledged that had
10 the DC oil pump switch been in automatic position, it would have started. (TR 169). The starting
11 of the DC pump would have avoided the June 7 incident and all of the associated repair costs. The
12 failure of not putting the DC oil pump in "Auto" was not an Act of God or the result of unforeseen
13 mechanical failure. The June 7 incident was not beyond the Company's control, it was entirely
14 within the Company's control. The June 7 incident occurred because of the Company's failure to
15 take action within its control.

16 **Q. IN YOUR TESTIMONY, A NUMBER OF TIMES YOU HAVE REFERRED TO MR.**
17 **MODLIN'S DEPOSITION. HAVE YOU ATTACHED HIS DEPOSITION TO**
18 **YOUR TESTIMONY?**

19 **A.** Yes, I have attached Mr. Modlin's deposition as Schedule JK-11.

20 **Q. MR. KUMAR, DOES THAT CONCLUDE YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?**

21 **A.** Yes, it does.

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INCIDENTAL DAMAGE/OCCURRENCE REPORT

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DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 6-7-00 1406 hours
SHIFT SUPERVISOR ON DUTY: W. White
EQUIPMENT INVOLVED: 4-6 UNIT
LOCATION: LAKE ROAD
PERSONNEL INVOLVED: WHITE, HINKLE, REAM, KUKUC, SPATT
DAMAGE/PROBLEM CAUSED: LOSS OF UNIT AVAILABILITY

DESCRIPTION OF OCCURRENCE: SCOTT HINKLE and myself were
in our office when we heard the safeties
lift on #6 boiler. we immediately went to
the unit's control panels and determined the
unit had tripped at full load. approximately
30 seconds had elapsed when DANNY KUKUC came
in the north-east control room door and told
me the generator was on line, at about
that time we heard an explosion. I started
toward the unit going through my office
when I heard a second explosion. I went
out our office door and saw flames all
around #6 bearing, commutator area and all
gratings in this area. I ran and got a
CAUSE OF OCCURRENCE: (continued next page)

under investigation

CORRECTIVE-PREVENTIVE ACTION:

REPORTED BY: W. White

DATE: WRITTEN ON 6-14

COMMENTS:

REVIEWED BY: J. Parker

Schedule JK-1

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fire extinguisher (halon) but was unable to put out or even control the fire. I went to the control room to tell them to call the fire dept. (they already were). I told Dave Rehm the fire was out of control and we started evacuating the plant. I told Danny Kukuc to secure the hydrogen to the unit. At this time I went back to the unit and noticed fire also at #4 bearing and seal. I went to #1 bearing, then #2 bearing which was starting to smoke. Scott Hink arrived at about that time and I told him we should shut down the lube oil and hydraulics before we developed an oil fire. Scott and I went to the 480 MCC and opened the breakers on the lube oil and hydraulic pumps. We then went back to the control room to check on status of equipment and personnel. I then went back out to the unit and saw that the fire was slowly dissipating. I figured the hydrogen gas and oil supply had been shut off and we had the fire under control. I grabbed a dry chemical fire extinguisher and was able to put the fire out. (most of it was at #5 bearing.

SCOTT HINKLE arrived AT THIS TIME AGAIN AND WAS HELPING WITH ANOTHER EXTINGUISHER IMMEDIATELY AFTER PUTTING OUT THE FIRE. MY THOUGHTS TURNED TO THE SEVERE VIBRATION. I DETERMINED THE UNIT WAS ROLLING EXTREMELY FAST FOR THE SEVERE VIBRATION AND SHOULD HAVE STOPPED, I RAN TO THE CONTROL ROOM AND TOLD DAVE REHM I THOUGHT THE STOP VALVE WAS STILL OPEN. WE LOOKED ON THE CONTROL SCREEN AND IT INDICATED THE MAIN STOP AND REHEAT STOP HAD TRIPPED AND WERE CLOSED. I DIDN'T BELIEVE THIS AS THE UNIT WAS STILL ROLLING AND NOT DECELERATING, I TOLD DANNY KUK TO GO TO THE HYDRAULIC SET AND OPEN THE "DUMP" VALVE. I WAS STANDING AT THE UNIT AND WATCHING IT. WHEN DANNY OPENED THE HYDRAULIC DUMP VALVE, THE UNIT CAME TO AN ABRUPT STOP. I LOOKED FOR ANY SIGNS OF FIRE, FOUND NONE, WENT TO PARKING AREA TO NOTIFY PERSONNEL AND FIRE DEPT. OF THE SITUATION.

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20 June 2000

Mr. Gary Myers
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Subject: St. Joseph Light & Power Company
St. Joseph, Missouri
FM No. 01828X-00-28-1; Incident Date: 7 June 2000
Index No. 69725.13; Account No. 1-31880

Dear Mr. Myers:

This acknowledges receipt of notice of loss and confirms the visit to the plant by our adjuster Mike Smith, and FM Global engineers Rick Scola and Ken Tate on 9 June, along with our generator consultant Ms. Kim Eiss with Generator Consulting Services. This also confirms our visit to the plant from 12 through 15 June 2000. During this visit, I introduced Mr. David Evinger with Robbins, Kaplan, Miller & Cerisi as our attorney investigating the potential for subrogation in regard to this loss, Mr. Phil Lamovec, P.E. and Mr. Joe Byrd, P.E., with Mechanical Dynamics & Analysis (MD&A). Mr. Lamovec is our turbine consultant and Mr. Byrd is a start up and controls specialist investigating the cause of the loss. I also introduced Mr. Randy Perkins, General Adjuster with FM Global as the supervising adjuster who will be assisting me with the adjustment of this loss.

We had originally thought that the loss originated in the generator. As a result, Mr. Paul Nippes, P.E. with Nippes, Bell & Associates, who was hired to investigate cause and origin with regard to the generator. Mr. Nippes also visited 12 through 14 June 2000.

Briefly, the loss involves damages to the no. 4/6 steam turbine-generator that tripped off line by high vibration readings on the no. 2, 3 and 5 bearings at approximately 2:06 p.m. on 7 June 2000. This generator is rated at 100 MW at 30 psig hydrogen. After this trip, the back up lube and seal oil pumps did not activate immediately, causing damage to all five bearings and journals on this unit. The loss of oil pressure also caused the hydrogen seals to be breached, which resulted in an explosion and fire in at the collector ring assembly end of the generator. The back up AC lube oil pump was engaged, but by that time, the heat build up at bearing no. 2 caused the oil to ignite. The lube oil system was shut down and the turbine was allowed to stop spinning.

At this time, the turbine section of the unit and the collector ring assembly section have been completely disassembled and the generator field has been pulled. General Electric Field Services is on site and conducted the disassembly. GE also provided an initial evaluation of the damages, as did our turbine and generator consultants. These assessments were essentially the same on all the major aspects. At this time, the turbine and stationary blading have been sent to Preferred Machine & Tool Products Corp. in Cedar Hill (St. Louis), Missouri. Preferred Machine & Tool is owned by General Electric and works in conjunction with GE's Fenton, Missouri repair shop. All of the shipped parts will be blast cleaned and have a non-destructive examination conducted. It has also been arranged to have the rotor set

Schedule JK-2

20 June 2000

up in a lathe and spun to check for warping. This will be done on Wednesday, 21 June 2000. For this test, Mr. Ceglenski will be present, as well as Mr. Blair Woody with MD&A in St. Louis.

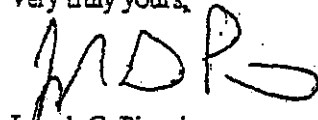
The bearings have been sent to GE's Chicago repair shop for evaluation and to begin repair work.

The generator field has been sent to the General Electric repair shop in Minneapolis, where it will be tested, have the retaining rings removed, and have the aluminum particles cleaned from the field. As we discussed, these may be additional maintenance related work that you may wish to have conducted on the field at this time as well.

At this time, the length of time to make repairs is still not yet known. General Electric has indicated that once the amount of warping in the turbine rotor and condition of the no. 3 journal are known better, they should be able to provide a better indication of the time frame for repairs. We are also still waiting for delivery time on various parts from GE, and the completed evaluation of the generator field, once the end rings have been removed.

Mr. Ceglenski has indicated that he has already set up a cost code for all repair work related to this loss to be charged to. We will continue to follow the repair evaluations with the assistance of MD&A and will keep you informed of the progress. If you have any questions in the meantime, please call me at 314-317-2836.

Very truly yours,


Joseph G. Pisoni
Senior Adjuster
St. Louis Adjustment

✓ cc: Mr. Dwight Svuba, Vice President - Energy Supply, St. Joseph Light & Power Company, 520 Francis Street, P.O. Box 998, St. Joseph, Missouri 64502-0998

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Turbine Generator 4 June 7, 2000 Incident
Possible Contributing Factors

- Original system (c. 1966): System was designed and built to rely on DC oil pump until AC power was transferred every time there was a generator trip. DC oil pump served both as "normal" and emergency role (no second line of defense).
- DCS design and installation (1995): DCS oil pump control logic was installed in parallel with manual control switch.
 - DCS control for DC pump did not "return to auto" after stop, as manual control switch did.
 - AC pumps DID return to auto in DCS, misleading plant personnel to believe DC pump operation was similar.
 - No alarm for DC pump in off position.
 - Control station shows "local" instead of "off," which was no longer meaningful.
 - No alarm for loss of pump control power.
 - DCS weaknesses since 1995 were not apparent due to continued use of manual switch.
- Mark V Installation Engineering (Feb – May 2000)
 - GE several weeks behind in project engineering, rushed job.
 - Multiple lead engineers involved in construction design, little continuity.
 - Manual switch removed in design without sufficient review.
 - Installation drawings delivered to SJLP after outage was underway.
 - Inadequate time for Company review.
- Mark V Installation (May 2000)
 - System installed and tested per GE drawings and other documents.
 - Company personnel did not recognize hazard.
- Mark V Training (May 2000)
 - Poor GE training, not specific to Lake Road Plant.
 - Change in DC pump control not explicitly pointed out to operators.
- Operation (May 25 – June 7, 2000)
 - DC pump breaker may not have been returned to normally closed position after opened for hydrogen seal work on about 5/25.
 - DC pump availability and operation not checked during start-up on 6/2/00.
 - Weekly DC oil pump test not performed on 6/5/00.
 - Routine check of pump readiness not performed at shift changes.
- Vibration Trip (June 7, 2000)
 - Source of high indicated vibration levels not found, possibly instrumentation problem.
 - Work on vibration equipment was underway by GE/Company personnel at time of trip.
 - Turbine trip caused 86G trip, which in turn shut off AC power to lube oil pumps.
- Roll Down (June 7, 2000)
 - DC oil pump did not start.
 - Loss of lubrication to bearings, subsequent vibration, oil fires.
 - Loss of hydrogen seals, subsequent explosions, hydrogen fire.
 - Apparent steam flow after turbine trip may have contributed to mechanical damage.
 - No injuries, fire damage contained.

Schedule JK-5 has been
designated highly confidential
by SJLP.

Schedule JK-6 has been
designated highly confidential
by SJLP.

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ST. JOSEPH LIGHT & POWER COMPANY
CASE NO. EO-2000-845

Requested By: Kim Bolin
Requested From: Tim Rush
Date of Request: August 30, 2000

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Request: HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL

RE: Office of the Public Counsel Data Request No. 6

Did GE provide any additional or supplemental training after being notified of the Company's training complaints. If so, please provide all documentation that shows who received the training, when and where the training occurred and what type of training was provided. Also, provide complete copies of any and all written documents supplied at such additional training.

This Response Includes:

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In response to Company's feedback on operator training provided in May 2000, General Electric has agreed to provide additional operator training sessions. These sessions are scheduled for the week of September 25, 2000 at Lake Road Plant.

In addition to the GE training scheduled for September, the Company provided in-house training to all shift supervisors and head operators during the week of July 24, 2000. Personnel included Bill White, Dave Rehm, Mark Phillips, Garlan Pinson, Dennis Fletcher, Gary House, Jim Hale, Marvin Bally, Scott Hinkle, J. C. Stone, and Mike Tullis. An outline of the material covered during this in-house training is attached. (Note that the information on the training outline was updated in August to reflect changes and additional information from the August start-up of the unit.)

The information provided to the Office of the Public Counsel in response to the above information request is accurate and complete, and contains no material misrepresentations or omissions based upon present facts known to the undersigned. The undersigned agrees to immediately inform the Office of the Public Counsel if any matters are discovered which would materially affect the accuracy or completeness of the information provided in response to the above information.

DATE RECEIVED: _____ SIGNED BY: *John + Mark*

TITLE: _____



INTEROFFICE MEMO

from the desk of
John Modlin
Fuels & Projects

August 31, 2000

To: Jim Parker
Shift Supervisors
Head Operators

Re: Final Mark V Training Outline

Attached for your reference is the final training outline for the "in-house" Mark V training. Please review the outline and contact me if there are any questions.

Larry Brehmer of General Electric is scheduled to provide training on the system during the week of September 25. The attached outline may be a good reference for that training. That also would be a good time to ask questions about items that may be unclear.

Thank you all for your cooperation and attention as we worked to get the Mark V installed and operational.

attachment

cc: file
MSS

SJLP Mark V Operator Training Outline
July/August 2000

- 1) Reset Turbine (*Aux/Trip Checks*)
 - a) Trip checks - to make sure no trips present
- 2) Rotor Prewarm (*Control/Rotor Prewarm*)
 - a) Permissives to prewarm
 - i) Turbine reset (closes MSV, opens RH stops and intercepts)
 - ii) Speed < 15 rpm
 - iii) Speed setpoint = 0%
 - iv) LP prewarm NOT complete
 - v) Speed < 180 rpm
 - vi) Need 2 hours on turning gear prior to prewarm
 - b) Closes RH Intercept Valves
 - c) Prewarm limits
 - i) Sets HP prewarm time based on instruction manual Block 1
 - ii) Reheat prewarm automatically set to 60 min (whether it needs it or not!)
 - (1) Can stop prewarm when HP prewarm is satisfied.
 - iii) MSV cannot exceed 10%
 - d) Select rotor prewarm "ON"
 - e) Manual Prewarm
 - i) Open/close MSV with Raise/Lower pushbuttons (about 3-3.5% valve position appears about right)
 - ii) Enter MSV set point (NOTE: Setpoint is NOT same as position!)
 - f) Automatic Prewarm (Auto select becomes visible after prewarm selected)
 - i) Select Auto Prewarm "ON"
 - ii) Mark V slowly pulses MSV open/close, 0.5 sec pulse every 5 seconds
 - iii) Controls first stage pressure (FSP) between 65 - 70 psi during prewarm
 - (1) Likely to overshoot when first pressurizing turbine. We have made changes to correct, but have not had a cold start to test it.
 - iv) If speed > 15 rpm: Alarm rotor warming on speed hold
 - v) Time above 55 psi counts toward total prewarm time
 - vi) If FSP drops below 30 psi, restart prewarm
 - vii) Alarm if vacuum > 20.5" HG (20" recommended)
 - viii) LP rotor prewarm = 60 min (fixed time)
 - ix) Mark V closes MSV at end of timer
 - g) After prewarm, select Auto Prewarm "OFF"
 - i) "Release IV's" push button will appear, Don't release until ready to roll turbine
- 3) Start Permissives (*Aux/Start Perm*)
 - i) Inlet pressure between 500 - 2000 psi
 - ii) Inlet temperature difference less than 350°F
 - iii) Inlet temperature between 500 - 1000 °F
 - iv) Speed setpoint at zero
 - v) Control Valve (V1) Open
 - vi) Main Stop Valve (MSV) closed
 - vii) DC lube oil system ready (based on DC pump status from DCS)

- viii) Lube oil tank level okay
- ix) Turbine reset

4) Roll Turbine (*Control/Startup*)

- a) Check Aux>Start permissives
- b) Start Modes
 - i) Cold: First stage differential > 400°F
 - ii) Warm: 200 °F < First stage differential < 400°F
 - iii) Hot: First stage differential < 200°F
 - iv) First stage differential is first stage steam temp (calculated) – first stage metal temp (lagged)
- c) Manual Mode
 - i) Enter speed setpoint and ramp rate (% vs RPM)
- d) Automatic Mode
 - i) Turbine will ramp up to 3600 following start-up curves/SJLP practice
 - ii) See attached table
- e) Can select Speed Hold at any time (will alarm in criticals)
- f) Critical zone is 45% to 80% (1620 rpm to 2880 rpm)
 - i) “Gun through criticals” increases ramp rate to 500 rpm/minute through critical zone
- g) If turbine trips, can reset during roll down and bring it back up (can’t catch turbine speed in critical zone)
- h) Monitor/Turb Supervisory
 - i) RPM
 - ii) Vibration
 - iii) Differential expansions
 - iv) Shell/axial positions

5) Synchronize (*Control/synch*)

- a) Field flashes at 3420 rpm; drops out at 3240.
- b) Synch screen
- c) Select breaker
- d) Check Auto Permissives, etc
- e) Select Auto at control switch on panel
- f) Mark V auto-synchronizes
- g) Close second breaker from pistol-grip switch (not available in Mark V)
- h) Change targets on switches

6) Initial Loading (*Control/Startup*)

- a) If in Auto Start, turbine will automatically load to 5 MW or 10% load reference, whichever is less. Will hold at that point as follows:
 - i) Hot start: 0 minutes
 - ii) Warm start: 15 minutes
 - iii) Cold start: 30 minutes
- b) After 5 MW/10% hold, will load up to 15% load reference for FA/PA transfer
- c) Further loading based on operator control actions

7) FA/PA Transfer (*Control/Startup*)

- a) Displays first stage steam to metal temp for information to transfer
 - b) Manual
 - i) Can transfer from full to partial arc anytime turbine speed is at 3600 rpm by selecting "Partial Arc"
 - c) Automatic
 - i) Transfer at a preset load signal (15%), regardless of other conditions
- 8) Load Control (*Control/Unit control*)
- a) Turbine will automatically load to 10% hold point (if warm or cold start)
 - b) Then load to 15% (FA/PA transfer point) and transfer if in auto
 - c) After 15% operator has control
 - i) Load control (%)
 - ii) MW control (MW set point)
 - iii) Inlet pressure control (adjusts control valve to maintain throttle pressure)
 - iv) DCS control (button available after FA/PA transfer)
 - (1) Select DCS control push button
 - (2) DCS pulses Mark V to move control valve and vary load
- 9) Load Limiters
- a) Inlet Pressure (IP) Limiter
 - i) Maintains inlet pressure above setpoint, will cut load if loss of steam pressure
 - b) Inlet Pressure rate limiter
 - i) Closes control valve if throttle pressure drops too fast
 - c) Load limiter
 - i) Limits maximum load reference (keeps control valve from "winding up")
- 10) Turning gear operation (*Control/Turning gear*)
- a) TG motor turns off above 45% (1620 rpm) speed increasing
 - b) Manual
 - i) TG motor and engage solenoid can both be controlled from Mark V.
 - ii) Local control is still functional
 - c) Automatic
 - i) TG motor turns on at 45% speed decreasing
 - ii) When Mark V senses zero speed (via speed probe, eccentricity, and reference probe (once per revolution)) it will engage turning gear.
- 11) Var Control (*Control/Unit Control*)
- a) Manual – Control from exciter interface
 - b) Automatic Var Control
 - i) Select Var Control Mode "ON"
 - ii) Enter MVAR set point (bottom left corner of screen)
- 12) Off Line Tests
- a) Primary Overspeed (POST)
 - i) To run test select "POST ON"
 - ii) Actuates at 110% speed (3960 rpm)
 - b) Emergency Overspeed (EOST)
 - i) To run test select "EOST ON"

- ii) Set at 111%, but resets to 5% for purpose of test
- c) Mechanical Overspeed (MOST)
 - i) To run test select "MOST ON"
 - ii) Increases primary and emergency trips to 112% to allow mechanical trip
- d) Off-line Electrical Trip Device (ETD)
 - i) The easiest way to test the ETD is to simply trip turbine with trip buttons on DCS console

13) On Line Tests

- a) Reheat stops and intercepts
 - i) To run test select "TEST ON"
 - ii) Closes one side at a time
- b) Main Stop Valve
 - i) To run test select "TEST ON"
 - ii) Strokes valve to 75% position then back open
- c) Emergency governor
 - i) Test from front standard, as in past
 - ii) Mark V recognizes test in progress
- d) On-line Overspeed Tests
 - i) This test checks the Mark V Primary and Overspeed trip circuits
 - ii) To run tests select "TEST ON" for each

14) Protective Relaying

- a) A new protective relay for has been added for #4 Generator
- b) Includes reverse power feature

15) Turbine Trips

- a) Three trip devices
 - i) Bearing oil pressure relay
 - ii) ETD (electrical trip device)
 - iii) Mechanical trip
- b) Bearing oil pressure relay is tripped by:
 - i) Loss of oil pressure releases hydraulic fluid, tripping turbine
- c) ETD is tripped by energizing trip coil due to:
 - i) Primary overspeed (110%) from Mark V
 - ii) Secondary overspeed (111%) from Mark V
 - iii) Turbine Supervisory
 - (1) Vibration (Alarm 4 mils, trips at 7, 1 sec delay)
 - (2) Axial Position (Alarms at 12 mils, trips at 16, 1 sec delay)
 - (3) Differential Expansion (10 sec delay)
 - (a) Rotor long
 - (b) Rotor short
 - (4) High acceleration
 - (5) Zero speed
 - (6) High exhaust hood temperature (Alarms 175 F, trips 225 F)
 - (7) Loss of axial position probes
 - iv) Emergency trip feedback from front standard
 - v) Manual trip push buttons from DCS console

- vi) Vacuum trip uses 2/3 trip logic from new transmitter and two existing pressure switches (any 2 of the three indicating trip will trip turbine).
(Alarms 23" HG vacuum, trips at 20")
- vii) Generator Lockout (86G relay)
- d) Mechanical
 - i) Overspeed bolt (~110%+)
 - ii) Trip lever at front standard

16) Operating Data (*Monitor*)

- a) Turbine Supervisory
 - i) Vibration
 - ii) Axial position
 - iii) Shell expansion
 - iv) Differential expansion
 - v) Eccentricity
- b) Steam Path Temperatures
- c) Turbine Bearing and Oil Temperatures
- d) Generator Temperatures
- e) Miscellaneous
 - i) Exhaust casing
 - ii) Water-detection thermocouples
- f) Generator Curve (dynamic display)

17) DCS Changes

- a) Mark V Interface
 - i) Alarm conditons
 - (1) General "Mark V Trouble" alarm
 - (2) "Mark V Trip" alarm
 - (3) "Silence" Mark V to clear DCS alarm
 - ii) Control actions
 - (1) DC pump ready permissive from DCS to Mark V prevents start-up if DC pump is running or not in a ready state.
 - (2) Transfer MW control from Mark V to DCS allows DCS to move valve to control load
- b) Lube Oil Pumps
 - i) DC pump control removed from DCS
 - ii) DC pump alarms
 - (1) Control switch in locked out position
 - (2) Loss of control power
 - (3) Pump running
 - (4) Motor overload
 - (5) Motor tripped
 - (6) Repeating pump running alarm (to save batteries)
 - iii) All pumps will alarm loss of power, turn icon white
 - iv) Pull to Lock Position (PTL)
 - (1) Applies to lube oil and hydraulic oil pumps
 - (2) Middle position on MSDD
 - (3) Shows on display
 - (4) Must go through STOP position to engage or release PTL

- (5) AC Lube Oil Pumps PTL
 - (a) Can PTL one pump on line
 - (b) Can PTL both pumps only when all of the following are true:
 - (i) Turbine metal less than 300°F
 - (ii) Hydrogen pressure less than 3 psig
 - (iii) Turning gear is disengaged
 - (6) Hydraulic Oil Pumps
 - (a) PTL any time
 - v) AC Oil Pump Standby Mode
 - (1) DCS will start standby pump when neither pump is running (time delay on stop command to prevent both pumps from starting simultaneously – i.e. if operator stops a pump, the other pump will start as soon as both pumps show “not running”)
- 18) AC Lube Oil Pumps
- a) No. 1 pump alternate feed from low side, MCC 3
 - b) Transfer switch located 3rd floor, east end of Unit 4/6 MCC's
 - c) Normal feed for No. 1 pump will be from low side, unless unavailable
 - d) DCS will start standby pump when it senses that neither pump is running
 - e) Standby pump will still start on loss of pressure
 - f) Loss of both AC pumps will start DC pump
- 19) DC Lube Oil Pump
- a) Control of pump now ONLY at pistol grip switch
 - b) DC pump will start on loss of both AC pumps (in addition to pressure switches)
 - c) Otherwise, operation will be identical to previous arrangement
 - d) DCS Alarms (listed above)
- 20) Turbine speed indication will be provided on DCS console
- 21) To control speed by changing speed reference command:
- a) Press F6.
 - b) Use <> keys to select TNR_C (speed reference command) or TNRR_C (speed reference rate of change command).
 - c) “>” in front of name is selected control variable.
 - d) Press “Enter” to put variable into control mode, an asterisk (*) should appear in place of >.
 - e) Press “Raise” or “Lower” to change command, or
 - f) Press “Set” and enter set point.
- 22) To control load by changing load reference:
- a) Press F7.
 - b) Use <> keys to select LDR_C (load reference command) or LDRR_C (load reference rate of change command).
 - c) “>” in front of name is selected control variable.
 - d) Press “Enter” to put variable into control mode, an asterisk (*) should appear in place of >.
 - e) Press “Raise” or “Lower” to change command, or
 - f) Press “Set” and enter set point.

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SJLP Lake Road Turbine Generator 4
June 7, 2000 Incident Investigation Notes

6/7/00

- Turbine generator tripped at 14:06. See individual employee statements.
- Obtained Mark V (M5) turbine generator and INFI-90 DCS boiler alarm printouts.
- Obtained M5 trip log computer file from Steve Alexander of GE and printed.
- Asked TMN to print all pertinent trend screens from DCS.
- Provided statement to GLM re observations.
- Asked Steve Alexander to look for any other trip information, logs, trends, etc on M5. He reported that none were available.

6/8/00

- DVS assigned me to investigate cause of event.
- Obtained M5 CSP and cross-reference from Steve Alexander of GE and printed.
- Worked on retrieving data from DCS.
- Discussed operating steps with Dave Rehm.
- Reviewed M5 and DCS printouts in detail.
- Started sequence of events document.
- Checked DC oil pump test on 6/5 on operations schedule sheet. Not highlighted, which would indicate not performed.

6/9/00

- Worked with Steve Barton and Lance Brumbaugh to investigate DC oil pump starting logic and verify operation.
- Verified DCS wiring through auto start (NO), start (NO) and stop (NC) contacts. Checked fuses and continuity through DCS contacts from starter.
- Checked pressure switches, PS-101, PS-105.
- Checked relay coils in circuit (1A, 2A, M, MX).
- All circuit checks were okay.
- Obtained detailed event log from DCS.
- M5 showed reheat stops going closed but not main stop valve. Review of M5 logic indicates that M5 uses valve position feedback to determine if valve is closed, not a limit switch. This may be why M5 did not show valve closed on alarm printer. 86GOT trip indicates that main stop valve closed enough to make up limit switch and trip 86GOT.

6/12/00

- Mark Phillips confirmed that DC oil pump was not tested on 6/5.
- Wayne Matthews and Mike Tullis stated that DC oil pump breaker was already open when they isolated turbine on 6/8.
- Danny Kukuc showed me valve used to dump hydraulic fluid in final attempt to stop turbine.
- Reviewed event log and hydraulic oil pressure to try to pinpoint time turbine stopped rolling.
- Lifted DC oil pump motor leads and closed breaker. Verified control logic through Infi-90. Pump "started" when put in automatic mode. Indication of pump starting and running printed on alarm printer. Did another test with breaker open: Put pump in auto and it did not start nor alarm due to failure to start (which makes sense).

6/13/00

- Obtained detailed Brg 5 vibration troubleshooting steps from Lance Brumbaugh.
- Met with Jim White of Bently Nevada regarding damage assessment. Asked him to look for any problems. Assigned Lance to work with him and keep me informed of any findings.
- Reviewed steam flow trend. Steam flow did not immediately go to zero, took several minutes to reach zero. (This makes sense, since steam flow is measured by first stage pressure. There will be period of time for pressure to decay, even when there is very little flow.)
- Reviewed hydraulic pressure trend. Did not see a sudden drop to indicate hydraulic oil bypass valve opening by operators.
- Reviewed lube oil pressure trend. Shows that unit had oil pressure during roll-down, after aux power was restored.
- Met with insurance team and discussed sequence of events. Provided alarm listings (Mark V alarms and trip log, operator log sheet, DCS events, DCS trends).
- DVS provided draft/preliminary sequence of events write-up to insurance team mid-afternoon.
- Danny Kukuc reports that DC oil pump breaker was already opened when he got to it after the unit trip.

6/14/00

- Met with Jim White, re Bently Nevada assessment. Discussed possibility of false trip due to putting signal from one probe back on common side of other probes. He said it could cause false readings.
- Contacted Sega re third party assistance on reviewing incident. Fred Tolman to be on-site tomorrow. Bob Tolman to email me a proposal.
- Typed up Lance's description of bearing 5 vibration equipment troubleshooting and had him review: ok.
- Started review of hydraulic trip system to understand how steam may have continued to be admitted to turbine after trip.
- Found HMI screen with trips did not show that vibration trip was "active".
- Confirmed that DCS console trip and manual trip on M5 printout were same event. Somebody pushed DCS console turbine trip push buttons.
- Met with Joe Byrd, turbine control engineer for MD&A, regarding the DC oil pump issue and false trip issue.
- Met with MDC, Terry Hedrick and Dave Kramer? (UCU) regarding sequence of events.
- Discussed DC oil pump breaker with Bill White. He thinks House or Pflugradt opened breaker after incident and before Danny went to open it.

6/15/00

- Scope of damage/repairs meetings all day.
- Fred Tolman of Sega came on-site and verified DC oil pump control logic (non-DCS).
- Met with insurance team to review scope of repairs (a.m.) and both insurance and GE to review same in the afternoon.
- Discussed cause of failure with Joe Byrd, MD&A.

6/16/00

- Lance checked vibration probe common to M5 cabinet ground; found 40 ohms resistance.

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- Received request for root cause data from Bill Cissell, GE. MDC to respond.

6/19/00

- Worked on list of items for FM Global. Request event logs from DCS – very large. Submitted request for DC pump related tags at 5 pm, not successful.
- Asked Gary House and Joe Pflugradt about opening DC oil pump breaker. Both said that they did not open breaker on day of incident.

6/20/00

- Jim Parker verified with Dave Rehm that he pushed turbine trip on DCS console, as shown on Mark V printout. Also, Dave believes that DCS DC pump control station was in "local" at time of incident.
- Interviewed operators with insurance team and David Evenger all afternoon: Jim Parker, Dennis Fletcher, Gary House, Dave Rehm, Bill White. Rick Strasser was present with union employees.
- Between Dave and Bill, they believe that Dave pressed console pushbuttons less than a minute before Danny Kukuc dumped hydraulic fluid and turbine stopped.
- "Controversial" issue is that Bill White maintains that steam continued to enter turbine until the point in time when Danny dumped hydraulics. Scott and Danny's statements support Bill. This is my next area to research.

6/21/00

- Met with John Mitchell, GE Customer Training Specialist. He is gathering information for root cause analysis for GE. Provided John the following items and explained what each one was: Mark V trip log, Mark V alarm printout, DCS event log from 1300 to 1800, DCS trend packet, Unit 4/6 log sheet.
- John asked questions about sequence of events. He was already aware that work was being done on bearing #5 vibration instruments at the time of the trip, AC power was lost on trip, DC oil pump did not start, and that there was some concern that stop valve did not close. I confirmed the first three and told him I was looking into the latter.
- The following Q&A is summary of discussion.
- Q. He asked if we knew why the DC pump did not start. A. I responded that we were looking into it. Q. Related to the Mark V installation?, A. Yes. Q. Was functional testing done on pump before startup? A. Yes, I performed it and it operated as designed. However, it appears that it was not in a condition to run at the time of the incident. Q. (Indirectly) Did the Mark V control the motor? A. No.
- We discussed design philosophy of unit (that we rely on DC on every generator trip), the fact that the pump starts on pressure only (not on loss of AC), that the 86GOT operates when turbine valves show closed with generator breaker closed.
- We looked at Mark V trip log and discussed the bearing 5 trouble-shooting that was going on at the time of the event. We agreed that vibrations appeared to be false and that we need to take a hard look at Mark V as far as grounding. etc. Q. Próx cable shields properly grounded. A. I

said yes, I believed so (grounded at M5 only). Q. Did Bently Nevada (BNC) do check-out and commissioning? A. I explained that GE had responsibility under our PO. BNC installed and tested instruments, but were not here when Mark V was powered up and unit was rolled. I did call Matt Mangus (BNC) and Steve Ritter (GE -- pretty sure it was Steve that I called) the week of start-up to ask whether a BNC person should be present. They were comfortable with the fact that BNC's scope was complete and that GE field engineer could complete check-out and watch things satisfactorily via the M5 (there was not a BNC equipment panel/cabinet installed on project.)

- I explained the steps performed by Lance during the bearing #5 vibration trouble-shooting on the day of the event. It appeared that IF his work caused it, it would have happened earlier in the day. John mentioned that it look like something "hit" the M5 cabinet to cause so many probes to show high vibration.
- He asked specifically about speed indication and I explained that speed probes were damaged during the event, so speed indication was sketchy. However, it appeared that the unit did overspeed and returned to synch speed 48 seconds after the trip. John said he would expect the unit to reach peak speed about 3 seconds after the trip and return to synch speed at about 10 seconds. If the unit was actually above synch speed for 48 seconds, this is another clue that the unit may have been driven by steam after the trip.

6/22/00

- Continued to study hydraulic system and possibility of failure that would keep stop valve open. Five things should have tripped turbine: ETD should have seen a trip signal three times: vibration, 86GOT, console buttons; also low bearing pressure trip relay (on loss of pumps) and mechanical overspeed (caused by vibration?, indicated at 14:06:59, 33 seconds after initial trip). PS ETD-1 showed a tripped condition immediately after the trip was indicated.
- Plotted hydraulic oil pressure data from DCS to try to ascertain when pressure was dumped by opening bypass. It appears that it was closer to 14:14 than 14:13. Testing after hydraulic system is released on re-assembly could help pinpoint time.
- Had discussions with John Mitchell of GE re above. During course of conversation, he asked whether I knew of any fault on the part of GE that contributed to the accident. I said that yes, there appeared to be contributing factors. He asked for more information, but I said that I wasn't sure I had the okay to elaborate at this time.

6/23/00

- Lance checked calibration of two pressure switches and verified that they operated certain Mk V alarms.
 - ETD-1, "Emergency Trip Header Tripped," opens: 700 psi rising, closes: 320 psi falling
 - SFPA, "Hydraulic Oil Pressure Low," opens: 1450 psi rising, closes: 1250 psi falling
- Discussed with DVS the amount of information that I shared with John Mitchell. DVS told me there was to be a "free flow" of information, and that included telling John how GE's design and installation engineering contributed to the incident. Therefore, I gave John a summary review of GE's poor performance during the project and explained how they overlooked the

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impact of removing the oil pump control switch. I also explained that GE's installation package was not delivered until we were into the outage, and that resulted in insufficient time for proper SJLP engineering review.

- John Mitchell, Mike Ceglenski and I then met to discuss John's draft report. We made a few corrections and discussed some of his findings. His report and sequence of events generally agreed with mine. He does not believe the unit oversped for more than ten seconds, while I suggested there was evidence to support an overspeed lasting nearly a minute. This is related to the "alleged" stop valve failure, which I am still investigating. His draft report did not include any mention of GE's role in the failure, as I had just informed him of that.

6/26/00

- No investigative work today.

6/27/00

- Bryan Nold and Luke Hinkle started checking the turbine valve limit switch string that picks up 86GOT relay. Finished main and right stop/intercept valves (plan to continue on 6/29). All okay so far. Verified the external trip wires (console pushbuttons) wired into PTBA.
- Long phone call with Ray Heyd re incident and how M5 trip relay is picked up. Read through M5 applications manual (re tripping) and PTBA, TCTS cards, etc. Ray does not believe the "synchronous speed" indication from M5 is reliable, i.e. we don't know when unit returned to 3600 rpm after overspeed.

6/28/00

- Electrician unavailable today.
- Looked at stop valve disk and three bypass valves and how they are assembled and operate. Pat Bauer, GE reports that stop valve stem has 0.030" run-out, which "may" have caused a hang-up in the stop valve. Problem is that dumping hydraulic header pressure would not have freed stop valve and stopped steam flow.
- In discussion with DVS, new theory on steam flow. Stop valve could have hung up and control valves did not close all the way, thus allowing a small amount of steam into turbine. When hydraulic pressure dumped, stop valve didn't move (hydraulic pressure was already tripped), but control valves went closed because the hydraulic pressure was released and spring pushed valves closed. Need to see if this theory works (see 7/11).

6/29/00

- Bryan Nold/Luke Hinkle back on stop valve limit switches. Left side RH stop and intercept wired as shown on F-1.
- Discussed incident with Danny Kukuc, again. He is sure DC oil pump breaker was open prior to when he went to open it on the day of the incident. He also confirmed that he heard turbine rolling (rough) prior to opening hydraulic oil bypass valve. When he opened valve, "it got quiet."

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- Tried to retrieve trends from DCS for 4/25/00, similar trip, to compare 1st stage and CRH pressures, looking for indication that there was a driving force in turbine. No luck getting trends off the optical disk. Later found out that trends were not archiving at that time due to a console problem.

6/30-7/4/00

No investigation activity.

7/5/00

- Joe Byrd (MD&A) called: He asked about DCS indication of DC pump operation after unit was on line. Told him I was unsuccessful at extracting "focused" data at this time. He also had a theory about turbine mechanically re-setting due to vibration in TFS. After some discussion however, he didn't think it was possible.
- Talked with Dave Evinger, re 6/29 meeting with Danny Kukuc. Confirmed that Danny found the breaker open. Dave asked if there was any documentation of start-up check of DC oil pump was performed. I left question with Jim Parker.
- Dave requested Equipment Isolation documents that show lock-out and release of DC pump. I requested copies from JLP.

7/6/00

- JLP answered that there was no documentation that the DC oil pump was checked at start-up.
- JLP provided Equipment Isolation sheets for Isolations 00-0501, 00-0522. Faxed to Dave Evinger.
- JLP provided Operations Schedule sheets for period of 4/24 - 6/11/00.

7/7/00

- Reviewed DCS printouts. Found that on June 1 at 09:38:28 the DC pump motor overloads were logged as okay and at 09:38:31 a STOP command was issued. These only make sense if the pump had control power, i.e. breaker was closed. Since this is after the last equipment isolation was cleared and during a period when we were actively starting up the unit (lighting boiler and rolling turbine), it appears that the breaker was closed when unit was started up. (See 7/12 for follow-up).
- Looked at drawing K-1 at the contact that shows status of pump overload. It doesn't make sense that this contact is changing state as often as it does on the DCS print-outs. Discussed with Homer Clark of Sega, Suspect an input problem. Will look at next week with electrician. Homer will visit on Wed, 7/12 to review DCS printouts and provide clearer interpretation of events. (See 7/12 for follow-up.)
- Spent considerable time trying to retrieve trends and filtered events from DCS.

7/10/00

- Contacted ABB-Automation regarding retrieving DCS data from optical disk. Worked with Bob Schworm at ABB over the phone, but no progress. Right now, there are two problems: 1) Trying to limit events to tags related to DC oil pump in order to review activity on this pump prior to incident, 2) Cannot load trends from the day of the incident; need this to look at differential between first stage and cold-reheat and see if there is energy present to drive turbine.

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- Met with Ray Heyd all afternoon re Mark V punch-list. Also discussed need for GE to follow up on Mark V/Bently Nevada instrumentation to assure that system is reliable and functioning properly when we re-start. As we discussed the vibration indication trouble-shooting steps, we reviewed Steve Alexander's statement. Steve's statement indicates that he observed the turbine trip "about the time" of the first explosion, which would have been several seconds after we previously believed it tripped. It also changes the sequence of events: If Lance heard loss of hydrogen and observed no. 5 bearing "smoking," prior to the trip then it means that there was a loss of hydrogen seals prior to the loss of AC power. A hydrogen explosion before the trip would explain two things: 1) it could send a large sudden vibration down the shaft that would have then caused the unit trip; 2) the sound of the unit trip (that nobody heard) may have been lost in the explosion that immediately preceded it.

7/11/00

- DCS retrieval: Tried suggested changes to archive/retrieve event request with no luck. Also, trends did not retrieve either. Faxed event retrieve results to Bob Schworm at ABB. Lance Brumbaugh started looking into trend retrieval problem. Lance changed trend retrieval from "sample" to "average" to match trend set-up. With this change, we were able to retrieve trends from day of event.
- Based on trends and differential between first stage and cold reheat pressures, the differential between the two had dissipated in less than two minutes, which does not support the observation that the turbine appeared to be powered several minutes after the trip. Unsure what level of differential would be required and how much of a first stage drop was present.... The data don't disprove the observation, they just doesn't support it.
- Talked to Bill Cissell re Steve Alexander's observations. Evidently, GE noted the timing "problem" with Steve's statement and he has rescinded it. Bill was on cell phone on way to Wolf Creek, so connection was bad.
- Talked to Lance re Steve's statement. Lance was not in a position to see HMI screen when he entered control room, so he could not say that turbine had already tripped. However, he did remember that operators were already responding to a boiler upset and Bill White was on the way into control room when Lance entered, which means safeties had already lifted, which would have followed turbine trip. Also discussed with Mike Ceglenski. He clearly remembered hearing explosion several seconds after safeties lifting. So, it seems, that Steve's statement must be incorrect. I left a message with Bill Cissell requesting any information regarding Steve's current position on his observations during the event.
- Discussed following theory with Ray Heyd: Both stop and control valves failed to close all the way on trip, allowing steam to enter turbine. Control valves closed under spring load when hydraulic pressure dumped, stopping steam flow and therefore turbine stopped. It seems this would be possible only if control valve calibration was way off. He didn't think that was likely based on operation prior to trip.

7/12/00

- DC PUMP STATUS Met with Homer Clark of Sega for most of day to interpret DCS alarms and events. Conclusions: DC pump ran in auto on 5/24, was stopped and returned to auto state. Pump was later turned off. Most likely breaker was opened to isolate oil for GE to repair collector-end hydrogen seal. No other "real" activity recorded for pump after 5/24. DC pump events on 5/26 and 6/1 were most likely due to resetting of OIS console. In any case, the events on 5/26 and 6/1 do not prove that the DC breaker was closed (one event is "DCS powered, the

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other is an internal state, neither requires field power to operate). The pump overload OK alarm input was found to be okay by Homer and Steve Barton. It also was most likely being printed in response to the OIS console being reset.

7/13/00

- Informed JLP of DC pump findings from yesterday. He discussed with Scott Hinkle, who got back to me bel
- Most of day preparing OPC DR responses.

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Turbine Generator 4 June 7, 2000 Incident Possible Contributing Factors

- Original system (c. 1966): System was designed and built to rely on DC oil pump until AC power was transferred every time there was a generator trip. DC oil pump served both as "normal" and emergency role (i.e. no second line of defense).
- DCS design and installation (1995): DCS oil pump control logic was installed in parallel with manual control switch.
 - DCS control for DC pump did not "return to auto" after stop, as manual control switch did.
 - AC pumps DID return to auto in DCS, misleading plant personnel to believe DC pump operation was similar.
 - No alarm for DC pump in off position.
 - Control station displayed "local" instead of "off," which was no longer meaningful after removal of the "local" (i.e. manual) control switch.
 - No alarm for loss of pump control power.
 - DCS weaknesses since 1995 were not apparent due to continued use of manual switch.
- Mark V Installation Engineering (Feb – May 2000)
 - GE several weeks behind in project engineering.
 - Multiple lead engineers involved in construction design, little continuity.
 - Manual switch removed in design without sufficient review.
 - Installation drawings delivered to SJLP after outage was underway.
 - Limited time for Company review.
- Mark V Installation (May 2000)
 - System installed and tested per GE drawings and other documents.
 - Company personnel did not recognize hazard.
- Mark V Training (May 2000)
 - Poor GE training, not specific to Lake Road Plant.
 - Change in DC pump control not explicitly pointed out to operators.
- Operation (May 25 – June 7, 2000)
 - DC pump availability and operation not checked during start-up on 6/2/00.
 - Weekly DC oil pump test not performed on 6/5/00.
 - Pump readiness less apparent to operators due to removal of manual switch.
- Vibration Trip (June 7, 2000)
 - Bently Nevada/GE testing in August 2000 indicates that high indicated vibration was likely a false indication caused by troubleshooting work, which was underway by GE/Company personnel at time of trip.
 - Turbine trip caused 86G trip, which in turn shut off AC power to lube oil pumps.
- Roll Down (June 7, 2000)
 - DC oil pump did not run.
 - Loss of lubrication to bearings, subsequent vibration, oil fires.
 - Loss of hydrogen seals, subsequent explosions, hydrogen fire.
 - Apparent steam flow after turbine trip may have contributed to mechanical damage.
 - No injuries, fire damage contained.

Schedule JK-9

Schedule JK-10 has been
designated highly confidential
by SJLP.

Schedule JK-11 has been bound separately.

Appendix 1
Qualifications and Experience
of
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M.S., Mechanical Engineering, 1966, University of California, Berkeley

Advanced Studies toward Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering, 1969, University of California, Berkeley

Evening and correspondence courses: Business Management, Corporate Organization, Risk Analysis, Economics, Accounting, Management and Organization, Business Finance, Thermal Recovery of Petroleum, Technical Supervision, Operation Research, Waste Water Treatment, Corrosion, General Electric Time Share Computer Programming, Solid State Control, Instrumentation and Control, Log Interpretation, Properties and Application of Plastics, Supervisory Control, Spanish, German.

EXPERIENCE

President of Economic & Technical Consultants, Inc, December, 1980 to present

Vice President, Associated Regulatory Consultants, April 1973, to November 1980

Utility Consultant Engineer, Van Scoyoc & Wiskup, Inc., September 1972 to April 1973

Design and Project Engineer, Pacific Gas & Electric Company of California, San Francisco, December 1969 to September 1972.

Staff Petroleum Engineer, Standard Oil Company of California, Bakersfield, California, August 1967 to August 1969

Assistant Engineer, University of California, Berkeley, August 1969 to December 1969

Research Assistant, University of California, Berkeley, October 1966 to August 1967

Extra Assistant Director, Indian Standards Institution, New Delhi, India, April 1964 to May 1965

Drilling Engineer, Oil India Ltd., India, January 1963 to April 1964

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"Corrosion of Subsurfaces Equipment in Producing Oil and Gas Wells", presented at a Seminar, University of California, Berkeley, February 1967.

"Problems of Steam Recovery", presented at a Seminar, University of California, Berkeley, February 1967.

"Role of Explosives in Petroleum Industry", presented at High Explosives Corporation of India Silver Jubilee Seminar, March 1965.

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Light & Power Company for)
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JOHN T. MODLIN, being sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MICHEEL:

Q. Mr. Modlin, my name is Doug Micheel. I'm with the Office of the Public Counsel. I'm here to ask you some questions today regarding commission docket EO-2000-845. Specifically I'm interested in the incident that occurred at the Lake Road unit, Unit 4/6 on June 7th.

If you have any -- if something's confusing, let me know. If you need a break, let me know.

A. Okay.

Q. Would you state your name.

A. John T. Modlin.

Q. And how are you employed?

A. I'm employed with St. Joseph Light & Power Company.

Q. And what's your position?

A. I'm Director of Fuels and Projects.

Q. What's your educational background?

A. I have a BS degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Missouri in Rolla. I have a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University.

Q. And how long have you been employed by St. Joe Light & Power?

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1 A. About ten and a half years.
2 Q. And what are your duties as Director of
3 Projects and Fuels?
4 A. In the fuels component, I am generally
5 responsible for fuel supply for the Lake Road Power
6 Plant and that includes coal, fuel oil and natural
7 gas. And then for our north division gas LDC, I'm
8 responsible for -- overall responsibility for gas
9 procurement.
10 In the area of projects, I have
11 responsibility for, I guess, overall reporting on
12 capital projects conducted at the Lake Road Power
13 Plant. I oversee many of those projects, not all of
14 them, but many of the projects. Generally, it's
15 directing contractors, working with consultants,
16 procuring materials and labor for plant projects.
17 Q. And to whom do you report?
18 A. I report to Dwight Svuba, Vice President of
19 Energy Supply, with regard to fuels area; and I report
20 to Mike Ceglenski, C-e-g-l-e-n-s-k-i --
21 MR. DUFFY: You might want to spell Svuba.
22 THE WITNESS: Svuba. S-v-u-b-a is Svuba --
23 with regard to the project component.
24 BY MR. MICHEEL:
25 Q. And what are your responsibilities

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1 specifically related to the Lake Road plant and the
2 6/4 unit?
3 A. Could you clarify what you --
4 Q. Let's just talk about the project that was
5 conducted per the scheduled outage of the 6/4 unit.
6 Can you tell me what your responsibilities were with
7 regard to that project?
8 A. There were several projects that were
9 conducted during that outage, and I oversaw the
10 contractor work on some of those projects.
11 Q. Why don't you take me through each project
12 that was related to that outage and describe for me
13 each contractor and what their job was?
14 A. Well, I don't know if I can recall all of
15 them at this time. Clearly the biggest project was
16 the replacement of the turbine boiler control system,
17 Mark V controls, and I was responsible for working
18 with General Electric, coordinating their engineering
19 on that project, working with their field service
20 engineers to over -- working with their field service
21 engineers to coordinate the work that was done on the
22 outage for the installation of that project.
23 Another project was the EX2000, which is the
24 related generator exciter project, and I just had, I
25 guess, kind of a side role in that particular project,

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1 working with the -- working with the contractor.
2 We replaced two hammer mill crushers on the
3 outage, and I coordinated the contractor efforts on
4 that project. I worked with Pennsylvania Crusher on
5 some issues that came up during that project.
6 There was a lube oil temperature control
7 project that was done during the outage, and there's
8 two or three others that I don't recall at this time.
9 Q. Is coal the primary fuel for the 6/4
10 generation unit?
11 A. Yes, it is.
12 Q. Are there three combustion turbines at the
13 Lake Road plant?
14 A. Yes, there are.
15 Q. Is it correct that an incident, a fire and
16 explosion occurred on June 7th, 2000 with respect to
17 the 6/4 generation unit?
18 A. Yes.
19 Q. What's the capacity of the 6/4 generation
20 unit?
21 A. I believe the accredited capacity of that
22 unit is 97 megawatts.
23 Q. And is it correct that just prior to the
24 explosion that the 6/4 unit had been shut down for
25 maintenance and overhaul?

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1 A. Yes.
2 Q. When did that maintenance outage start?
3 A. It was the first week of May. It would be
4 speculating as to the date. It was about May 4th, but
5 it was the first week of May.
6 Q. And when did that scheduled outage end?
7 A. I believe the unit came back on line on
8 June 2nd.
9 Q. And when I use the term scheduled outage,
10 how would you define a scheduled outage?
11 A. Well, I guess it's kind of self-explanatory.
12 It's something that is scheduled ahead of time. The
13 work is planned, certain scope of work is planned.
14 Contractors are lined up, purchase power arrangements
15 are made, whatever is necessary to allow that work to
16 be done, but it's a planned outage.
17 Q. And how does a planned outage differ from
18 what I see in the documents as a forced outage?
19 A. Well, obviously a forced outage is not
20 planned. Something has failed or a situation has
21 arisen where a unit needs to be taken off with
22 minimal, if any, plan.
23 Q. I think in a response to an earlier question
24 you indicated that there were two modifications
25 performed by General Electric during the scheduled

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1 outage, I think you said a Mark V controller and
2 EX2000 exciter; is that correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And the first one was the control system, a
5 new control system was put into place, and that was a
6 GE Mark V control system; is that correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. What is the Mark V control system?

9 A. I'll try to make this brief. It's a
10 microprocessor-based control system that basically
11 controls the operation of the turbine that drives
12 No. 4 generator. The control, the majority of that
13 control is basically controlling the valves that admit
14 steam into the turbine. It also monitors various
15 field parameters to shut the unit down if the
16 situation's not correct.

17 I'm trying to think. It also has some logic
18 in it that allows the unit to be prewarmed according
19 to GE recommendations. If you have a cold turbine and
20 you have hot steam, you have to bring the unit up to
21 temperature in a controlled fashion. It controls that
22 activity. I guess that's 95 percent of what the
23 Mark V is.

24 Q. When you say various field parameters, could
25 you expound on that? What do you mean by field

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1 Q. And who controls or programs that software?

2 A. General Electric engineers program that
3 software.

4 Q. So St. Joe Light & Power has no part in
5 programming the logic software?

6 A. We worked with General Electric engineers
7 during startup, and after the unit was started up this
8 summer we worked with them to, I guess, customize that
9 to some extent.

10 In addition, we sat down with them early in
11 the project and went through what field devices were
12 available and worked with them to determine what --
13 what's the framework in which this unit needs to work.
14 They designed and programmed all the logic. We didn't
15 do any programming.

16 Q. When you say what field devices are needed,
17 what's a field device?

18 A. Something like a temperature sensing device
19 or a pressure sensing device that the Mark V will use
20 for information in carrying out its logic.

21 Q. Who was the manufacturer of the old control
22 system at the unit 6/4 turbine or 4/6 turbine?

23 A. General Electric.

24 Q. And when was that old system installed?

25 A. It was the original control system for the

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1 parameter?

2 A. Various pressures, temperatures, vibration
3 for example is what we're going to get to, the
4 expansion of the unit, the differential expansion.
5 The rotor and the shell have to expand in sync with
6 each other so that things don't run. The condenser
7 exhaust pressure that the steam, you know, after it
8 goes through the turbine it goes through the
9 condenser, that needs to be at a certain level.
10 Otherwise the unit will come off.

11 If there's a shutdown signal from the
12 generator, something from the generator, protected
13 logic indicates that the unit needs to be shut down,
14 it'll shut it down. Speed, if speed increases too
15 fast, if load increases too fast, it'll limit the
16 operator's ability to control. There are several
17 things, but that's the sense of what's out there.

18 Q. You also said that the Mark V has some
19 logic, and when you use the term logic, what are you
20 referring to?

21 A. Basically, it's the rules that the software
22 uses to make control actions.

23 Q. And that software is obviously programmed by
24 someone; is that correct?

25 A. That is correct.

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1 unit, and I believe it was 1966.

2 Q. So those controls have been in place since
3 1966; is that correct?

4 A. Like I said, I believe that was the year,
5 yes.

6 Q. And why was that old system replaced?

7 A. Replacement parts were no longer readily
8 available. It was becoming, I guess, more troublesome
9 to maintain.

10 Q. What are the differences between the old
11 system and the new Mark V control system that was
12 installed?

13 A. Well, that's really getting into an area
14 that I'm not real conversant in. I wasn't an expert
15 on the old system. But basically, in a nutshell,
16 you're using 1960s technology in one case and you're
17 using more or less state of the art microprocessor
18 technology in the latter case.

19 Q. Were you the individual in charge of this
20 project?

21 A. You say in charge. I was responsible for
22 overseeing the contractor and GE's scope of work.

23 Q. Who would know the differences between the
24 old and the new Mark V control system? Who would be
25 the expert I would talk to?

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1 A. Probably somebody from General Electric.
2 Q. So there's no one at St. Joe Light & Power
3 that could tell me the difference between the old and
4 the new system?
5 A. I imagine there's some of our technicians
6 who worked on the old system who could describe that
7 to you, and I could give you literature on the Mark V.
8 Obviously we know there are many substantial
9 differences.
10 Q. Who in management would I talk to? You
11 talked about a technician. Who in management would I
12 talk to, Mr. Svuba, about the differences, or is it
13 down at the technician level where they would know the
14 differences?
15 A. The technicians report to our instrument and
16 controls supervisor, and he reports to Mike Ceglenski,
17 the superintendent of maintenance/construction.
18 Q. Let me ask you, why did St. Joe Light &
19 Power choose the GE Mark V system?
20 A. That decision wasn't made by me, so I'd be
21 speculating as to why we chose that system.
22 Q. Who made that decision?
23 A. Well, I'm not sure. I was assigned the
24 project after that decision had been made.
25 Q. Who assigned the project to you?

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1 A. Mr. Ceglenski.
2 Q. And who does Mr. Ceglenski report to?
3 A. Dwight Svuba.
4 Q. The second modification and major
5 modification that you talked about was the
6 installation of new static generator exciting system;
7 is that correct?
8 A. Correct.
9 Q. And that's, I think you said, the GE EX2000
10 system?
11 A. Correct.
12 Q. Was that also a replacement for an old
13 exciter system?
14 A. Yes.
15 Q. And why did you -- when I say you, why did
16 St. Joe Light & Power elect to install the new EX2000
17 system?
18 A. I cannot really answer that. I'm a
19 mechanical engineer and that's an electrical device.
20 Again, I speculate because it was the age of the unit
21 and that the same sort of issues were the case on the
22 exciter as they were on the control system.
23 Q. Who could answer that question at St. Joe
24 Light & Power as to why?
25 A. From a maintenance perspective, it would

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1 probably be Mr. Ceglenski.
2 Q. Okay.
3 A. From an electrical engineering perspective,
4 our superintendent of engineering, Mike Smith.
5 Q. Why did St. Joe Light & Power select a GE
6 system?
7 A. Again, I can't answer.
8 Q. Who would be able to answer that?
9 A. Again, I was -- in fact, I wasn't even
10 assigned that project. That was Mike Smith's project.
11 Q. When was the Unit 4/6 put back into
12 operation after this scheduled outage?
13 A. I believe the date was August 8th, 2000.
14 Q. Let me go back. That was when it was --
15 after the explosion occurred --
16 A. Right.
17 Q. -- when it went back?
18 My question was, when was the 4/6 unit
19 placed into service after the spring scheduled outage?
20 A. Oh, I'm sorry. I misunderstood. Again, I
21 believe the date was June 2nd.
22 Q. And the explosion and fire at the Unit 4/6
23 took place on June 7th; is that correct?
24 A. Yes, it is.
25 Q. Have you been involved in the investigation

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1 relating to the explosion and fire that occurred at
2 the Unit 4/6 on June 7th?
3 A. Yes, I have.
4 Q. Are you the individual for St. Joe Light &
5 Power who's heading up that investigation?
6 A. I would say yes.
7 Q. Is it correct that with respect to most of
8 Public Counsel's data requests in this proceeding,
9 you've drawn the lucky straw to answer those?
10 A. Well, since I would be assuming the case, I
11 don't see all the data requests.
12 Q. Why have you been assigned to respond to
13 certain data requests?
14 A. It was my assignment.
15 Q. And who gave you that assignment?
16 A. Mr. Svuba.
17 Q. And you are indeed the person in charge of
18 the investigation regarding the explosion on June 7;
19 is that correct?
20 A. What I will say is that I was the one who
21 was asked to gather the information and facts
22 regarding the incident. So from that regard, I've
23 been the primary investigator.
24 Q. Okay. So why don't you explain to me what
25 your responsibilities are as the primary investigator

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1 of that explosion?
2 A. Basically, I've collected information
3 regarding the incident and tried to put together the
4 sequence of events that occurred.
5 Q. Are you also trying to understand the causes
6 of that explosion and fire?
7 A. Sure.
8 MR. MICHEEL: I want to get an exhibit
9 marked at this time. I guess we'll call it JM-1.
10 (EXHIBIT NO. JM-1 WAS MARKED FOR
11 IDENTIFICATION BY THE REPORTER.)
12 BY MR. MICHEEL:
13 Q. Do you have a copy -- let me just give you
14 the JM-1. That's been marked as Deposition Exhibit, I
15 believe, JM-1. Is that a copy of an e-mail from you
16 to Mr. Svuba?
17 A. Yes, it is.
18 Q. In this e-mail, you mention both
19 investigators from St. Joe Light & Power and General
20 Electric, do you not?
21 A. Yes.
22 Q. Who were the General Electric investigators?
23 A. That would be John Mitchell.
24 Q. And he's with General Electric?
25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. And what's his position with General
2 Electric?
3 A. I believe he's a training specialist, but
4 I'd have to look at his credentials to be sure.
5 Q. Are there any other investigators from GE?
6 A. He is the only person that I am aware of
7 from General Electric who came to the site
8 specifically to look at the incident.
9 Q. Are there any other GE investigators off
10 site that you're aware of?
11 A. I'm not aware of any.
12 Q. And who are the St. Joe Light & Power,
13 quote, investigators, close quote, that you refer to
14 there?
15 A. At this point in time, I'm the only person I
16 could put in there.
17 Q. So you're the only person investigating this
18 on behalf of St. Joe Light & Power?
19 A. As far as this, believing that the initial
20 trip was caused by a false indication, I would be the
21 only person.
22 Q. Is it correct that, prior to the explosion,
23 St. Joe Light & Power had been having some problems
24 with vibrations and the unit tripping off line prior
25 to that explosion?

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1 A. No, not that I'm aware of.
2 Q. Did General Electric prepare any document or
3 report or findings with regard to its investigation?
4 A. Just yesterday, the company received an
5 e-mail with a summary of Mr. Mitchell's observations.
6 Q. And you're aware that the Office of the
7 Public Counsel has an outstanding data request asking
8 for those reports, are you not?
9 A. Yes.
10 Q. Have you provided that to us yet?
11 A. No. I was on vacation yesterday, and I just
12 read it on my way down this morning.
13 Q. Do you have a copy of that report here with
14 you today?
15 A. Yes.
16 Q. Could I see it? Could I get a copy of that?
17 MR. SVUBA: Are you asking me?
18 MR. DUFFY: Let me --
19 THE WITNESS: I don't have it in my
20 possession, no.
21 BY MR. MICHEEL:
22 Q. Well, you were reading it on your way down
23 here today, right?
24 A. Mr. Svuba had a copy.
25 MR. DUFFY: Let's take a break. Let me

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1 confer.
2 (A BREAK WAS TAKEN.)
3 MR. DUFFY: We're back on the record after a
4 short break. Let the record reflect that I have
5 handed Mr. Micheel a five-page document. The first
6 page is a printout of an e-mail that indicates that
7 the four accompanying pages is a copy of
8 Mr. Mitchell's report from General Electric. This
9 indicates that St. Joseph Light & Power received this
10 at some time on Tuesday, October the 3rd, 2000.
11 BY MR. MICHEEL:
12 Q. Let me go back just quickly to JM-1.
13 A. Okay.
14 Q. That's currently stamped highly
15 confidential. Is that document highly confidential?
16 A. I don't believe there's anything about this
17 document that requires it to remain highly
18 confidential.
19 Q. Let me go back to the report from General
20 Electric, and you stated that you read it in the car
21 on the way down here today. Is that consistent with
22 what you stated?
23 A. Yes.
24 Q. And what did the report conclude?
25 MR. DUFFY: Well, I'm going to object. The

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1 report speaks for itself.
2 THE WITNESS: Yes, and I'd -- okay.
3 MR. MICHEEL: Go ahead and answer.
4 MR. DUFFY: You can go ahead and answer the
5 question to the extent you know.
6 THE WITNESS: My quick review of the report
7 was that it contained generally the findings that we
8 had found regarding the sequence of events. He also
9 made some recommendations.
10 MR. MICHEEL: The first page of this -- I
11 guess why don't I just go ahead now and I'll get this
12 marked as an exhibit for the deposition since I'm
13 going to be referring to it in the deposition.
14 (EXHIBIT NO. JM-2 WAS MARKED FOR
15 IDENTIFICATION BY THE REPORTER.)
16 MR. DUFFY: Doug, if you don't mind, since
17 this is General Electric material and we don't know
18 whether they would have confidentiality concerns about
19 it or not, why don't we just treat this as highly
20 confidential for purposes of this deposition, and then
21 if we find out later from General Electric that they
22 don't have that concern, we can certainly declassify
23 it at that point.
24 MR. MICHEEL: That's fine. I don't want to
25 get things that shouldn't be public here out.

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1 MR. DUFFY: I'm just doing it out of an
2 abundance of caution because I really don't know.
3 It's not something generally that --
4 MR. SVUBA: And it's not addressed to us.
5 MR. DUFFY: Do you want to -- for purposes
6 of the transcript, do you want to save your HC
7 questions to a particular area or --
8 MR. MICHEEL: No. I'd just like to just go
9 on, and if it has to be HC, then I guess, Kellene, you
10 can type that out. I guess these will be HC per
11 pending disclosure.
12 (REPORTER'S NOTE: At this time, a highly
13 confidential session was held, which is contained in
14 Volume No. 2, pages 24 through 26 of the transcript.)
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1 and memoranda. Other than that GE document that you
2 just provided today that was marked as JM-2, are there
3 any other documents outstanding that are responsive to
4 those data requests?
5 A. We responded to later data requests and made
6 updates in the last week. I'm not sure if you've
7 received those responses.
8 Q. So there are other documents that would be
9 responsive to those requests?
10 A. Yes.
11 Q. And those are on their way to the Office of
12 the Public Counsel, to the best of your knowledge?
13 A. Yes.
14 Q. Did St. Joe Light & Power hire any other
15 third parties to investigate the cause of the
16 explosion at the 4/6 unit?
17 A. Not that I'm aware of.
18 Q. Okay. So --
19 A. Hold on. I'm trying to remember. We had
20 one consultant come in to help review a certain piece
21 of information regarding the Bailey DCS.
22 Q. And what --
23 A. That was not specifically for the cause of
24 the outage. Of course, the insurance company had
25 their people.

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1 BY MR. MICHEEL:
2 Q. When did the scheduled outage begin? When
3 was it -- with respect to the 4/6 unit, when was the
4 outage scheduled to begin at the start and scheduled
5 to end?
6 A. I'm going to tell you what I remember. I
7 believe it was May 6th to June 3rd, but I'd have to
8 pull out the outage schedule to be sure.
9 Q. And there's a specific outage schedule that
10 lists the time the scheduled outage is supposed to
11 begin and the time it's supposed to end and I guess
12 decision points throughout that outage?
13 A. No.
14 Q. There's just two dates?
15 A. Yes.
16 Q. Is there a formal investigation team for
17 St. Joe Light & Power regarding the explosion at the
18 Unit 4/6?
19 A. No.
20 Q. So you're it?
21 A. Well, I've had assistance from other people.
22 Q. In response to various Public Counsel data
23 requests -- and let me just give you copies. I'm
24 referring to Data Request 5001 and Data Request
25 5007 -- St. Joe Light & Power has provided documents

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1 Q. What consultant was that that St. Joe
2 Light & Power had come in?
3 A. Sega Engineering.
4 Q. And when you say Bailey DCS, what does that
5 mean?
6 A. That is the control system that controls the
7 boiler and that provides steam to the turbine
8 generator.
9 Q. Is DCS an acronym?
10 A. Yes.
11 Q. And what does that acronym stand for?
12 A. It can stand for distributed control system
13 or digital control system, depending upon different
14 usage.
15 Q. Well, as you used it in your answer and as
16 it's used for the Unit 4/6, which one is it?
17 A. People would refer to it as either. That's
18 what I'm saying.
19 Q. And Bailey, what does -- what's the
20 significance of the term Bailey?
21 A. That's the manufacturer.
22 MR. MICHEEL: Let me get marked as an
23 exhibit JM, I believe, 3.
24 (EXHIBIT NO. JM-3 WAS MARKED FOR
25 IDENTIFICATION BY THE REPORTER.)

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1 BY MR. MICHEEL:

2 Q. I've had marked as JM-3 a letter from Sega,
3 S-e-g-a, to your attention dated July 6th, 2000. Are
4 you familiar with this document?

5 A. Yes, I am.

6 Q. Could you describe this document?

7 A. Well, it's a letter in response to our
8 request that Sega come in and help with, like I said,
9 a limited phase of the investigation as far as the
10 control logic that was in place for the DC oil pump.

11 Q. So could you specifically explain to me what
12 Sega's assignment was?

13 A. There's really two parts to the control
14 logic. One is what we call hard wiring, actual wiring
15 and again field devices, devices out in the field that
16 is -- operates with wires, switches, relays, things
17 like that.

18 There's also the -- similar to the Mark V,
19 the Bailey uses software program logic, and we asked
20 them to review both the hard wired logic and the
21 software logic that was in place at the time of the
22 incident.

23 Q. Did Sega prepare any other documents
24 regarding this assignment other than this letter to
25 you?

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1 referred to as Task 1, what did Sega discover with
2 regard to that wiring?

3 MR. DUFFY: Let me pose an objection at this
4 point or ask a question. The letter has got a
5 confidential stamp up in the upper right-hand corner.
6 Mr. Modlin, did it come to you with that confidential
7 stamp on it? In other words, does Sega consider this
8 material to be confidential, to your knowledge, or did
9 somebody else put that on there?

10 THE WITNESS: I can't recall, to be honest?

11 MR. DUFFY: Okay. Out of an abundance of
12 caution, I think we need to indicate your questions
13 from this point forward if they're asking about this
14 need to be highly confidential.

15 MR. MICHEEL: And if I could get your
16 commitment to check to make sure that that is indeed a
17 stamp by Sega, that would be fine.

18 (REPORTER'S NOTE: At this time, a highly
19 confidential session was held, which is contained in
20 Volume 2, pages 33 through 36 of the transcript.)
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1 A. I believe there's a handwritten summary of
2 the DC oil pump activity that occurred on May 24th
3 that was written by Homer Clark, and I believe that's
4 been provided in a data request.

5 Q. Okay. That letter has two tasks. Task 1,
6 are those tasks the hard wiring task? Is that what
7 Task 1 describes in that letter, or why don't you just
8 describe what Task 1 is?

9 A. Yes. It is the what I characterized as hard
10 wired earlier.

11 Q. And Task 2?

12 A. Okay. The following paragraphs describe the
13 DCS logic including the multi-state device driver and
14 all supporting control logic. That's within the DCS.
15 That's the software logic.

16 Q. And why did St. Joe Light & Power task Sega
17 to do these two assignments?

18 A. It was fairly clear that the most likely
19 cause for the damage from the beginning was the
20 failure of the DC oil pump to run. The hard wired and
21 soft DCS logic that Sega reviewed is what controls
22 that pump and would call for it to run. We felt it
23 was necessary to look at it and see if there was a
24 fault in that logic.

25 Q. With respect to the hard wiring which you've

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1 (EXHIBIT NO. JM-4 WAS MARKED FOR
2 IDENTIFICATION BY THE REPORTER.)
3 BY MR. MICHEEL:
4 Q. Do you have a copy of what's been marked as
5 JM-4? It's a letter of June 20th, 2000 by Joseph G.
6 Pisoni, P-i-s-o-n-i, of Factory Mutual Insurance
7 Company to Gary Myers of St. Joe Light & Power.
8 A. Correct.
9 Q. Do you know if that letter is considered
10 highly confidential?
11 A. I don't believe so. There's some content of
12 it that I'm not as familiar with regarding the repairs
13 that are to be made and the insurance payments.
14 Q. Do you recognize --
15 A. Since I don't see any dollar figures in
16 here, I assume that it's not.
17 Q. Do you recognize that letter?
18 A. Yes.
19 Q. Did you prepare a data request response to
20 the Office of the Public Counsel with that letter in
21 it?
22 A. Yes. In fact, this is what I was referring
23 to you as the information that was what I thought was
24 on the way. So you've already received it.
25 Q. Could you describe this letter?

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1 A. It's an acknowledgement from FM Global of
2 the loss that occurred on June 7th. It summarizes a
3 visit to the plant by FM Global and some of their
4 consultants. It briefly describes the incident and
5 sequence of events and talks about the status of the
6 repairs that were going on at the time of the letter.

7 Q. And I think you said that St. Joe has an
8 insurance policy with FM Global; is that correct?

9 A. That's my understanding.

10 Q. Who were the FM Global consultants that
11 reviewed this incident?

12 A. First I want to clarify that most of the
13 consultants listed here I believe were here to look at
14 the repairs that were to be made, and I believe that
15 Mr. Joe Byrd is the only consultant who looked at the
16 cause of the incident itself.

17 Q. And who is Mr. Joe Byrd?

18 A. He's a -- looking at his credentials, he's a
19 professional engineer with Mechanical Dynamics and
20 Analysis.

21 Q. Are you aware of whether or not FM Global
22 has prepared any other documents or analysis with
23 respect to the incident that occurred at the Unit 4/6
24 on June 7th, 2000?

25 A. Mr. Byrd prepared a, I don't know if it's a

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1 incident that happened on June 2nd.

2 Q. Let me ask you this. Would any repairs need
3 to be done to the Unit 4/6 if the incident hadn't
4 occurred?

5 A. No.

6 Q. So would you agree with me that those
7 documents are related to that incident?

8 A. That was an internal determination made by
9 St. Joseph Light & Power that the incident was the
10 incident that occurred on the 7th and not necessarily
11 subsequent repairs that would be made.

12 Q. Let's talk about -- why don't you describe
13 those documents for me that you claim are with respect
14 to the repairs. How many documents are there?

15 A. I don't know. I wasn't involved with that
16 part of the -- the repairs were a separate issue
17 handled by Mr. Ceglenski.

18 Q. So it's St. Joe Light & Power's position
19 that repairs as a result of the explosion at Unit 4/6,
20 not documents related to that incident?

21 A. Again, differentiate between the incident
22 and the repairs that are subsequent to it, two
23 different things.

24 Q. Okay. Would you agree with me, but for the
25 incident the repairs would not have taken place?

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1 two or three-page writeup while he was on site, and
2 that was provided in a data request.

3 Q. I'm looking at the fourth paragraph there on
4 the third page.

5 A. Okay.

6 Q. And looking at the sentence that says, GE
7 also provided an initial evaluation of damages, as did
8 our turbine and generator consultants.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Do you have a copy of those analyses?

11 A. No, not with me.

12 Q. Do you have a copy on the premises of
13 St. Joe?

14 A. I'm assuming all -- the evaluation of
15 repairs and evaluation of damages was handled by Mike
16 Ceglenski. So I wasn't involved in that part of the
17 project, I guess.

18 Q. Have copies of those evaluations been
19 provided to the Office of the Public Counsel?

20 A. I don't believe so.

21 Q. Are you aware that we had a data request
22 requesting any and all written documents regarding the
23 incident?

24 A. Right. Those were with regard to the
25 repairs and the damage to the unit as opposed to the

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1 A. True.

2 Q. And so you don't think the incident has
3 anything to do with the repairs?

4 A. I didn't say that.

5 Q. Do you have any of those documents here
6 today?

7 A. No, I do not.

8 Q. Who authored those documents?

9 A. Again, you're asking about the repairs and
10 the inspection that had to do with the scope of work
11 that was done, and I was not involved with the repair
12 of the unit.

13 Q. Did GE also conduct an initial evaluation of
14 the damages?

15 A. I believe so.

16 Q. And is that a written document?

17 A. Again, I wasn't involved in that. There
18 was -- you know, their engineers were here -- not
19 here. They were on site at the same time as the
20 insurance investigators, and I believe that the goal
21 was to determine which repairs were related to the
22 incident so that the insurance would know what they're
23 responsible for.

24 And I assume that various people inspected
25 the unit and made a list of this is what's wrong with

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1 it, this is what needs to be repaired, and they
2 consulted and agreed on certain repairs and moved
3 forward.
4 Q. And again, St. Joe Light & Power has not
5 provided copies of those documents to the Office of
6 the Public Counsel in response to their data requests?
7 A. Not that I'm aware of.
8 Q. What should I ask for to get those
9 documents? How should I word that data request?
10 A. I guess you would ask for documents related
11 to the repairs of the unit.
12 Q. And if I send that data request to you today
13 or if it's waiting for you when you get back to
14 St. Joe tonight, you'll know what I mean when I want
15 all documents with respect to the repairs?
16 A. We'll answer it to the best of our ability.
17 Q. That letter also talks about St. Joe's
18 turbine and generator consultants, is that correct, or
19 is that referring to FM Global's turbine and generator
20 consultants?
21 A. Where do you see St. Joe's?
22 Q. I'm just questioning whether or not there
23 are other consultants out there for St. Joe, or is
24 that just FM Global's turbine and generator
25 consultants? Again, I'm in the fourth paragraph.

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1 A. You'll have to show me. I don't see where
2 it says anything about St. Joseph's consultant.
3 Q. That was my question. Was there a
4 consultant for St. Joe? I'm not suggesting it's in
5 that letter.
6 A. Oh, I believe we did have a consultant that
7 looked at the extent of repairs.
8 Q. And who was that consultant?
9 A. I'm not aware of his name.
10 Q. Also in that fourth paragraph of the letter
11 it indicates that the turbine and stationary blading
12 have been sent to the repair shop. Were those damages
13 that occurred to the turbine and blading damages that
14 resulted from the June 7th explosion and fire?
15 A. You're asking me to speculate on the scope
16 of the repairs that were due to the incident. I was
17 not involved in that part of the project. My best
18 guess is yes, that they were, but --
19 Q. So sitting there today, you're not aware of
20 whether or not the turbine and stationary blade damage
21 that was done resulted as a result of the explosion
22 and fire that occurred at the 4/6 unit on June 7; is
23 that your testimony?
24 A. The way you put it, yes, that's my
25 testimony. If you ask me about the bearings and the

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1 journals and the seals that I know were related, but
2 as far as the blading, I didn't get into that level of
3 detail with Mr. Ceglenski or anybody else.
4 Q. Who got into that level of detail? Who
5 would know the answer to that question?
6 MR. DUFFY: Objection. Calls for
7 speculation on the part of the witness.
8 THE WITNESS: Yeah. Again, that wasn't my
9 responsibility in this -- related to this incident.
10 BY MR. MICHEEL:
11 Q. Do you know whether or not within the
12 confines of the accounting authority application,
13 whether or not St. Joe Light & Power's requesting that
14 the repair costs be deferred?
15 A. I believe that's what the Accounting
16 Authority Order asks for.
17 Q. Is it correct for the explosion and fire
18 that occurred on June 7th with respect to the Unit 4/6
19 that that unit tripped?
20 A. Are you asking me if it tripped?
21 Q. Prior to the explosion and fire on June 7th,
22 did the unit trip off line?
23 A. Yes, it did.
24 Q. And what does it mean when I say a unit
25 tripped off line?

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1 A. We use the term trip to be a sudden
2 unexpected shutdown of the piece of equipment.
3 Q. Is it correct that after the unit tripped,
4 that the unit continued to run and the turbine
5 continued to rotate?
6 A. The unit did not continue to run after the
7 trip. Obviously it's spinning at 3,600 RPM. It's
8 going to rotate for a while until it comes to a stop.
9 Q. So it's your testimony that when the turbine
10 trips, it doesn't come to an immediate stop?
11 A. That is true.
12 MR. MICHEEL: I need to get another exhibit
13 marked.
14 (EXHIBIT NO. JM-5 WAS MARKED FOR
15 IDENTIFICATION BY THE REPORTER.)
16 BY MR. MICHEEL:
17 Q. Do you have in front of you what's been
18 marked as JM-5?
19 A. Yes.
20 Q. And is that a Production Department Outage
21 Report by one W. White?
22 A. Yes, it is.
23 Q. And was that written on 6/14?
24 A. It is marked that way, yes.
25 Q. Are you familiar with this memo?

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1 A. Yeah, I've seen it before.
2 Q. And did you indeed produce that memo in
3 response to a Public Counsel data request?
4 A. It was probably provided by Jim Parker in
5 the operating department. It's an operating report.
6 Q. It's marked highly confidential. Do you
7 know whether or not that report remains highly
8 confidential?
9 A. Reviewing it right now, I don't believe
10 there's anything right here that we would consider
11 highly confidential.
12 Q. Who is W.J. White?
13 A. He's an operating shift supervisor. I
14 should say he's the shift supervisor in the operating
15 department, more clear.
16 Q. And was he the shift supervisor who was on
17 duty on June 7th, 2000 when the Unit 6/4 exploded and
18 caught fire?
19 A. I would have to check the operating schedule
20 to be sure. I believe there were three
21 superintendents on site at that time because it was
22 shift change and also during relief schedule. So I'm
23 not sure that he was the one on duty at that time, no.
24 Q. But he was in the plant at the time of the
25 explosion and fire; is that correct?

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1 A. Yes.
2 Q. And indeed, I guess it's part of St. Joe
3 Light & Power's internal policies to file reports like
4 this with any explosion or incident that occurs?
5 A. Again, that's an operating department
6 document, but I believe that is correct.
7 Q. If you would, turn to page 3 of that
8 document, and I'm looking at the fifth line from the
9 top there where it says, The unit was rolling
10 extremely fast for the severe vibration and should
11 have stopped. Do you see that?
12 A. Yes.
13 Q. And further on down he writes, I didn't
14 believe this as the unit was still rolling and not
15 decelerating?
16 A. Okay. Yes, I found that.
17 Q. And he indicates there that he didn't think
18 the stop valve was still open; is that correct?
19 MR. DUFFY: Did you say stop valve?
20 THE WITNESS: I think you said the reverse
21 of what you meant to say.
22 BY MR. MICHEEL:
23 Q. Okay. Valve stop. I'm just looking on --
24 up there it says, I thought the stop valve was still
25 open.

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1 A. Yes, that's what he says in here.
2 Q. Okay. What does it mean if the stop valve
3 is still open?
4 A. The stop valve is the main valve. There's
5 two paths of steam to the turbine. One is the main
6 steam and one is reheat steam. There's one main stop
7 valve on the main steam and two reheat stop valves on
8 the two reheat pipes. So if the stop valve was still
9 open, it means that steam could theoretically still be
10 admitted to the turbine.
11 Q. And according to Mr. White, at the time of
12 the incident he thought the stop valve was open; is
13 that correct?
14 A. Yes. That's what he said.
15 Q. He also indicates that when he looked at the
16 control screen, it indicated the main stop and reheat
17 stop had tripped and were closed. What does that mean
18 if the main stop and reheat stop had tripped and were
19 closed?
20 A. Means those valves were closed and would not
21 allow steam into the turbine.
22 Q. So I take it the functions of the main stop
23 and the reheat stop valve are to prevent steam from
24 entering the turbine; is that correct?
25 A. That is correct.

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1 Q. And if I understand, the steam enters the
2 turbine and causes the turbine to spin?
3 A. Correct.
4 Q. And once the turbine spins, that generates
5 energy which in turn generates electricity?
6 A. Yes.
7 Q. Why did the unit, if you know, not stop when
8 the main stop and reheat stop valves were tripped
9 closed?
10 A. This is one observation that was made during
11 the incident that could not be substantiated from
12 anything that we looked at. We went through the stop
13 valves, the reheat stop valves, the hydraulic control
14 logic, and were not able to find any reason why this
15 should have occurred.
16 Q. Did it occur?
17 A. I honestly can't say if it did or did not.
18 Q. So St. Joe Light & Power has not done any
19 further investigation into this claim?
20 A. Again, we went through the stop valve, the
21 stop valve, the reheat stop valves, all the extraction
22 check valves. We went through the hydraulic system.
23 We went through testing on startup again to satisfy
24 ourself and the General Electric people who were back
25 on startup that things were operating correctly when

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1 we started back up.
2 Q. So the valves may indeed have failed, but
3 you could not reproduce or reproduce it after the
4 fact?
5 A. I'm not going to say that it may have
6 failed. We couldn't find a problem with it.
7 Q. So they didn't fail?
8 A. No, I'm not going to say they failed or
9 didn't fail. He made certain observations, and we
10 weren't able to substantiate them.
11 Q. Okay. Later in the memo Mr. White says, I
12 told Danny Kukuc, that's K-u-k-u-c, to go to the
13 hydraulic set and open up the dump valve. First of
14 all, who is Danny Kukuc?
15 A. He's an operator in the operating
16 department.
17 Q. And why did Mr. White ask Mr. Kukuc to open
18 the dump valve?
19 MR. DUFFY: Objection. Calls for
20 speculation on the part of this witness as to why
21 someone else asked a third person to do something,
22 which calls for speculation.
23 You can go ahead and answer to the extent
24 you know.
25 THE WITNESS: As I discuss this with you,

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1 I'll give you the reasons that they've given me, and
2 that is that the hydraulic -- the stop valves and
3 control valves are controlled by hydraulic fluid. If
4 those valves don't operate the way you believe, you
5 want to get the hydraulic fluid off of them and let
6 the springs shut those valves. So by dumping the
7 hydraulic fluid, it'll allow those valves to go shut.
8 BY MR. MICHEEL:
9 Q. So you spoke specifically with Mr. White and
10 Mr. Kukuc about why they opened the dump valves?
11 A. With Mr. White.
12 Q. Why would anyone open the dump valves?
13 A. I just explained that.
14 Q. Okay. Explain to me what a dump valve is.
15 A. The hydraulic system uses oil at a pressure
16 of about 1,500 PSI.
17 Q. And when you say PSI --
18 A. Pounds per square inch. Pressure in pounds
19 per square inch.
20 When they start that system up, it is not --
21 does not provide full pressure. There's an internal
22 bypass, and that's where this dump valve is located.
23 They would gradually bring the pressure up on the unit
24 on the pump so you don't shock the pumps, and that
25 charges the accumulators. As they bring it up, they

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1 close this dump valve.
2 Okay. If for some reason you need to dump
3 the pressure in a hurry, you can open this bypass or
4 dump valve as the operators refer to it.
5 Q. And what are some of the situations that an
6 operator would need to dump that pressure in a hurry?
7 A. I'm not sure what the operating procedures
8 call for. Obviously they felt it was appropriate in
9 this case.
10 Q. Did the unit stop after the dump valve was
11 opened?
12 A. Mr. White indicates that it did.
13 Q. And do you have any findings that contradict
14 the fact that after the dump valves were opened, that
15 the unit came to an abrupt stop?
16 A. No, I don't have anything to contradict
17 that.
18 Q. And why would the unit come to an abrupt
19 stop after the dump valve was opened?
20 A. That would be speculation. I don't know
21 that it came to an abrupt stop because the valve went
22 closed or that it had lost inertia. I don't know. I
23 wasn't there when it happened.
24 Q. Do you have any reason to not believe
25 Mr. White's memo there that the unit came to a

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1 complete stop or an abrupt stop after the dump valve
2 was closed?
3 A. No, I don't have any reason not to believe
4 him.
5 MR. MICHEEL: I need to get another item
6 marked.
7 (EXHIBIT NO. JM-6 WAS MARKED FOR
8 IDENTIFICATION BY THE REPORTER.)
9 BY MR. MICHEEL:
10 Q. Do you have what's been marked JM-5?
11 A. Mine's marked JM-6.
12 Q. I'm sorry. JM-6. That's a document dated
13 June 7. It says, Interviewee, Bill White, Shift
14 Supervisor, Subject: Turbine Generator No. 4; is that
15 correct?
16 A. Yes.
17 Q. Do you know when this document was prepared?
18 A. I believe it was the day of the incident. I
19 can't say for sure.
20 Q. The memo that we talked about before, the
21 JM-6, indicated that Mr. White did not believe that
22 the main stop and reheat stop had tripped and were
23 closed.
24 MR. DUFFY: You said JM-6. I think you
25 meant JM-5.

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1 MR. MICHEEL: I'm sorry. JM-5.
2 BY MR. MICHEEL:
3 Q. And this document doesn't indicate that. Do
4 you know why the discrepancy between those two
5 documents?
6 A. No, I do not know why there's a discrepancy.
7 Q. About three-quarters of the way down on that
8 exhibit it says, The noise from the unit sounded
9 steady and like it was continuing to run under
10 external power. It did not sound like the speed was
11 decreasing and the unit was rolling down. I ran into
12 the control room and told the head operator to call up
13 the turbine review screen to verify the stop and
14 reheat valves were closed. The indication on the
15 screen showed they were.
16 What's the significance of the control
17 screen coming up saying that the stop and reheat
18 valves were closed?
19 MR. DUFFY: When you say what is the
20 significance, do you mean what does -- what did those
21 signals indicate?
22 BY MR. MICHEEL:
23 Q. What did they indicate with respect to the
24 operation of the Unit 4/6?
25 A. It indicates that those valves were closed,

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1 and I believe I already described the operation of
2 those valves.
3 Q. And if I understand correctly, when those
4 valves are closed, the turbine is not receiving any
5 steam; is that correct?
6 A. Correct, unless they're leaking through for
7 some reason.
8 Q. Again, at the bottom of this it says after
9 he radioed Mr. Kukuc and told him to go to the
10 hydraulic set and open the dump valve, the unit came
11 to a complete abrupt stop; is that correct?
12 A. Yes, that's what it says.
13 Q. Do you have any reason to dispute that?
14 A. No.
15 Q. Let me ask you this. That JM-6 has been
16 marked highly confidential. Is there any reason for
17 that to be continued to be treated as highly
18 confidential?
19 A. I don't believe so.
20 MR. MICHEEL: I need to get another exhibit
21 marked. I guess it would be JM-7.
22 (EXHIBIT NO. JM-7 WAS MARKED FOR
23 IDENTIFICATION BY THE REPORTER.)
24 BY MR. MICHEEL:
25 Q. Do you have a copy of JM-7 in front of you?

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1 A. Yes.
2 Q. That's been marked highly confidential. Is
3 that in your mind a highly confidential document?
4 A. Again, I don't believe so.
5 Q. Okay. Who is Luke Hinkle?
6 A. He's an apprentice instrument technician at
7 the power plant.
8 Q. Are you familiar with this document?
9 A. Again, I think it was -- I attached it as a
10 copy to a data request.
11 Q. And on that second Q and A there, the
12 question is, Did you hear the hydraulics dump when the
13 turbine tripped? Answer: No.
14 And my question to you is, should the
15 hydraulics dump have opened when the turbine tripped?
16 A. Well, there's -- I should clarify something
17 here. The sound that he is referring to is actually
18 not the hydraulics dumping. It's air on the
19 extraction check valves that is released in response
20 to the hydraulics dumping. So with that
21 clarification, would you ask the question?
22 Q. Sure. Should the hydraulics dump have
23 opened when the turbine tripped?
24 A. Should the hydraulics -- I don't understand
25 the question.

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1 Q. Okay. Let me ask you this. Was Mr. Kukuc
2 present at the time of the incident?
3 A. Danny Kukuc?
4 Q. Yeah, Kukuc.
5 A. Yes, I believe he was working at that time.
6 Q. Why didn't he open the hydraulic dump valve
7 himself without being asked to do so by Mr. White?
8 MR. DUFFY: Objection. Calls for
9 speculation. You can go ahead and answer to the
10 extent of your knowledge.
11 THE WITNESS: The extent of my knowledge is
12 the shift supervisor's in charge of the operations,
13 and the operators work for him, you know, and respond
14 to their requests.
15 BY MR. MICHEEL:
16 Q. Did you in your investigation ask Mr. Kukuc
17 why he needed Mr. White's authority to throw the dump
18 valve switch?
19 A. No, I didn't ask.
20 Q. So if I understand your statements with
21 regard to the sound tripping, the sound that
22 Mr. Hinkle is referring to is not the hydraulics dump?
23 A. That is true. As best as we know, the sound
24 that plant personnel are familiar with hearing when
25 the turbine tripped is air being released, like I

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1 said, on this air operated system in response to loss
2 of hydraulic pressure.

3 Q. So the only time you would hear that sound
4 is when hydraulic pressure was lost?

5 A. Yeah. In most cases, that would be.

6 Q. So that would be consistent with tripping
7 the hydraulic dump valve?

8 A. There's not a hydraulic -- are you referring
9 to the dump valve Mr. White was referring to?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. I hesitate there because there's not a
12 hydraulic dump valve on the unit. That's not what
13 it's called. It's a hydraulic system bypass. If
14 somebody opened that with the system in operation, you
15 would hear this sound, yes.

16 Q. And was that valve opened by Mr. Kukuc under
17 the direction of Mr. White?

18 A. I believe so.

19 Q. And was the system in operation when that
20 happened?

21 A. All the other evidence regarding when the
22 unit tripped and when hydraulic pressure was lost
23 indicates that, no, the hydraulic system was not
24 pressurized at that time. That's what I'm saying,
25 that there was a -- there's a discrepancy there

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1 between the observations.

2 Q. And have -- has St. Joe Light & Power been
3 able to determine the basis for that discrepancy?

4 A. No, and we've, like I said, taken
5 precautions and checked things the best of your
6 ability to make sure that that system is functioning
7 correctly today.

8 Q. What precautions has St. Joe Light & Power
9 taken?

10 A. I've described them earlier. Disassembled
11 the main stop and reheat stop valves, disassembled the
12 extraction check valve, make sure that was not the
13 steam path. General Electric was on site during
14 reassembly. They looked through the systems. The
15 hydraulic operation, the hydraulic unit was checked
16 and the system was tested as it came back up.

17 Q. And the system came through all of those
18 tests with flying colors?

19 A. Yeah. It operated as it was -- well, first
20 inspection of the valves is not a test, but there was
21 no problem with the valves. There was a little bit of
22 runout on the main stop valve stem, but it was GE's
23 opinion that that runout would not have caused that
24 valve to hang up. And there was nothing found
25 otherwise to indicate that the hydraulic system would

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1 not operate as designed to shut the unit down in case
2 of a trip.

3 Q. When you say runout on the main stop valve,
4 what do you mean by runout?

5 A. The stem of the valve is what connects the
6 actuator that actually moves the valve open and closed
7 to the valve disk which closes to prevent steam from
8 going in the unit, and it's probably 30 inches long or
9 so, and this stem is -- should be straight and true.
10 If you put it in a lathe and turned it, it would show
11 that there was some runout on the far end, in other
12 words that it wasn't perfectly straight.

13 Q. Bent, for people who are not mechanical
14 engineers. Let's bring it down to my level.

15 A. Yes, it was slightly bent.

16 Q. So when we talk about runout, we're talking
17 about this valve stem was bent a little bit?

18 A. I'm sorry. Yes, that's true.

19 Q. Okay. But the slight runout or bending of
20 this valve stem was not enough to prevent this valve
21 from properly closing?

22 A. That was GE's conclusions.

23 Q. And does St. Joe Light & Power agree with
24 that conclusion?

25 A. I would say so, yes. That particular

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1 condition I believe was found on past inspections.

2 Again, I have no reason to disagree with him.

3 Q. So that was not a cause of the explosion and
4 fire?

5 A. No.

6 MR. MICHEEL: All right. Another exhibit.

7 (EXHIBIT NO. JM-8 WAS MARKED FOR
8 IDENTIFICATION BY THE REPORTER.)

9 BY MR. MICHEEL:

10 Q. Mr. Modlin, do you have what's been marked
11 as JM-8?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And is that a memo dated 6/15/2000 by Joseph
14 Byrd of MD&A?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And I think we talked about Mr. Byrd, but
17 who is Mr. Byrd and who is MD&A?

18 A. Mr. Byrd is a consulting engineer. I
19 believe he was hired by the insurance company. MD&A,
20 I forget now what that stands for. I read it earlier,
21 but I'm not sure. Mechanical something. Do you want
22 me to go back and find it?

23 Q. Sure.

24 A. We generally just refer to them as MD&A.
25 Let's see, which exhibit was Mr. Pisoni's letter?

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1 Here it is. MD&A stands for Mechanical Dynamics &
2 Analysis.

3 Q. And so to the best of your knowledge,
4 Mr. Byrd was hired to investigate the causes of the
5 explosion at Unit 6/4 for FM Global?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Okay. I've got some questions specifically
8 about this memo. Have you seen this memorandum
9 before?

10 A. Yes, I have.

11 Q. It's currently marked highly confidential.
12 Is there any reason we should continue to keep this
13 highly confidential?

14 A. I was just going to bring that up because it
15 is from an outside party and how we've responded to
16 the information from Sega and General Electric, maybe
17 it should be.

18 Q. FM Global is St. Joe Light & Power's
19 insurance company; is that correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 MR. DUFFY: I would say if you want to ask
22 questions about this document, let's mark it as HC
23 just to be on the safe side.

24 MR. MICHEEL: If you could check, because I
25 don't really believe this should be HC because FM

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1 Global is obviously St. Joseph Light & Power's
2 insurance company.

3 MR. DUFFY: Well, they may have their own
4 reasons for wanting it, but I will ask.

5 MR. MICHEEL: I understand that, but I'd
6 like to get the commitment from you to check. So this
7 will be HC.

8 (REPORTER'S NOTE: At this time, a highly
9 confidential session was held, which is contained in
10 Volume 2, pages 64 through 75 of the transcript.)
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1 MR. MICHEEL: I need to get another exhibit
2 marked.
3 (EXHIBIT NO. JM-9 WAS MARKED FOR
4 IDENTIFICATION BY THE REPORTER.)
5 BY MR. MICHEEL:
6 Q. I've handed you what's been marked
7 Exhibit JM-9. It's dated June 13th, and the title of
8 the document is Lake Road Unit 4 Turbine Generator
9 Occurrence, June 7, 2000, No. 5 Bearing
10 Troubleshooting Steps Leading up to Occurrence. Are
11 you the author of this document?
12 A. I'm going to say 50/50. I sat down with
13 Lance Brumbaugh who was performing the steps and
14 walked through those point by point, especially the
15 latter, bottom half of this. Okay. The top half I
16 pretty much authored in that I kind of set the stage
17 of the background to the incident.
18 Q. Okay. And it indicates that it's
19 troubleshooting steps performed on the No. 5 bearing;
20 is that correct?
21 A. Yes.
22 Q. Is it the No. 5 bearing where the oil pumps
23 failed on June 7, 2000?
24 A. The oil -- I don't understand the question.
25 Q. Well, was the No. 5 bearing related to the

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1 explosion that occurred at the Unit 4/6?
2 A. There was work being performed on the No. 5
3 bearing of the turbine generator. The work -- not on
4 the bearing, but on the vibration instrumentation
5 installed to monitor vibration at that bearing. And
6 it's currently our belief that those troubleshooting
7 steps caused false vibration to be indicated on other
8 bearings and that resulted in the trip.
9 Q. Okay. And what do you mean when you say
10 vibration caused problems?
11 A. I'm not sure I said vibration caused
12 problems. After the startup of the unit, the No. 5
13 bearing vibration sensors were not indicating what we
14 believed to be correct vibration levels. We were
15 working with General Electric and Bently Nevada
16 Corporation to figure out what was not working
17 correctly there.
18 And on the day of the incident, a General
19 Electric startup engineer was directing our technician
20 through various steps to troubleshoot the problem.
21 Okay. We believe that those troubleshooting steps
22 caused a false vibration to be indicated on the other
23 turbine generator bearings and that resulted in the
24 turbine trip on vibration.
25 Q. You said that the No. 5 bearing didn't give

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1 the reading you expected. Is there always some sort
2 of vibration regarding that bearing or should there be
3 no vibration?

4 A. Actually, it was reading zero, and, you
5 know, you expect to see some movement in the bearing.
6 So the fact that it was reading zero -- again, I'd
7 have to go back. Maybe I say in here. The actual
8 voltage reading from that probe may not have been what
9 we would expect either. I'm not sure. I'd have to go
10 back and look.

11 But basically it was reading zero vibration,
12 and you would expect to see some small vibration.

13 Q. On the second paragraph there it says, When
14 the unit was rolled on about June 2nd it was noted
15 that the No. 5 bearing vibration proximity probes had
16 diagnostic alarms, and it seems to me from reading
17 this document that that's when the troubleshooting
18 began, June 2nd, with respect to the No. 5 bearing.
19 Is that a correct understanding?

20 A. No. I mean, we didn't start looking at this
21 particular problem until a few days later.

22 Q. Okay. So what does that sentence mean, When
23 the unit was rolled on it was noted the No. 5 bearing
24 vibration proximity probes had diagnostic alarms?

25 A. A diagnostic alarm is -- and again, I'm

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1 damage the probe but sent out a replacement probe to
2 install at first opportunity.

3 So I was on the phone with Bently Nevada
4 Monday morning or Monday after we started the unit up
5 indicating that something wasn't right.

6 Q. And then you say, We decided to check the 5Y
7 prox--

8 A. Proximitors.

9 Q. -- proximitors. This work began late in the
10 morning of 6/7/2000; is that correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And what is that?

13 A. What is the proximitors?

14 Q. Yes.

15 A. Well, again, we're getting into electrical
16 instrumentation that I'll describe as best I can. The
17 Mark V provides a DC voltage, a plus and a minus, like
18 a battery, out to this proximitors and gets back a
19 signal that is proportional to the displacement of the
20 bearing, of the journal.

21 Okay. The proximitors works with the probe
22 that is mounted on the shaft to detect that
23 displacement or that gap between the turbine generator
24 shaft and that probe. Okay. So the proximitors is a
25 device that both excites this probe, gets feedback

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1 relaying this from General Electric, so my
2 interpretation may not be perfect. But if you have
3 some sort of input signal from the field, you expect
4 to see it within certain limits and have certain
5 conditions that make it reasonable that, Hey, I can
6 believe this signal.

7 If some of those characteristics or levels
8 aren't there, then it's, Oh, something might be wrong
9 here, and it generates a diagnostic alarm which
10 basically says, Somebody needs to look at this.

11 Q. And on June 2nd you were getting that
12 diagnostic alarm with respect to the No. 5 bearing; is
13 that correct?

14 A. I would say so, yes.

15 Q. Okay. And I think we've already talked that
16 the Unit 4/6 came up after the scheduled outage and
17 became operational on June 2nd; is that correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And I guess looking further down this
20 exhibit, it indicates that on June 5, St. Joe Light &
21 Power and General Electric were troubleshooting the
22 No. 5 bearing; is that correct?

23 A. It says, On June 5th John Modlin discussed
24 this issue with Matt Mangus. Matt doubted that the
25 bearing actually experienced enough vibration to

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1 from it, and then turns it into a signal that the
2 Mark V can read. Okay. Now, electronically how it
3 does all that, I don't know.

4 Q. Is it correct that the explosion and fire on
5 June 7th occurred right around 2 p.m.?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. I'm looking at the fifth bullet point on
8 this document, and I guess that's further on down. It
9 starts out with, Before moving wires, Lance checked
10 the 5C proximitors wires to the Mark V.

11 A. Uh-huh. Right.

12 Q. Just explain that to me. I just don't
13 understand. I mean, why were you checking those
14 wires?

15 A. Basically to find out if the proximitors was
16 wired up correctly.

17 Q. Okay. And what was the end result of your
18 testing?

19 A. Well, Lance found that on one end of the
20 wires they were wired as expected. On the other end,
21 let's see, two of the wires were reversed.

22 Q. And what was -- I mean, those wires were
23 reversed, so what was the result of reversing those
24 wires?

25 A. Well, if the wires were reversed, it

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1 wouldn't operate as it should. I mean, it wouldn't
2 get the correct signal.
3 Q. So is that probably why we got the
4 diagnostic alarms?
5 A. I'm going to speculate that that was the
6 reason we got the diagnostic alarms. I don't know for
7 certain.
8 Q. Who would know that?
9 A. Somebody from General Electric would be able
10 to say if this particular combination would generate a
11 diagnostic alarm.
12 Q. Okay. Is it correct that at the time of the
13 explosion and fire there were two people working on
14 the Unit 4/6 at about 2 p.m.?
15 A. If you're talking about these two people,
16 yes, and this is what they were doing at the time.
17 Q. And those people are Steve Alexander of
18 General Electric and Lance Brumbaugh of St. Joe
19 Light & Power, is that correct?
20 A. Yes.
21 Q. This document is also marked highly
22 confidential. Is there any reason we should continue
23 to treat this highly confidential?
24 A. I don't believe so, no.
25 Q. Okay. So we can treat this as a public

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1 document.
2 MR. MICHEEL: Okay. I need to get another
3 document marked.
4 (EXHIBIT NO. JM-10 WAS MARKED FOR
5 IDENTIFICATION BY THE REPORTER.)
6 BY MR. MICHEEL:
7 Q. Show you an eight-page document that is
8 dated July 13th, 2000. It's entitled SJLP Lake Road
9 Turbine Generator 4 June 7, 2000 Incident
10 Investigation Notes. It's been marked as JM-10. Are
11 you the author of this document?
12 A. Yes, I am.
13 Q. And you're familiar with that document?
14 A. Yes.
15 Q. Would you look at the first bullet there
16 under 6/12/2000, and that says, Mark Phillips
17 confirmed that DC oil pump was not tested on 6/5; is
18 that correct?
19 A. Yes.
20 Q. And is that June 5th, 2000?
21 A. Yes.
22 Q. Who is Mark Phillips?
23 A. He's a shift supervisor in the operating
24 department.
25 Q. And why would he be confirming that?

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1 A. I had checked the -- I'm not sure what it's
2 called, the operator, an operator log sheet that has
3 routines on it that the operators perform on different
4 shifts, and it had indicated that this test was not
5 performed, and so I asked him if he recalled it being
6 performed, and he didn't recall.
7 Q. Should the DC oil pump -- should the DC oil
8 pump have been tested on June 5th?
9 A. It's scheduled to be tested every Monday.
10 Q. And indeed, in response to discovery, you
11 provided us a big old sheet with that on there that I
12 take it hangs on the wall of the operations shack or
13 the control room; is that correct (indicating)?
14 A. Right.
15 Q. And I've just -- I don't want to make this
16 an exhibit, but this big sheet?
17 A. Right.
18 Q. And it's my understanding that as an
19 operator performs the tasks, the tasks that are on
20 this sheet are up there for the operator to perform;
21 is that correct?
22 A. That's the schedule which they're planned to
23 do so, yes.
24 Q. And generally St. Joe operates its turbines
25 pursuant to its schedule; is that correct?

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1 A. Again, that's an operating department
2 question. I don't want to -- I'm not exactly sure how
3 they use those schedules, but that's my understanding,
4 that that is the schedule and the plan that they
5 follow.
6 Q. Okay. And it's your testimony that the DC
7 oil pump was not tested on June 5th per that schedule;
8 is that correct?
9 A. That's what the schedule indicates.
10 Q. Why should it have been tested at that time?
11 A. Well, at some point in time someone in the
12 operating department determined that that is a test
13 that should be done on a weekly basis and that that's
14 the shift and time that they wanted to do it.
15 Q. And so it's standard St. Joe Light & Power
16 operating procedure to test the operation of the DC
17 oil pump at least on a weekly basis?
18 A. Again, that's my understanding. I'm not in
19 the operating department, but that's my understanding.
20 Q. How did you come about that understanding?
21 A. Basically because they have it on their
22 schedule. Basically, I'm -- you know, as I said from
23 the outset, I was the collector of information, and I
24 don't want to, you know, jump to false conclusions
25 about that.

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1 Q. But in collecting that information, you
2 talked to the individuals who were responsible, did
3 you not, for setting up that schedule? You talked to
4 the operations people?
5 A. I talked to Mark Phillips about that
6 particular occasion.
7 Q. And Mark Phillips is in the operations
8 department; is that correct?
9 A. Yes.
10 Q. And he would be the individual responsible
11 for following those schedules or making sure that the
12 employees under him followed those schedules; is that
13 correct?
14 A. Yes.
15 Q. And he indicated to you that, contrary to
16 the schedule on June 5th, the DC oil pump was not
17 tested; is that correct?
18 A. I guess the point I'm trying to make is that
19 that's what the schedule shows, but as far as what the
20 operating superintendent has indicated to his
21 supervisors, you know, this needs to be done every
22 week, we do it if we can, I don't know the operating
23 guidelines those people work under.
24 What I was looking for was, was there any
25 evidence that the test was done in this particular

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1 week. Okay. That's what I'm trying to --
2 Q. And on that operating schedule, it indicated
3 that the DC oil pump should have been tested on 6/5;
4 is that correct?
5 A. Again, you're saying it should have been.
6 I'm saying I don't know that it should have been. I
7 know that it's scheduled to happen then, and I don't
8 want to -- you know, if I were the operating
9 superintendent, I could clarify what the instructions
10 are regarding getting that work done.
11 Q. So I should talk to the operating
12 superintendent? I should talk to Mr. Phillips to
13 figure that out?
14 A. He's an operating -- he's a shift
15 supervisor.
16 Q. Who should I talk to to determine whether or
17 not that should have been done per operations?
18 A. Mr. Jim Parker is the operating
19 superintendent.
20 Q. Did you get any indication from Mr. Parker
21 that that should have been done?
22 A. You know, I don't remember what our
23 discussions were exactly. I asked him -- actually, I
24 got the schedule sheet from him, but as far as what
25 his instructions are to his people, I don't know. We

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1 didn't discuss that.
2 Q. Do you know whether or not the DC oil pump
3 was tested prior to June 2nd?
4 A. Yes, it was tested prior to June 2nd.
5 Q. And why did it need testing?
6 A. Well, the primary reason it was tested prior
7 to, and I'm talking immediately prior to June 2nd, was
8 that we had moved wiring that related to not only the
9 DC oil pump but the AC oil pumps and other motors and
10 we had to verify that things were landed back
11 correctly, wired back up correctly, and that things
12 would operate as designed by GE in the retrofit.
13 Q. On the second page of that document JM-10
14 under the date 6/13/2000, the second bullet point
15 indicates, Met with Jim White of Bently Nevada. Who
16 is Jim White?
17 A. He's a service technician. I do not know
18 what his background is as far as whether he's a
19 technician or engineer. He came in to assess the
20 damage to the Bently Nevada equipment, that's all the
21 vibration and turbine supervisor instruments that were
22 installed with the Mark V, and to, I guess, outline --
23 not outline, but determine which components needed to
24 be replaced due to the incident so that we could get
25 that equipment ordered, on site and installed.

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1 Q. So the role of Bently Nevada was to
2 determine what parts of equipment they provided were
3 damaged due to the explosion and fire on June 7, 2000;
4 is that correct?
5 A. Yes.
6 Q. Did Bently Nevada provide any documents or
7 report to St. Joe Light & Power related to its
8 investigation?
9 A. They provided a list of parts.
10 Q. Did you provide that list of parts to the
11 Office of the Public Counsel?
12 A. No. Again, that was required for repairs.
13 Q. Okay. What kind of data request should I
14 ask you to get copies of those documents?
15 A. I guess ask for the documents related to the
16 repairs. I mean, that's going to be -- you know, it's
17 a sheet of paper out of many for a lot of parts that
18 were needed to repair the unit. It's very voluminous.
19 Q. Did they provide you with any other written
20 documents other than a sheet of parts needed to
21 replace as a result of the incident?
22 A. Well, sitting here right now, I'm not aware
23 of any, but basically they were brought in as part of
24 the repair effort, and the only input they had on the
25 incident was when I met with Jim on that day and we

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1 discussed it. So I don't know if there was anything
2 else other than a list of parts.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. I guess while I'm thinking about it, I'd
5 like to mention about this particular document here, I
6 mean, these are my personal notes of things I did
7 through the course of the investigation, and you're
8 going to find that there's going to be something I say
9 at one point in time and I contradict it later. I
10 mean, it's just -- it's just my notes I guess is what
11 I'm saying.

12 Q. Let me ask you this while we're here. These
13 are marked highly confidential. Is there any reason
14 this should be highly confidential?

15 A. Just the fact that they're my personal notes
16 that I never thought would be brought out in this type
17 of environment, but no. I mean, I don't know of any
18 reason right now, but there's several pages here, but
19 I don't believe I say anything that's proprietary or
20 confidential.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. But, you know, it's just a personal thing.

23 Q. Let me ask you this. Did you provide these
24 notes to anybody else within St. Joe?

25 A. Actually, I don't believe -- not other than

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1 trend over time, whether it's going up or down or
2 changing.

3 Q. So this indicates that, based on your review
4 of that information, that the operators did not open
5 the dump valves; is that correct?

6 A. I'm just saying that I didn't see -- didn't
7 see a drop that would indicate that they did that. I
8 couldn't see any evidence on the trend that said they
9 did that, that's true.

10 Q. And you would expect to see that in this
11 trend analysis that you did?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. I'm looking at the bullet point, I guess the
14 fifth bullet point under 6/14 there. It says, Found
15 HMI screen with trips. Did not show that vibration
16 trip was, quote, active, close quote.

17 And I guess my first question is, what is an
18 HMI screen?

19 A. It used to be an MMI, man machine interface.
20 Then we got more politically correct, and now it's a
21 human machine interface. But basically it's a
22 personal computer that the operators use to interface
23 with the Mark V control system.

24 Q. Okay. And could you describe the
25 significance of the vibration trip not being, quote,

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1 when they were submitted in response to a data request
2 and then whoever looks at the data request would see
3 them.

4 Q. Okay. Let me ask you, I'm still focusing on
5 that second page, the 6/13, the fourth bullet there.
6 It says, Reviewed hydraulic pressure trend. Did not
7 see a sudden drop to indicate hydraulic oil bypass
8 valve opening by operators. Could you explain that to
9 me?

10 A. Well, I was trying to put together the
11 sequence of events of what happened that day, and the
12 operators said they opened what they call the dump
13 valve, which is the hydraulic system bypass. And I
14 was looking at the pressure trend to see could I see a
15 point where it dropped off suddenly in response to
16 that, and at that point in time I did not see anything
17 that would indicate that.

18 Q. And when you say you looked at this pressure
19 trend, does that mean that there's some instrument or
20 some internal instruments within the computer system
21 that controls this that would give you a printout of,
22 for example, the hydraulic pressure trend?

23 A. Yes. It's in the DCS, it records one -- for
24 most analog signals in the system, it records a data
25 point once per minute that you can chart and see a

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1 active, close quote?

2 A. Okay. There's a particular screen that
3 shows all of the trips that the Mark V monitors or
4 will trip the unit. Okay. And when you're not in a
5 trip condition, they'll show green, and when a
6 particular situation is in a trip condition, it'll
7 show red.

8 Okay. Some of these control systems have
9 what is called a first out indication, which will kind
10 of lock in on the situation at the time of the trip.
11 And since the vibration trip -- and it'll hold it.
12 It'll hold it until you reset the turbine. Well, we
13 didn't reset the turbine. And I went and I looked at
14 that screen and it didn't show the vibration, but we
15 had a vibration trip.

16 And it shows up later on in these notes that
17 the reason that was is because this isn't a first out
18 screen that locks in. This just shows the current
19 state, and obviously with the turbine sitting still
20 it's not vibrating. So as soon as the vibrations got
21 down below trip level, it went back to green.

22 Q. And what do you mean by the term active?

23 A. Well, it wasn't red.

24 Q. Okay. So when you looked at that time, it
25 was green?

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1 A. Right. The vibration trip bar was green.
2 Q. The bullet right under there, it says,
3 Confirmed that DCS console trip and manual trip on M5
4 printout were same event. Somebody pushed DCS console
5 turbine trip push buttons.
6 A. Right.
7 Q. A couple questions there that I need to
8 understand. What are the DCS console trip and manual
9 trip? What does that mean on the M5 printout?
10 A. Okay. The DCS has three consoles that the
11 operators use to interface with it. Two of those
12 consoles each have two screens. There's three
13 20-some-inch screens and one full-size, 43-inch or
14 whatever television which kind of hangs from the
15 ceiling.
16 There's a third console which has turbine
17 trip push buttons on it, and they're a hard wired trip
18 that the operator can initiate a trip and shut the
19 turbine down immediately. In addition to all the
20 sensing and monitoring that the Mark V is doing, it's
21 a point where the operator can intervene and say, I
22 need to shut the machines down and push these buttons.
23 So that's what the DCS console trip means.
24 Okay. When I say that, I'm referring to those two
25 buttons, and there's two there that you have to push

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1 A. That means it doesn't require any software
2 logic. It just goes out and it dumps the hydraulic
3 fluid and it trips the turbine immediately.
4 Q. Do you know who pushed those two buttons on
5 June 7th?
6 A. I'd have to look and confirm. I believe it
7 was Dave Rehm who's the head operator. It may show up
8 later on. He was the head operator who was in
9 control.
10 Q. Okay. On page 3, I guess we're getting
11 there right now, and I'm looking under the first
12 bullet there on June 20. It says, Jim Parker verified
13 with Dave Rehm, that's R-e-h-m, that he pushed the
14 turbine trip on DC console as shown on Mark V
15 printout. Also, Dave believes DCS DC pump control
16 station was in, quote, local, close quote, at time of
17 the incident.
18 Could you just explain that bullet to me?
19 A. Okay. Well, the first half -- well, there's
20 two points under that. The first is that I evidently
21 talked to Jim and said -- indicated to him that it
22 appeared that somebody had pressed those push buttons
23 that we've just talked about, and he talked to his
24 head operator, who was Dave Rehm, and he said that he
25 indeed did it.

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1 at the same time so you don't do it by mistake.
2 That's what I referred to by that.
3 The manual trip on the M5, and M5 is short
4 for Mark V, were the same event. The manual trip
5 is -- well, I looked at the Mark V printout and it had
6 a manual trip. Okay. So what we probably did on the
7 14th of June is somebody went up there and pushed
8 those buttons and we looked and said, It printed out
9 the same thing that was printed out on the day of the
10 incident.
11 So that's just making sure that that manual
12 trip that the Mark V printed out was indeed the
13 operator pushing those buttons. That's all.
14 Q. And you say somebody pushed the DCS console
15 turbine trip push buttons. Are you talking about on
16 June 7th they did that?
17 A. Yes.
18 Q. And why would they do that?
19 A. Well, speculating, I mean, all I was doing
20 was saying somebody did it. I was collecting
21 information. They were trying to shut down the unit
22 or make sure that it was tripped.
23 Q. And you said in response to one of my
24 questions that when you pushed those two buttons
25 together, it's a hard wire trip. What does that mean?

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1 He must have also asked Dave about the
2 status of the DC pump control station, and Dave said
3 he believed that it was in local at the time of the
4 incident.
5 Q. And please explain to me the significance of
6 the DC pump control station being in, quote, local,
7 close quote, at the time of the incident.
8 A. The DCS control station had three operating
9 modes. One was start, okay, which is a forced on
10 condition by the operator. The second position is an
11 automatic position or mode, and then the third was
12 what was called local, and that really is an off
13 condition at the time of the incident.
14 When General Electric made the changes to
15 the DC control logic, that local -- that local switch
16 was removed. Basically, when the operator said it was
17 in local, that meant that the control switch outside
18 of the DCS had control. So after that switch was
19 gone, that local was basically off.
20 Q. So when the DC oil pump was in the local
21 position at the time of the explosion on June 7th,
22 that meant that the DC oil pump was off, is that
23 correct?
24 A. Not only was it in the auto position, it
25 would have been off also, but yes, it basically was

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1 off and was not going to come on on automatic.
2 Q. So even if it had been in the automatic
3 position it would not have come on?
4 A. No. It would have.
5 Q. But it was in the local position, which is
6 synonymous with off, is that correct?
7 A. Yes.
8 Q. And how did it get into the local position?
9 A. Somebody put it in local position.
10 Q. And that would have been an employee of
11 St. Joe Light & Power that did that?
12 A. Yes. More than likely, yes, it would have
13 been.
14 Q. At the time of the June 7th incident, should
15 the DC oil pump been -- should it have been in the
16 local position?
17 A. It should have been in the automatic
18 position.
19 Q. It should not have been in the local
20 position?
21 A. True.
22 Q. Okay. And what position should it have been
23 in?
24 A. It should have been in the automatic
25 position.

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1 Q. Going down to the June 21, 2000 bullet there
2 on page 3, it indicates that John Mitchell gathered
3 information for the root cause analysis for GE; is
4 that correct?
5 A. Yes.
6 Q. Did GE indeed conduct a root cause analysis?
7 A. Well, that's the -- I think our Exhibit 2
8 today.
9 Q. Okay. So Exhibit 2 is the root cause
10 analysis conducted by General Electric; is that
11 correct?
12 A. Let's see. Mr. Mitchell says it was
13 expected that this report will be used in the root
14 cause analysis for this -- of this forced outage
15 incident which involved a hydrogen explosion and oil
16 fire. So I don't know that GE is considering this
17 report its root cause analysis or if it's planning to
18 do further work.
19 Q. Who would know that?
20 A. General Electric.
21 Q. Okay. And you were just referring to JM-2,
22 is that correct, when you just responded to me?
23 A. Yes.
24 Q. Are you aware of any other root cause
25 analysis reports prepared and provided to SJL&P with

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1 regard to the incident of June 7th other than this?
2 A. No. Other than, I was going to say,
3 Mr. Byrd's short report that we already discussed and
4 Mr. Pisoni's letter.
5 Q. Focusing on the 6/21/2000 still there and
6 the fourth bullet point, you have a set of questions
7 and answers.
8 A. Yes.
9 Q. Who was asking those questions and who was
10 giving those answers?
11 A. Mr. Mitchell was asking the questions and
12 I'm providing the answers.
13 Q. And just take me through those -- each of
14 those questions and answers. I take it he asked you
15 why the DC oil pump did not start and you responded
16 you were looking into it, correct?
17 A. Yes. I mean, and this is, of course, a
18 summarized discussion as I recalled it a short time
19 later.
20 Q. Sure.
21 A. But yeah, he asked me if we knew why the DC
22 pumps didn't start, and, of course, this is only -- I
23 guess it's two weeks later, so we were still looking
24 into and I was still trying to gather some
25 information. I said we were looking into it.

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1 Was it related to the Mark V installation?
2 Yes, I believed it was related to the installation.
3 Q. How was it related to the installation, the
4 Mark V?
5 A. Well --
6 Q. Let's just take these questions one at a
7 time.
8 A. Okay. Basically, General Electric was hired
9 to supply the Mark V control system, to do the control
10 engineering, to do the construction and installation
11 engineering, and to oversee the installation and
12 startup of the system.
13 Okay. And due to their changes that -- due
14 to the changes that General Electric made in the
15 design of the controls and how they implemented those
16 controls, we lost -- we lost reliability. We lost
17 some robustness of our controls, and, in fact, their
18 changes created a trap for the operators.
19 And so I indicated to him that the Mark V
20 system changes that they had done contributed to the
21 incident.
22 Q. When you say that the Mark V controls
23 affected reliability, how did they affect reliability?
24 A. Well, the parallel path we talked about
25 earlier, the DCS and the hard wire control switch --

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1 Q. The pistol grips?

2 A. The pistol grip. The pistol grip switch was
3 removed, and the only -- the other control mode
4 through the DCS was what the operators needed to use,
5 and that was not properly reviewed by GE in making
6 their design changes. So because we went from a more
7 reliable to a less reliable system, it resulted in the
8 incident.

9 Q. Was St. Joe Light & Power aware at the time
10 the Mark V system was put in that they were going from
11 a less -- from a more reliable to a less reliable
12 system?

13 A. No, we had no idea that we were going to a
14 less reliable system.

15 Q. So when the pistol grips came down, St. Joe
16 Light & Power was not aware that that took away a
17 second opportunity or took away the parallel path to
18 take care of this problem; is that your testimony?

19 A. Well, clearly we were aware that a parallel
20 control path was removed, but every -- say nearly
21 every motor in the power plant is controlled through
22 the DCS through a multi-state device driver just like
23 this DC oil pump was going to be controlled.

24 We also ran through a series of tests on the
25 lube oil pumps prior to starting it up after the

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1 were -- that they could operate as they believed the
2 equipment would have operated as intended, I guess.

3 Because the system was not reviewed, this
4 particular situation in that the DC oil pump control
5 did not return to auto as described in Mr. Svuba's
6 testimony, how it was different created a situation
7 which the operators believed that they would stop that
8 pump and it would automatically go back to the auto
9 position. It didn't work that way.

10 And what I'm saying is that the proper
11 operation of the DC oil pump controls, whether it's
12 pistol grip or whether it's in DCS, is when you shut
13 that off it should return to auto. That pistol grip
14 switch was removed and the DCS logic was not reviewed,
15 to my knowledge, to determine whether it would operate
16 correctly --

17 Q. Did --

18 A. -- with those modifications being made.

19 Q. Did anyone from St. Joe Light & Power review
20 the DCS logic to determine whether or not it would
21 return to auto, the DC oil pump would return to auto?

22 A. No. We hired General Electric to perform
23 those functions. It clearly states on the purchase
24 order what their responsibility was.

25 Q. If the operators lost the ability to utilize

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1 Mark V changes to verify that the pump did operate as
2 GE intended.

3 So clearly if we felt that we were getting
4 into a situation where we were less reliable, we
5 wouldn't have proceeded. There's times when a
6 parallel control path can be the trap. I mean, you
7 can come up with situations where removing the hard
8 wired path might make you more reliable.

9 Q. Okay. At the time the pistol grips came
10 down with the installation of the Mark V control unit,
11 did any personnel from St. Joe Power & Light question
12 General Electric about the removal of the pistol grips
13 controls, pistol grip controls?

14 A. I don't believe so, no. I mean, I think we
15 had an understanding about how the change was going to
16 be -- was going to happen.

17 Q. I think you also said that the design by GE
18 created what you termed as traps for your operators.
19 Could you describe those traps?

20 A. Well, the operators were put into a
21 situation where the control logic in this particular
22 situation, in this critical application, was
23 different, and the design engineers should have looked
24 at that situation that was going to result from the
25 changes they had made and make sure that the operators

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1 the pistol grips, the parallel path that we were
2 talking about, why didn't they question General
3 Electric about that when the pistol grip controls came
4 down?

5 MR. DUFFY: Objection. Calls for
6 speculation about the thought process of their
7 employees.

8 Go ahead and answer to the extent you can.

9 THE WITNESS: Again, as I said, the -- and
10 again, I'm speculating here, putting myself in the

11 place of an operator. But for the last five years
12 I've had ability to control that -- me being the
13 operator now, I had the ability to control this at the
14 hard wired switch or I could control it from the DCS.
15 That switch has gone away. I know that I can control
16 all these other motors from the DCS. It's going to
17 work the same way. So it doesn't have a problem with
18 it.

19 BY MR. MICHEEL:

20 Q. Let's go back to --

21 MR. DUFFY: Were you finished with your
22 answer, Mr. Modlin?

23 THE WITNESS: Yes. I'm sorry.

24 BY MR. MICHEEL:

25 Q. Sorry if you cut you off. Your second

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1 question there is, Was functional testing done on pump
2 before startup? Answer: Yes, it -- yes, I performed
3 it and it operated as designed. Could you explain
4 that to me?

5 A. What I'm saying there is that I was present,
6 along with GE startup engineers, when we checked the
7 operation of that pump in automatic. Basically, the
8 operator put that pump in automatic and we stopped the
9 AC oil pumps, pulled the breaker on the second one and
10 the DC pump started, which was how it should have
11 operated.

12 So basically what I'm saying there is the
13 way GE designed it to work, we, we being the startup
14 engineer and myself and St. Joe Light & Power
15 personnel, tested it and it did work the way GE
16 designed it.

17 Q. It did work the way GE designed it?

18 A. Right.

19 Q. And that's when it was in the automatic
20 position; is that correct?

21 A. Right.

22 Q. And I think you've testified earlier that
23 when it was in the local position, the pump was off;
24 is that correct?

25 A. That's true.

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1 Q. And is that consistent with the way GE
2 designed the system to work, that when it's in logic
3 it's off -- or local, excuse me, it's off?

4 A. Yes. I mean, that's the way it would work
5 after the GE modifications. GE did not go in and
6 design the system to be that way. They failed to
7 investigate what would be the result of changes they
8 made.

9 Q. Okay. But you would agree with me that if
10 the DCS logic had been in the automatic mode, the
11 pumps, the DC pump would have come on?

12 A. Right. And that's what we verified when we
13 did that functional test.

14 Q. The flip side is, when the DC control is in
15 logic, the pump is off -- or local. Excuse me.
16 Local, it's off?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And that's the way the software was designed
19 to work?

20 A. Well, when the software design was designed,
21 there was a local control switch there.

22 Q. And that's the pistol grips?

23 A. That's the pistol grip.

24 Q. And those came down?

25 A. The pistol grip switch was removed.

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1 Q. Your final question there, Did the Mark V
2 control the motor? Answer: No. Explain that to me.

3 A. Depending upon the extent of a Mark V
4 retrofit and the particular plant that is doing it and
5 their decisions, you may do motor control from the
6 Mark V just like you do motor control from the Bailey.

7 So what he was asking because he wasn't
8 familiar is, Are you doing motor control with the
9 Mark V and were you controlling this DC pump? In
10 other words, was the Mark V doing what the Bailey was
11 doing? And I said no, the Bailey was doing the motor
12 control, not the Mark V.

13 Q. Turn to page 4, and I guess I'm looking at
14 6/22/2000. It says you had a discussion, the third
15 bullet point there, with John Mitchell of GE, and
16 during the course of the conversation he asked whether
17 I knew of any fault on the part of GE that contributed
18 to the accident. I said that, yes, there appeared to
19 be contributing factors. He asked for more
20 information, but I said I wasn't sure I had the okay
21 to elaborate at this time. Is that correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Other than the design faults that we've
24 already talked about, were there any other faults that
25 you're referring to there on behalf of GE?

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1 A. That's the -- that's the only fault that I
2 can think of that contributed to the accident. The
3 reason I hesitated there is because they didn't do a
4 very good job throughout the project.

5 Q. When you say they didn't do a very good job
6 throughout the project, what do you mean? What didn't
7 they do throughout the project?

8 A. We had several different project engineers
9 on the project, very little continuity. We had three
10 startup engineers instead of -- you normally would
11 have one. So there was a lot of starting and stopping
12 and lack of continuity on GE's part.

13 MR. MICHEEL: Do we need to take a little
14 break?

15 THE WITNESS: I'd appreciate it.

16 (A BREAK WAS TAKEN.)

17 BY MR. MICHEEL:

18 Q. Okay. I guess I was talking to you about
19 the --

20 A. Doug?

21 Q. Yes, sir.

22 A. It's been pointed out that I may have agreed
23 with something you said that I didn't mean to earlier,
24 and so I wanted to clarify.

25 When we were talking about the hydraulic oil

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1 trends, okay, and I think you asked something to
2 whether or not that since I didn't see a sudden drop
3 that means the operators didn't do it.
4 Q. Yes, sir.
5 A. And I didn't mean to say that they didn't do
6 it. I just meant that I didn't see any indication
7 that they had done it, but I have no reason to doubt
8 that they did do that control action, but I didn't see
9 any evidence in my hydraulic pressure trend that they
10 did.
11 Q. Right. When you reviewed the computer
12 printout with respect to the hydraulic pressure, that
13 computer printout to you, based on your review of it,
14 did not indicate that that was done?
15 A. Correct. That's what that showed.
16 Q. Fair enough. I guess I'm still on page 4 of
17 8.
18 A. Okay.
19 Q. And I'm looking at the last bullet point
20 there under 6/23. It indicates that you discussed it
21 with DVS, and why don't you just tell me who DVS is?
22 A. That's Dwight Svuba.
23 Q. And I guess this says that, He told me there
24 was to be a free flow of information and that included
25 telling John how GE's design and installation

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1 engineering contributed to the incident. Therefore, I
2 gave John a summary review of GE's poor performance
3 during the project and explained how they'd overlooked
4 the impact of removing the oil pump control switch,
5 explained that GE's installation package was not
6 delivered until we got into the outage and that
7 resulted in insufficient time for proper SJL&P
8 engineering review. Is that correct?
9 A. Yes, that's what it says.
10 Q. And I guess my question to you is, is it
11 correct that St. Joe Light & Power did not have the
12 proper amount of time to do an appropriate engineering
13 review of these changes?
14 A. I guess what I'd like to say there is that
15 when we installed the system, we had a larger number
16 of field changes that had to be made because we didn't
17 have time to review the drawings in advance, that when
18 we started the unit up, we did not believe that we
19 were under any risk of something like this occurring,
20 that there were any problems that were out there
21 because we didn't have adequate time to review.
22 However, normally a project like this you
23 get the drawings a couple months ahead of time and you
24 have time to sit down and review and you find
25 problems, and if GE had met their schedule, there's a

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1 better chance that this could have -- this problem,
2 this what they overlooked could have been found.
3 Q. So in other words, if I understand what
4 you're saying, you didn't -- you, being St. Joe Light
5 & Power engineering, didn't have enough time to review
6 the drawings of General Electric to find out these
7 traps that we talked about for your operators?
8 A. I would have to agree, yes, that we didn't
9 have time ahead of time and that we were in the outage
10 and so we were limited to what we could look at.
11 Q. And so the cause of that, I think you said,
12 was you had three GE startup engineers, they didn't
13 get you the drawings on time and things like that, is
14 that correct?
15 A. Yes.
16 Q. When did St. Joe Light & Power receive the
17 drawings, the engineering drawings?
18 A. I want to say that it was about May, May 5th
19 or 6th.
20 Q. And when -- I think you had indicated that
21 GE had agreed to get them to you sooner than that.
22 When were you, you being St. Joe Light & Power, when
23 was St. Joe Light & Power supposed to get those
24 engineering drawings?
25 A. The first draft was supposed to be to us the

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1 middle of March.
2 Q. So GE was, let's make it three months behind
3 approximately on getting you the drawings?
4 A. It's not three months. It's more like a
5 month and three weeks.
6 Q. Let me ask you this. Why didn't St. Joe
7 Light & Power alter the outage schedule so it had time
8 to review these drawings to make sure that you could
9 do a sufficient, you being St. Joe Light & Power,
10 sufficient engineering review?
11 A. As I indicated, we did, quote, review in the
12 process of installing the system. In other words, we
13 found problems that would have been found during the
14 initial review. As we did the functional checkout and
15 tested equipment, we found problems.
16 Okay. We knew going into the outage -- or I
17 say we knew, but we wouldn't be surprised that for
18 some reason the outage may be extended because GE's
19 engineering package was late, but that we would have
20 to go through a process during the outage to check it
21 out and find problems, you know, that may have been
22 overlooked.
23 So I guess what I'm saying is, should we
24 have stopped and postponed the outage, no. We just
25 knew that, Hey, there's going to be problems we're

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1 going to find in the course of installation that
2 hopefully we would have found earlier if we had the
3 drawings.

4 Q. Is there any reason why you couldn't extend?
5 I mean, it was my understanding from your earlier
6 testimony that this unit came back on line within the
7 scheduled time for the scheduled outage; is that
8 correct?

9 A. That is correct.

10 Q. Was there anything preventing St. Joe
11 Light & Power from extending the outage to give its
12 engineering folks appropriate time to review these
13 drawings?

14 A. I guess what I'm saying is we spent the
15 hours, we spent the time during the outage to get to
16 the point where we were comfortable starting the unit
17 up.

18 Q. So your statement here that it resulted in
19 insufficient time for proper St. Joe Light & Power
20 engineering review is incorrect?

21 A. Well, like I said, these are my personal
22 notes that I didn't -- you know, what I was thinking
23 at the time. What we did not have is time prior to
24 the outage to sit down with the drawings, to go
25 through with them, you know, mark them up, send them

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1 A. Well, there was the installation cost,
2 No. 1. We had to relocate cables, worked additional
3 overtime by the contractor to adapt to changes that
4 needed to be made in the field. I mean, is that
5 answering your question? I'm not sure I --

6 Q. What I'm trying to understand here,
7 Mr. Modlin, is you state one of the contributing
8 factors was insufficient time for proper St. Joe
9 Light & Power engineering review; is that correct?
10 That's a contributing factor?

11 A. I believe you're referring to the one-page
12 summary of possible contributing factors that I've
13 provided.

14 Q. I'm referring to your statement on the top
15 of page 5 of this memo. It says, I explained that
16 GE's installation package was not delivered until we
17 were into the outage and that resulted in insufficient
18 time for proper SJLP engineering review.

19 A. Okay.

20 Q. Is that correct?

21 A. That is what I wrote on June 25th. Okay.
22 And what I have tried to clarify for you is that the
23 normal amount of time for review prior to the
24 beginning of an outage was not available because of
25 delays by General Electric.

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1 back to GE and look for problems such as we had.
2 So that time that we would have had ahead of
3 time was compressed into the outage, and it took more
4 hours and we had to redo certain pieces of work in the
5 field because of changes that had to be made.

6 Q. Was there anything that prevented St. Joe
7 Light & Power from extending the scheduled outage?

8 A. No. I mean, I'm speculating there because
9 there's a whole -- I mean, you've got generation costs
10 and availability of power and status of other units.
11 I'd be speculating whether or not that would have been
12 the right decision.

13 Q. So it's your testimony that at the time the
14 unit went back on line on June 2nd, that St. Joe
15 Light & Power felt comfortable with putting that unit
16 back into operation?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Even though there was insufficient time for
19 your engineering review?

20 A. Like I said, there was not time for the
21 normal process of review prior to the outage.

22 Q. Let me ask you this. If you felt
23 comfortable at the time you put the unit back into
24 operation June 2nd, what impact did the delays of GE
25 have at all on this event?

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1 Okay. What I'm trying to tell you is that
2 we did the review during the installation and started
3 up, and we would not have started the unit up if we
4 felt there was any risk of something like what
5 happened on June 7th occurring due to lack of time in
6 engineering review or installation. Okay. From an
7 engineering point of view, we did not feel that there
8 was a risk in starting the unit up.

9 Q. So from an engineering point of view,
10 St. Joe Light & Power did not feel that there was a
11 chance for an event like what occurred on June 7th,
12 2000 to occur?

13 A. That's true.

14 Q. In that same sentence there you say the
15 installation package. Is that the installation
16 package just for the Mark V or does that also relate
17 to the exciter?

18 A. The exciter was completely turnkey by
19 General Electric. So this is just for the Mark V.

20 Q. So is it your testimony that if they had
21 gotten you the installation drawings and the package
22 on the March 5 time frame when they were supposed to
23 get it to you, they being General Electric, that that
24 would have been sufficient time to review those?

25 A. It would have been longer time. What do

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1 you --

2 Q. Well, I mean, you used the word insufficient
3 time for proper SJLP engineering review.

4 A. You have to remember that I wasn't writing
5 testimony. I was writing personal notes to keep track
6 of my conversations.

7 Q. And what I'm asking you, Mr. Modlin, is, in
8 your personal opinion, do you believe that there was
9 insufficient time for proper SJLP engineering review?

10 A. I'm going to say again that it was not the
11 normal process, not the normal amount of time, and
12 that we felt that the review that was done in the
13 process of installation was adequate.

14 Q. So I guess then GE being late meant that
15 St. Joe had to work harder and quicker, but it had no
16 impact in the end?

17 A. That would be speculation.

18 MR. DUFFY: It's a compound question, Doug.
19 If you want to say did St. Joe have to work harder and
20 quicker, that's one thing, and then you threw in had
21 no impact in the end. Obviously there was some kind
22 of an impact there. So if you want to rephrase the
23 question, try again.

24 BY MR. MICHEEL:

25 Q. I guess I asked you this. Was there any

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1 understand all of the controls if they were operating
2 the generating unit. I mean, I wouldn't certainly --
3 let me ask you that. Did St. Joe Light & Power
4 understand -- at the time it put the Unit 4/6 back on
5 line on June 2nd, did it understand how the new Mark V
6 controls operated?

7 MR. DUFFY: I have to object to the form of
8 that question. That somehow indicates that St. Joseph
9 Light & Power has a brain and therefore understands
10 something. You're asking this witness to speculate
11 what may have been the understanding of a myriad of
12 people. I just don't think it's an appropriate
13 question the way you formed it.

14 BY MR. MICHEEL:

15 Q. Let me rephrase it. Would St. Joe Light &
16 Power restart a generator if its operators didn't
17 understand how to operate that generator?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Would any prudent company -- or let me just
20 leave that alone.

21 Let me go to page 5 of this document. I'm
22 looking at the first bullet on top there that says,
23 John Mitchell and I discussed John's draft report.
24 And that's John Mitchell from General Electric; is
25 that correct?

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1 compulsion to place Unit 4/6 in operation on June 2nd?

2 A. Compulsion? The General Electric startup
3 engineer was on site performing all the checks that
4 they felt necessary to start the unit up. All other
5 phases of the outage were done. The boiler was done.
6 Other plant equipment was done. Basically, we were
7 working with General Electric under their direction to
8 check out the Mark V control system and put it on as
9 soon as it was ready to be put on.

10 Q. So St. Joe Light & Power felt that the unit
11 was ready to be put on line on June 2nd, 2000?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And St. Joe Light & Power felt comfortable
14 with the new Mark V controls and how those controls
15 worked on June 2nd, 2000 when they put that unit back
16 on line?

17 A. To the extent that they were checked out and
18 shown to operate properly, yes.

19 Q. And St. Joe Light & Power when the Unit 4/6
20 went back on line on June 2nd understood how those new
21 controls operated and controlled the system; is that
22 correct?

23 A. That's a pretty broad statement. Can you
24 give me a specific example of --

25 Q. Well, I would assume that they would

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What draft report is that referring to?

3 A. That is a draft of what is Exhibit 2 today,
4 and he did not leave a copy with us. We read over it
5 and we clarified it. He took it. I didn't have a
6 copy to give you before today.

7 Q. What were the nature of your discussions
8 with regard to that draft report?

9 A. Well, I'd have to sit down and go through
10 his report and then try to recall. Basically, we
11 talked about the sequence of events and if I was in
12 general agreement with what he saw and if I saw
13 anything that was incorrect, just a quick review and
14 say, Yeah, I agreed.

15 Q. Did you see anything in that draft report
16 that you did not agree with?

17 A. Not at that time. Like I say, on this
18 review today, I think there's a couple minor points
19 that may not quite be exactly right, but I couldn't
20 point them out to you right now. I'd have to pull it
21 up and read through it to see what it was. They're
22 not significant.

23 Q. Okay. So any of the points that you don't
24 think are correct on JM-2, they're not significant
25 points; is that your testimony?

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1 A. Let me review JM-2 and I will correct
2 anything in St. Joseph Light & Power's perspective, if
3 you'll agree to that.
4 Q. That's fair enough. This bullet point says
5 you talked about the alleged stop valve failure.
6 A. Uh-huh.
7 Q. What was GE's role in the, quote, stop valve
8 failure, close quote?
9 A. Grammatically I'm probably incorrect here.
10 You read that last sentence and it sounds like I'm
11 speaking of the stop valve failure, but actually I'm
12 talking about the role in -- GE's role in the incident
13 in the DC oil pump not starting. So it's the failure
14 of the DC pump to start, not the stop valve failure.
15 Q. And what was -- so we're not talking about a
16 stop valve failure here, it should be the DC oil
17 pump's failure to start?
18 A. Right.
19 Q. And what was -- have we gone over what GE's
20 role was in that?
21 A. Yes.
22 Q. And what was that?
23 A. That was GE's design failure to review the
24 impact of their control system changes.
25 MR. MICHEEL: Get another document marked.

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1 (EXHIBIT NO. JM-11 WAS MARKED FOR
2 IDENTIFICATION BY THE REPORTER.)
3 BY MR. MICHEEL:
4 Q. This JM-11, it's a one-page document. Did
5 I -- it's a one-page document entitled Turbine
6 Generator 4, June 7, 2000 Incident, Possible
7 Contributing Factors. It's dated July 13th, 2000.
8 Did you author this document?
9 A. Yes, I did.
10 Q. Is this document, is there any reason this
11 document should be highly confidential?
12 A. I don't believe so.
13 Q. Okay. Up at the top of the document, do you
14 see the stamp draft there?
15 A. Yes.
16 Q. Are there any changes that need to be made
17 to this document?
18 A. Yes. It's been updated and provided in
19 response to the data request.
20 Q. What were the changes?
21 MR. DUFFY: Well, are they shown in another
22 document?
23 THE WITNESS: Yes.
24 MR. DUFFY: There's no need to go through
25 all of them.

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1 MR. MICHEEL: Sure.
2 MR. DUFFY: Before you say anything, John,
3 why don't you indicate what the two documents are that
4 you're comparing?
5 THE WITNESS: Okay. Both of these are
6 entitled Turbine Generator 4, June 7th, 2000 Incident,
7 Possible Contributing Factors. Both are marked draft
8 and both are marked highly confidential. In the
9 bottom right-hand corner JM-11 is dated July 13th,
10 2000. The second document is dated September 29,
11 2000, and was provided in response to OPC Data Request
12 No. 5026.
13 BY MR. MICHEEL:
14 Q. Was that provided today at the beginning of
15 this deposition?
16 A. I believe so, but you stated that you'd
17 already had this one, I thought.
18 Q. And what are the differences between those
19 two documents?
20 A. Okay. The second major bullet, fourth
21 sub-bullet, in JM-11 it says, Control station shows
22 local instead of off which is no longer meaningful,
23 and the revised version is, Control station displayed
24 local instead of off which was no longer meaningful
25 after removal of the local, i.e. manual control

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1 switch.
2 Q. And why did you make that change to the
3 second document that you're referring to, the
4 September document?
5 A. Well, it points out that local did have a
6 meaning before and now was no longer meaningful. When
7 you say something is no longer meaningful, it's
8 helpful to clarify why it was meaningful in the past.
9 Q. Okay. What's the next change?
10 A. Under the third sub-bullet -- I'm sorry.
11 Third major bullet and the last sub-bullet, it is
12 regarding an issue we've been discussing. The first
13 draft said inadequate time for company review, and now
14 it says limited time for company review.
15 Q. And why did you make that change?
16 A. Well, for the very reason we've been
17 discussing today. It's not like we did not review it
18 and felt that we were risking anything in starting up
19 the unit, but that the amount of time we had to review
20 the GE changes were limited. Okay.
21 Q. What's the next difference between those two
22 documents?
23 A. The next change is the sixth major bullet,
24 and it's the -- under operation, May 25th to June 7,
25 on JM-11 it says, DC pump breaker may not have been

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1 returned to the normal closed position after opened
2 for hydrogen seal work on about 5/25. And that bullet
3 was removed.

4 Q. And why was that bullet removed?

5 A. Upon review by the operating department at
6 St. Joseph Light & Power, they believed that that DC
7 pump breaker was closed on May 26th after the hydrogen
8 seal work.

9 Q. And what does it mean if the breaker's
10 closed?

11 A. That means that the pump would have had
12 power to operate and the control circuits would have
13 had power to initiate that operation.

14 Q. What's the next difference in these two
15 documents?

16 A. It appears under that same major bullet.
17 Instead of pump -- I'm sorry -- routine check of pump
18 readiness not performed at shift changes, pump
19 readiness less apparent to operators due to removal of
20 the manual switch.

21 Q. And why was that change made?

22 A. Well, in my first draft I was -- I guess I
23 was making the assumption that operators would go
24 through and they would check all those things, and I'm
25 not necessarily sure, since I'm not an operator, that

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1 they do those types of checks at shift changes.

2 But what is obvious and what is more correct
3 is that, due to the lack of the manual control switch,
4 checking that pump readiness is -- the pump readiness
5 is less apparent because it's not a physical switch on
6 the wall. So it's just a -- it's the same idea, but
7 it's more correct.

8 Q. What's the next difference between those two
9 documents?

10 A. Okay. I think the first two bullets on
11 JM-11 are replaced with one larger sub-bullet.

12 Q. When you say the first two bullets --

13 A. I need to tell you where I'm at. Okay.
14 Seven, the vibration trip major bullet, the first two
15 sub-bullets are replaced with one major bullet, and
16 I'll just read what the new -- what the new version
17 says. Bently Nevada/GE testing in August 2000
18 indicates that high indicated vibration was likely a
19 false indication caused by troubleshooting work which
20 was under way by GE/company personnel at the time of
21 trip.

22 And previous, before the testing in August
23 2000, we believe that it was false, but the testing
24 that GE did confirmed that, or GE and Bently Nevada.

25 Q. What's the next item?

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1 A. I guess before we leave that, I say the
2 testing confirmed that that was the cause. I guess
3 there's still further testing that could be done to
4 really verify that the troubleshooting work that was
5 being done really was the cause, but it's really not a
6 question. So what we've done thus far indicates that
7 that work caused vibration, but I hate to say a
8 hundred percent for sure that somebody wouldn't find
9 something different.

10 Okay. July -- on JM-11, under the last
11 major bullet, the first sub-bullet, JM-11 says, DC oil
12 pump did not start. In the more recent version it
13 says, DC oil pump did not run.

14 Q. And why did you make that change?

15 A. I guess it was felt to be more clear. I
16 mean, obviously it didn't start, but if it had
17 started -- I don't know. It was a word change that
18 really is not that significant. It's really saying
19 the same thing. One case it didn't start, the other
20 case it didn't run.

21 MR. MICHEEL: I guess maybe for clarity of
22 the record, Gary, if we could just get a copy of the
23 second one that we're talking about and mark it JM-12.
24 BY MR. MICHEEL:

25 Q. Are there any other changes?

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1 A. No. That's what I was just looking at.

2 Q. Before we get that copied, Gary, let me ask
3 just one question. You said it's not a significant
4 difference between whether or not the item -- the
5 unit, the DC oil pump started or whether the DC oil
6 pump was running. Could you explain why that's not
7 significant?

8 A. Well, if it starts and starts successfully,
9 it will run. Okay. And if it runs, it'll provide
10 oil. Okay. I guess --

11 Q. On June 7th -- let me just ask this. On
12 June 7th at the time of the incident, did the DC oil
13 pump run?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Did the DC oil pump start?

16 A. No, not that -- you know, not that anything
17 that we have shows that it either started or ran.

18 MR. DUFFY: Just so I'm clear, are we just
19 going to make a copy of the one page or are we going
20 to make a copy of --

21 MR. MICHEEL: I think the one page is
22 enough, Gary.

23 (AN OFF-THE-RECORD DISCUSSION WAS HELD.)

24 (EXHIBIT NO. JM-12 WAS MARKED FOR
25 IDENTIFICATION BY THE REPORTER.)

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1 BY MR. MICHEEL:
2 Q. Mr. Modlin, you have before you what's been
3 marked as JM-12?
4 A. Yes.
5 Q. And is that a one-sheet updated version of
6 what was marked as JM-11?
7 A. Yes.
8 Q. Please refer to the first bullet there on
9 JM-12, if you would. Does that indicate that the
10 original system was installed in 1966?
11 A. About 1966.
12 Q. And it says in there that the DC oil pumps
13 serve both as, quote, normal, close quote, and
14 emergency role, paren i.e. no second line of defense,
15 close paren; is that correct?
16 A. That's true.
17 Q. Was it usual not to install a second line of
18 defense?
19 A. I honestly don't know. I don't know how
20 units were designed back in 1966.
21 Q. Well, why did you make that statement then
22 that no second line of defense was installed?
23 A. In discussion with Joe Byrd and John
24 Mitchell and other people as it came to light what
25 happened, it's my understanding that most units have

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1 an alternate AC supply or some other feature that
2 protects the unit from situations such as this before
3 relying on the DC oil pump. DC oil pump is usually
4 the third thing in line, not the second.
5 Q. So this unit only has, if you will, two
6 lines of defense?
7 A. Yes. I mean, it had the old AC pump and
8 then the DC pump and that was it.
9 Q. Referring to the second bullet there, the
10 first sub-bullet, it says, DCS control of DC pump did
11 not, quote, return to auto, close quote, after stop as
12 manual control switch did. Could you explain that to
13 me, what that means?
14 A. When the operator stopped the DC oil pump
15 using the manual control switch, it would return to an
16 automatic position, okay, so that the operator did not
17 have to make a second step, turn it off and then turn
18 it back to automatic.
19 Q. Now, is that prior to the installation of
20 the Mark V?
21 A. Yes.
22 MR. DUFFY: We're talking about the pistol
23 grip at this point?
24 THE WITNESS: Yes, pistol grip switch, and
25 the DCS control did not do that. When they press off,

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1 it stays in the off position.
2 BY MR. MICHEEL:
3 Q. Also known as local?
4 A. Exactly.
5 Q. The second sub-bullet point there, AC pumps
6 did return to auto in DCS, misleading plant personnel
7 to believe DC pump operation was similar. Is that
8 your explanation there, that under the old system with
9 the pistol grips, if it were returned to auto it was
10 on?
11 A. Well, the point there is that the old
12 control -- and they did use pistol grip more than they
13 used DCS. The switch always returned to auto. Okay.
14 When you operate the AC oil pumps in the DCS and you
15 turn them off, they also return to the auto.
16 So that was the mode of operations that the
17 operators were used to seeing for the lube oil pumps,
18 whether they be AC or DC, and the logic in the
19 computer for the DC pump inside the DCS was not that
20 way.
21 Q. And how was it -- how was that logic in the
22 new system constructed?
23 A. You mean after the Mark V change?
24 Q. Yes, sir.
25 A. Okay. Well, when they selected off or

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1 local, it stopped the pump and it would not return to
2 automatic. It stayed off.
3 Q. Third sub-bullet says, No alarm for DC pump
4 in off position. Explain that to me.
5 A. Well, before if the DC pump was in the off
6 position, they would see it visually on the wall. It
7 would get their attention. There was no alarm. There
8 was nothing flashing at the operator saying, Hey, I'm
9 off. Okay. So it was less apparent to them, to the
10 operators, that the pump was off.
11 Q. So they would have had to go into the system
12 logic to check to see that the pump, the DC pump was
13 in the local position or off position?
14 A. When you say the system logic, you made it
15 sound like they have to go into the software.
16 Basically they would hit a button, one of the soft
17 keys, and it would bring up the screen and they could
18 look at it and it would say it was off. So it was not
19 a matter of going into the logic. It's just a matter
20 of checking the screen.
21 Q. Without checking the screen, they wouldn't
22 know whether it was on or off?
23 A. That's true.
24 Q. The fourth sub-bullet there, Control station
25 displayed local instead of off which is no longer

1 meaningful after removal of the, quote, local, i.e.
2 manual control switch. Explain that to me.
3 A. I guess the point there is that local really
4 didn't tell the operator that it was off. It was just
5 in local mode and it no longer means anything. I
6 mean, now it means off, and it didn't say off. It
7 said local. So it would have been more clear to the
8 operator if it just said off.
9 Q. At the time the unit went on line, were the
10 operators aware that local meant off? And I'm talking
11 about the June 2nd when it went on line.
12 A. Yeah. I'd be speculating about what they
13 believed about what that meant.
14 Q. The next bullet there, sub-bullet is, No
15 alarm for loss of pump control power. Explain that.
16 A. Well, similar to two bullets above, if there
17 was an alarm or something to indicate to the operator
18 that, Hey, I didn't have control power, you know, that
19 would be -- make it more apparent to the operator that
20 the DC pump wasn't available.
21 Q. And the final under that second one is, The
22 DC weakness since '95 were not apparent due to
23 continued use of manual switch. Would you explain
24 that to me?
25 A. Well, basically because the parallel path

1 through the manual control switch was there in the
2 past and that switch always returned to auto, it
3 really didn't matter what mode they put the DCS
4 control in, it was going to operate correctly.
5 Q. Okay. So that weakness, the local -- the
6 weakness with the DCS was built into the system in
7 1995, is that what that sub-bullet is saying?
8 A. In 1995 when that system was installed, it
9 did not return to automatic, and that worked at that
10 point in time because there was the parallel control.
11 Now, when GE took out the control switch in their
12 design, they didn't go in and look at the DCS logic
13 and say, Hey, this doesn't work anymore.
14 Q. Please refer to your third bullet there,
15 third major bullet, Mark V installation engineering.
16 How many weeks behind in project engineering was GE?
17 A. Well, there I said several, and basically
18 that refers to the time at which we were supposed to
19 get installation drawings to the time that we did,
20 which was the March, mid March to early May time
21 frame.
22 Q. Second sub-bullet under that is, Multiple
23 lead engineers. How many lead engineers did you have
24 on this project?
25 A. At one point in time I saw five listed down,

1 and I'd have to sit down and go through my notes and
2 write them out by name. But at least three, maybe
3 five.
4 Q. Okay. When you use a term there under that
5 second bullet point, little continuity, what do you
6 mean little continuity?
7 A. Well, each time you bring a new person into
8 a project, they have to start from zero and figure out
9 what the previous man had done, and you can't know
10 every detail about what the prior person did, and so
11 you don't know if something's been overlooked or -- I
12 mean, I guess there's numerous examples where if you
13 bring a person in on the project and they all have the
14 same responsibility at different phases, things are
15 going to suffer because of lack of continuity, and
16 that's what I'm referring to.
17 Q. What, if anything, did St. Joe Light & Power
18 do with respect to all these, the lack of continuity
19 and the change of lead engineers?
20 A. Well, we -- I made several contacts, and I
21 believe I've got some e-mails and phone notes, you
22 know, letting GE know that we're disappointed because
23 they were behind.
24 Q. And have you provided those e-mails to the
25 Office of the Public Counsel per their data request?

1 A. No, because those were not related to the
2 incident of June 2nd.
3 Q. And so is it your testimony that the
4 multiple change lead engineers and the little
5 continuity was not a contributing factor to the
6 June 7th incident?
7 A. Well, this is possible contributing factors.
8 It would be speculation. I mean, they could have
9 provided the drawings on time and made those changes
10 and those changes not be caught. So that would be
11 speculation to say so.
12 Q. Do you still have copies of all those
13 e-mails?
14 A. I believe I do.
15 Q. Okay. And what kind of data request would I
16 ask you to get copies of those?
17 A. I guess request correspondence between
18 St. Joseph Light & Power and General Electric during
19 the design of the Mark V control system.
20 Q. Did we ask you a data request that requested
21 all correspondence between St. Joe Light & Power and
22 GE, if you know?
23 A. That related to the incident is the way I
24 remember it.
25 Q. And it's your testimony that those e-mails

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1 with respect to the continuing change of engineering
2 personnel and the lack of continuity do not relate to
3 the incident?
4 A. I guess you're trying to draw everything
5 into and make everything related to the incident. I
6 mean, what the operator did that morning when he came
7 in to work is related to it, I mean, if you want to go
8 that far.
9 When we focus on the incident, we're
10 focusing on the events that happened on that day and
11 the causes of those events that happened that day, and
12 that is how I've defined the incident in responding to
13 that request.
14 Q. And you have on this sheet that we're
15 looking at possible contributing factors, and the lack
16 of continuity and the multiple project engineers you
17 have listed as a possible contributing factor, isn't
18 that correct?
19 A. That's true. And you can see I was really
20 broad here, and I brought in everything that I thought
21 would be a possible contributing factor, going all the
22 way back to the original design of the unit, and I
23 didn't provide Black and Veech logic diagrams either.
24 Q. The third sub-bullet there talks about the
25 manual switch removed without sufficient review. Who

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1 removed that switch?
2 A. Now, this is a sub-bullet under Mark V
3 installation engineering. So when I say that it was
4 removed, I'm talking in the context of design and GE,
5 their design removed the switch. Now, who physically
6 removed that switch was a contractor who was hired to
7 do that.
8 Q. Did St. Joe question that removal?
9 A. No.
10 Q. What's the problem caused by the removal of
11 that manual switch or the possible contributing factor
12 caused by the removal of that manual switch?
13 A. Well, in hindsight, the removal of the
14 switch removed a parallel control path that covered up
15 a -- let me back up here.
16 The switch was removed. The operators had
17 to rely on the DCS to control. The DCS control
18 operated in a different manner than they were used to.
19 Therefore, the removal of the control switch was a
20 possible contributing factor to the incident.
21 Q. Okay. Next one there is, Installation
22 drawings were delivered to St. Joe after the outage
23 was underway. What are the installation drawings?
24 A. Those are the drawings that were provided to
25 the mechanical and electrical contractors that showed

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1 what work needed to be done to install the Mark V.
2 Q. Are those the drawings we've been talking
3 about that were supposed to come your way in March?
4 A. Yes.
5 Q. Did St. Joe Light & Power insist on their
6 delivery in March.
7 Q. When we did not get them, we notified
8 General Electric that we needed to get those so that
9 we could begin the review and noted that we were
10 concerned about the timeliness of the engineering
11 project.
12 Q. How did St. Joe notify General Electric?
13 A. I'm not sure. I'd have to go back and look.
14 Q. Did you personally notify General Electric?
15 A. I was probably the person who did that.
16 Q. Did you do it via letter, telephone or
17 e-mail?
18 A. That's what I'm saying, I don't know. I'd
19 have to go back and see what mode of communication I
20 used.
21 Q. What's the significance of the drawings to
22 the June 7th incident?
23 A. The drawings included changes that were to
24 be made that removed the DC oil pump control switch
25 and the modifications to the control logic due to that

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1 change.
2 Q. And I think we've gone over this before, but
3 it's your view that St. Joe Light & Power in-house
4 engineering didn't have adequate time to review those
5 drawings; is that correct?
6 A. We had limited time to review those
7 drawings.
8 Q. And that's one of the changes you made to
9 this document?
10 A. Yes, it is.
11 Q. Did anyone ask you to change that to limited
12 time?
13 A. No. That was my own change.
14 Q. The fifth main bullet there is Mark V
15 training, and the first sub-bullet you say, Poor GE
16 training, not specific to Lake Road Plant. What do
17 you mean? Explain that.
18 A. We hired General Electric to train the
19 operators on the Mark V control system. Their trainer
20 who came in, I think, the week of May 20th or
21 thereabouts did a poor job training operators, and
22 that's -- the training was not specific to Lake Road
23 Plant and it was very general engineering.
24 Q. When you say not specific to the Lake Road
25 Plant, what do you mean?

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1 A. Well, the Mark V control system is a generic
2 platform that can be used to control many different
3 power plants, and each installation is specific to the
4 power plant in which it's installed. So he came in
5 with a, Here's a Mark V. He didn't say this is how
6 you as an operator at Lake Road are going to operate
7 this.

8 Q. So it was generic Mark V training as opposed
9 to -- so it was generic Mark V training; is that
10 correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And the training you received from GE was
13 not specific to the operation of the Mark V unit as it
14 fit in to the Lake Road Plant?

15 A. That's true.

16 Q. The next sub-bullet there is, Change in DC
17 pump control not explicitly pointed out to operators.
18 Could you explain that statement?

19 A. The operators were aware from the outset
20 that they had two control paths. They knew that the
21 DC -- I'm sorry -- that the pistol grip control was
22 there, and they knew the DCS control was there.

23 When the Mark V panel was put in and the
24 pistol grip went away, they all knew that, Hey, I'm
25 going to control it in the DCS now, but they were not

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1 Q. Was St. Joe Light & Power aware of these
2 training deficiencies prior to June 2nd, 2000?

3 A. Yes, we were.

4 Q. What actions were taken prior to June 2nd,
5 2000, if any, to correct these training inadequacies?

6 A. During the startup of the system and of the
7 unit, the GE startup engineer was available. Well,
8 first -- I guess first and foremost immediately
9 General Electric was contacted and notified that their
10 operator training wasn't adequate, and basically they
11 didn't take issue with that and planned to retrain the
12 operators, and that has taken place.

13 Q. When did that retraining take place?

14 A. The week of September 25th, last week. So
15 we started the unit up, and both myself and a GE
16 startup engineer were there, both there throughout the
17 process, and trained the operators as best we could
18 through the startup process. Now, you do that over
19 the course of several shifts because it took a few
20 days to get the unit on line. So most of the
21 operators got some hands-on training at that point in
22 time.

23 Once the unit is on line for reliable
24 operation of the unit and safe operation of the unit,
25 basically they need to know how to control load, which

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1 explicitly taken and shown, Okay, that's gone, this is
2 where you've got to go to now.

3 And maybe if that step had been taken, they
4 would have understood and things would have been more
5 apparent to them, I guess. Does that make sense? I'm
6 just saying that sometimes you have to state the
7 obvious to people, and we didn't state the obvious.

8 MR. DUFFY: When you say we didn't state the
9 obvious --

10 THE WITNESS: In the course of training that
11 the operators received, that was not pointed out.

12 MR. DUFFY: From General Electric?

13 THE WITNESS: Related to -- General Electric
14 did not point that out.

15 BY MR. MICHEEL:

16 Q. Let me try again. General Electric did not
17 specifically point out to the operators in their
18 training that they received in late May that the
19 pistol grips were removed?

20 A. That's true.

21 Q. So they did not make the operators
22 specifically aware that the pistol grip control had
23 been removed from the installation of the new Mark V
24 unit?

25 A. That's true.

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1 is a matter of opening and closing the valves and
2 giving the system the control functions or the control
3 commands to open and close the valves. If they got
4 into a dangerous system, they knew how to trip the
5 unit off.

6 So what I'm -- well, if the unit had come
7 off, either myself or GE would be with the operators
8 on the subsequent startup until the training, you
9 know, took place, GE's correct appropriate training.

10 I guess what I'm saying is we were not in an
11 unsafe situation due to lack of training. Operators
12 knew how to control load on the unit and they knew how
13 to take the unit off, and they knew how to interpret
14 the alarms and screens and any information that they
15 got out of the Mark V. But did they have the scope of
16 training that we had liked and had contracted for from
17 GE? No, they did not.

18 Q. So the operators fully understood how to
19 operate the Mark V unit?

20 MR. DUFFY: Object to the form of the
21 question, calling for speculation on the part of a
22 third party.

23 BY MR. MICHEEL:

24 Q. Let me ask you this. St. Joe Light &
25 Power's comfortable that their operators had

1 appropriate training to operate the Mark V unit?
2 A. We were comfortable that the operators could
3 safely operate the unit and take it off line if
4 necessary, if the situation arose that they needed to
5 take it off.
6 Q. Did you understand that the training was
7 adequate personally for the operation of the unit?
8 A. Are you saying training that I received?
9 Q. Just the training.
10 A. Training? No. I was aware that the
11 training was not adequate while it was going on that
12 week. I mean, the feedback that I was getting from
13 the operators was that this guy is not giving us what
14 we need.
15 Q. Let me ask you about the sixth main bullet
16 on that document, the operation.
17 A. Okay.
18 Q. First one on this new one is, The DC pump
19 availability and operation not checked during the
20 startup on 6/2/2000. Explain that.
21 A. On the day of putting the unit on line, it
22 does not appear that the DC pump was checked.
23 Q. Should it have been checked?
24 A. It's part of the unit startup procedure.
25 Q. Are the operators required to follow that

1 unit startup procedure?
2 A. That's an operating question.
3 Q. Are you familiar with what that operating
4 procedure is?
5 A. I've seen it and it was provided to me in
6 response to a data request.
7 Q. And does that operating procedure indicate
8 that the DC oil pump should be checked on startup of
9 that unit?
10 A. That is part of the startup procedure.
11 Q. Do you have any reason to doubt that that
12 startup procedure's been changed or to think it's been
13 changed?
14 A. No.
15 Q. Do you have any reason to doubt that the
16 operators of that unit wouldn't follow that startup
17 procedure?
18 A. No.
19 Q. Do you have any reason to believe that the
20 operators of that unit aren't required to follow that
21 startup procedure?
22 A. No.
23 Q. Indeed, isn't the entire reason St. Joe has
24 a startup procedure like that is so that you can go
25 through the checkpoints in starting up the unit?

1 A. The purpose of any procedure is to guide
2 somebody through a process. So it's provided to guide
3 the operators through that process. The operators did
4 check the pump, but it was not on the day -- it does
5 not appear to be on the day of startup.
6 Q. Next bullet point is, Weekly DC oil pump
7 test not performed on 6/5. Explain what you mean
8 there.
9 A. Well, it's the operating schedule sheet that
10 you provided earlier. There's no indication that the
11 test was performed, the DC oil pump test was performed
12 on June 5th.
13 Q. Do you know why the weekly DCS oil pump test
14 was not performed on June 5th?
15 A. I do not know why.
16 Q. Have you attempted to find out why?
17 A. No, I haven't.
18 Q. You didn't think that was important in your
19 investigation of this incident?
20 A. I've been, I guess, commissioned to gather
21 the facts and put the facts together. I have not been
22 given the, I guess, position or the role of finding
23 fault or determining why things were or were not done.
24 Q. Do you know if anyone within the St. Joe
25 Light & Power organization has been asked to do that?

1 A. I don't know that anybody has.
2 Q. Do you know whether or not St. Joe Light &
3 Power is going to undertake an investigation as to why
4 those tasks were not done?
5 A. I do not know.
6 Q. Do you have an opinion about whether or not
7 St. Joe Light & Power should task someone to make
8 those determinations?
9 A. That's a management decision.
10 Q. Okay. And you're not part of the management
11 of the company?
12 A. I'm not responsible for the operating
13 department.
14 Q. And who would that person be that would be
15 responsible for that?
16 A. Jim Parker is our operating superintendent.
17 Q. Back to JM-11 here, you say you removed this
18 routine check of pump readiness not performed at shift
19 changes. And you've replaced that, I believe, with
20 pump readiness less apparent to operators due to
21 removal of manual switch; is that correct?
22 A. Yes.
23 Q. Are you aware whether or not pump readiness
24 is required to be checked at shift changes?
25 A. No, I'm not.

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1 Q. With respect to JM-12, do you know of any
2 reason why that document should be treated as highly
3 confidential?

4 A. No.

5 Q. There's also a stamp in the upper left-hand
6 corner of "draft" of this document. Is this going to
7 be your final version of the document or are there
8 going to be further drafts?

9 A. I honestly don't know. You know, until the
10 whole situation is resolved, there may be other
11 findings. So I don't know.

12 Q. As you sit here today, are you comfortable
13 that listed on this one-page document, JM-12 dated
14 September 29th, that those are your thoughts with
15 respect to the possible contributing factors?

16 A. Yes. I don't know of any other contributing
17 factors or possible contributing factors to add to the
18 list. The extent to which any of these factors
19 contributed to the incident, you know, may increase or
20 decrease as things progress.

21 MR. MICHEEL: Let me get another exhibit
22 marked.

23 (EXHIBIT NO. JM-13 WAS MARKED FOR
24 IDENTIFICATION BY THE REPORTER.)
25 BY MR. MICHEEL:

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1 say, based on what Mr. Modlin said, we need to treat
2 this one as highly confidential.

3 MR. MICHEEL: Will you make a commitment to
4 check and make sure that this does fall under the
5 protective order that we need to continue to treat
6 this as highly confidential?

7 MR. DUFFY: Well, if you're asking will I
8 call General Electric and ask them, that will not be
9 my intention. Based on what I've heard, it seems to
10 me we have adequate reason for claiming highly
11 confidential, claiming that this one is highly
12 confidential.

13 MR. MICHEEL: All right. I guess these
14 questions will be under the highly confidential part.

15 (REPORTER'S NOTE: At this time, a highly
16 confidential session was held, which is contained in
17 Volume No. 2, pages 153 through 166 of the
18 transcript.)
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1 Q. Let me say that I did not include the
2 attachments here, Mr. Modlin. I'm not trying to fool
3 you. They're just the written parts, but those are
4 not included in this exhibit. Are you familiar with
5 JM-13?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And that's marked highly confidential. Do
8 you know any reason why that should be highly
9 confidential?

10 A. Well, I guess we are taking issue with the
11 quality of General Electric training in this letter,
12 and I would consider that kind of an issue between
13 ourselves and GE. And maybe they don't want it to
14 become public knowledge that they have poor
15 engineering. I mean, they have addressed that, so --

16 Q. Other than -- I mean, do you know any reason
17 under the protective order that's been entered in this
18 case why this document should remain highly
19 confidential?

20 MR. DUFFY: Well, that calls for a legal
21 conclusion. I guess based on what he's saying, it
22 would be my position that this may have something to
23 do with future contract negotiations between
24 St. Joseph Light & Power and General Electric
25 regarding compensation or something else. So I would

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1 provide this type of information. GE did not do so.
2 Q. Okay. Does this outline outline the
3 training that St. Joe Light & Power feels that its
4 operators should have received from GE in May?
5 A. I guess it represents at least a portion of
6 what GE should have provided.
7 Q. Okay. So has General Electric conducted the
8 follow-up training that we've referred to?
9 A. Yes, they have.
10 Q. And what did they do different in that
11 training?
12 A. Well, I didn't attend the training, so I
13 really can't speak to it. I know that, No. 1, the
14 trainer was familiar with our system and was able to
15 address operators' specific questions about our
16 system. I know that the feedback from our operators
17 was very positive on the training that they received
18 last week.
19 I know that they went through every stream
20 and explained, you know, the function of the control
21 points on each stream, talked about the information
22 available to the operator and how to interpret it.
23 And then also the trainer had a copy of my outline and
24 I believe they went through this and he answered
25 anything in my outline, you know, that may not have

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1 MR. DUFFY: Since you're transitioning to
2 something else, it's 5:20. Do you have some
3 indication as to how much longer we're going to be?
4 MR. MICHEEL: Yeah. I just have about ten
5 more questions. Just need to get another exhibit
6 marked.
7 (EXHIBIT NO. JM-14 WAS MARKED FOR
8 IDENTIFICATION BY THE REPORTER.)
9 BY MR. MICHEEL:
10 Q. Mr. Modlin, I've handed you a copy of your
11 response, the company's response to Public Counsel
12 Data Request 17. Is that your signature there at the
13 bottom?
14 A. Yes, it is.
15 Q. Did you prepare that response?
16 A. I believe I did, except for Jim Parker gave
17 me the list of operators who attended the training.
18 Q. Okay. Does that response relate to
19 additional training by GE?
20 A. No. This is training conducted in-house by
21 St. Joseph Light & Power.
22 Q. Who prepared the training outline?
23 A. I did.
24 Q. Why was such an outline not prepared in May?
25 A. Well, in May we would have expected GE to

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1 been clear to the operators.
2 Q. Okay. Have you looked at Mr. Svuba's direct
3 testimony in this case?
4 A. Yes, I did. I did review it.
5 Q. Okay. Let me hand you that, and I'm looking
6 at page 7 there, and I'm focusing on lines 3 through 5
7 there. Could you read that?
8 A. An investigation of the incident is still in
9 progress. We currently believe that the pump control
10 was not in the automatic operating mode. The pump
11 control must be in automatic mode to start
12 automatically on loss of oil pressure.
13 Q. So that seems to indicate that the DC oil
14 pump must be in automatic to provide lubrication to
15 Unit 4/6; is that correct?
16 A. In order for it to start in automatic and
17 then provide lubrication, yes.
18 Q. So you would agree with me that if the DC
19 oil pump was in automatic mode, it would have started
20 to lubricate the bearings of Unit 4/6; is that
21 correct?
22 A. That would have been the, yes, the normal
23 course of events.
24 Q. Would you read lines 9 through 11 on page 7
25 there?

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1 A. Okay. Starting with due?
2 Q. Uh-huh.
3 A. Due to control changes that were completed
4 during the GE turbine control replacement project, the
5 operators failed to realize that the pump control did
6 not return to the automatic mode after a stop command.
7 We believe that the pump control was in the local mode
8 at the time of the incident, i.e. the pump would not
9 automatically start.
10 Q. Does that testimony indicate that the
11 operators were not fully conversant with the new
12 control system and were not fully trained with its
13 operation?
14 MR. DUFFY: Objection. That's
15 argumentative. You can answer it to the best of your
16 ability.
17 THE WITNESS: Go ahead and restate the
18 question, please.
19 BY MR. MICHEEL:
20 Q. Does that testimony indicate that the
21 operators were not fully conversant with the new
22 control system and were not fully trained with its
23 operation?
24 A. I'm going to say no, and here's why I'm
25 saying no. The new control system training that they

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1 received was the Mark V training and the HMI, the
2 Mark V interface. The removal of the manual control
3 switch was something that General Electric did in
4 their design without proper review. The state of that
5 pump was less apparent to the operators. It was in
6 the local state and they were not aware.
7 Q. But for the failure of the DC oil pump to
8 start on June 7th, 2000, do you have an opinion about
9 whether the explosion and fire would have occurred at
10 Unit 4/6?
11 A. Well, the normal course of events in that
12 situation would be that the DC oil pump would start
13 and provide oil flow until the operators transferred
14 power.
15 Q. And so the failure of the DC oil pump to
16 start providing lubrication to the bearings and the
17 hydrogen seals caused increased friction heat, the
18 explosion and the fire?
19 A. Right. And resulted in the damage, yes.
20 Q. So but for the failure of the DC oil pump to
21 start, under normal operations, the explosion and fire
22 that occurred on June 7th, 2000 would not have
23 occurred?
24 A. Under normal situation, yes.
25 MR. MICHEEL: Thank you for your patience.

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1 I really appreciate it.
2 (A BREAK WAS TAKEN.)
3 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. WILLIAMS:
4 Q. My name is Nathan Williams, and I'm here for
5 Staff. I've got a few questions in follow-up of what
6 Mr. Micheel's covered with you.
7 The first thing I wanted to ask, what's the
8 normal scheduled outage for Unit 4/6 on an annual
9 basis?
10 A. That's not my area directly, but
11 historically in my observation we normally have a
12 three-week outage in the spring unless there's a
13 significant turbine maintenance that needs to be done.
14 Q. Were there any changes to the scheduled
15 outage in the spring of 2000 from the time it was
16 first set up?
17 A. Again, I'm not the one who sets the
18 schedule. So I'd have to go back and look at the
19 different revisions. The only thing I can comment on
20 is the unit did come off a few days prior to the
21 scheduled May 5th or 6th start date, and so we started
22 a few days early.
23 Q. Do you know why it came off early?
24 A. I don't remember now. I'd have to go back
25 and look as to why it came down.

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1 Q. And do you know what the time period for the
2 May 2000 scheduled outage was to be? That particular
3 outage that you had scheduled, do you know what the
4 time frame for that was supposed to be?
5 A. What is May 6 to June 3rd? I'd have to look
6 at a calendar. Is that three weeks or four weeks?
7 Q. It was originally scheduled one time -- at
8 one time it was scheduled May 6 to June 3rd?
9 A. I'm sure it's the June 3rd was the stopping
10 date. It's that weekend of May 6th. If someone has a
11 calendar, I'll look at it.
12 Q. But however many days that is, that's --
13 A. That's what was scheduled for this year.
14 Q. Who had control over the time frame of that
15 outage?
16 A. The time frame is dictated by the amount of
17 work that needs to be done and basically is scheduled
18 by the maintenance and construction superintendent to
19 get that work done.
20 Q. It was determined by someone at St. Joe,
21 though?
22 A. Yes, in coordination with again outside
23 factors.
24 Q. Just in follow-up, was Mark Phillips the
25 shift supervisor at the plant Unit 4/6 on June 5th of

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1 2000?
2 A. Well, there's -- I guess from the notes here
3 that were reviewed today, I believe he was the shift
4 supervisor on the first shift on Monday, June 5th,
5 2000. There's three shifts. So he would have been
6 one of three.
7 Q. Was that the shift where the incident
8 occurred?
9 A. No.
10 Q. So then he was on a shift prior to the
11 incident? Or am I mixing up dates?
12 A. I don't want to get confused.
13 MR. MICHEEL: At the start of that question,
14 Nathan, you said June 5th. The incident occurred on
15 June 7th, and that may be the confusion.
16 BY MR. WILLIAMS:
17 Q. I'm sorry. I meant the date of the
18 incident, June 7th. Was Mark Phillips the shift
19 supervisor on June 7th, 2000?
20 A. The incident occurred right at shift change,
21 and I honestly can't say which shift supervisor was on
22 duty, but Scott Hinkle and Bill White were two that
23 were in the plant. I don't believe Mark Phillips was
24 in the plant that day or that time. He may have been
25 there in the morning prior to the incident.

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1 Q. You said that the incident occurred right
2 about shift change. What time would shift change have
3 been?
4 A. Well, it's two o'clock.
5 Q. You indicated that there was a determination
6 made to remove some equipment in order to locate the
7 Mark V panel control panel, and one of the pieces of
8 equipment was a manual switch for the DC oil pump,
9 correct?
10 A. Correct.
11 Q. Who decided the location for where that
12 control panel was placed?
13 A. General Electric was on site, I don't know
14 if it was January, February, early in the year, and
15 reviewed the cabinet dimensions and looked through the
16 plant for appropriate locations and determined that
17 that was the logical location.
18 Q. So when was the determination made regarding
19 removal of the manual switch for the DC oil pump?
20 A. I guess it was made at that time when that
21 site was located for the Mark V.
22 Q. And was that done by a recommendation from
23 General Electric that was approved by St. Joe?
24 A. Probably more of a mutual decision.
25 Q. Were you involved in overseeing the startup

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1 and operation of the -- strike that.
2 Were you familiar on the Mark V system that
3 was installed that local meant off on or before
4 June 2nd of 2000?
5 A. I think you meant to say on the boiler
6 Bailey DCS, on the DCS system. Was I aware that local
7 meant off? No, I was not personally aware of that,
8 but I hadn't looked at it and said, What does that
9 mean? If I had looked at it for a few minutes, I
10 probably would have figured it out.
11 Q. Let me back up because there was something I
12 wasn't clear on, and I want to make sure I get it
13 clarified. In 1995 you said that there was an
14 implementation of two parallel systems for controlling
15 the DCS boil-- I mean the DC oil pump. One was a hard
16 wire manual system and the other was a computer
17 system, I believe you referred to a Bailey computer?
18 A. Bailey DCS.
19 Q. That's what you've been referring to
20 throughout the testimony as the DCS system?
21 A. (Witness nodded.)
22 Q. What I want to know is, did the Mark V
23 supplant the DCS system or was that something that
24 interfaced with the DCS system?
25 A. First to clarify, the control switch was

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1 there from the beginning of the unit back in 1966. It
2 was not installed in '95. The Bailey DCS was
3 installed in 1995. The Bailey system controls the
4 boiler and what we call balance of plant, which is
5 equipment out in the plant. It's not the boiler and
6 it's not the turbine generator. Most of the plant
7 equipment other than the turbine generator is
8 controlled by the Bailey DCS.
9 Okay. So the Mark V did not replace the
10 Bailey DCS and only interfaces with the DCS a little
11 bit. It replaced the old Mark I or Mark II control
12 system that had been there from the beginning of the
13 year, which was a separate stand-alone control system
14 for the turbine. Okay. Does that clarify?
15 Q. I think so, but let me ask a little bit
16 more. If I understand you correctly, you're saying
17 that basically what occurred with the implementation
18 of the Mark V console, the placement of it and the
19 removal of the manual switch, you went from having a
20 parallel system to just having the DCS system
21 controlling the DC oil pump. Is that a fair
22 characterization?
23 A. Yes.
24 Q. So whatever problem there was in the DCS
25 system existed since it was implemented in 1995 as a

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1 stand-alone?

2 A. I kind of hate to characterize it as a
3 problem because it did function properly when the
4 system worked. When it said local control, it indeed
5 had local control. It wasn't an off situation. But
6 when that local switch was removed in the GE design,
7 that change in how it was impacted or how it impacted
8 operations through the DCS was not reviewed.

9 Q. Was the DCS system something that GE had
10 implemented or did that come from some other source?

11 A. The DCS was there and GE had no -- they were
12 not involved with that installation.

13 Q. Did St. Joe Light & Power provide them with
14 any documentation regarding the DCS system whenever
15 there was a decision made to remove the manual
16 switching?

17 A. We provided General Electric with all the
18 information that they requested and could have made
19 that available, and the engineers that were working on
20 it on behalf of GE were familiar with DCS type systems
21 and how they function.

22 Q. You testified that it was routine to
23 check -- from the information you gleaned, it was
24 normal practice to check the DC oil pump on a weekly
25 basis. Do you know if that was also done on a daily

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1 but that's not going to necessarily be what position
2 St. Joseph Light & Power might take in subsequent
3 litigation.

4 MR. WILLIAMS: That's fine.

5 THE WITNESS: I'll just say I have to go
6 back and look at the purchase order. I really don't
7 remember now how many days and course content and
8 those kind of details.

9 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

10 Q. Who made the decision that the plant -- that
11 Unit 4/6 was ready to start up?

12 MR. DUFFY: When?

13 MR. WILLIAMS: On June 2nd of 2000.

14 THE WITNESS: Everything other than the
15 Mark V control system was ready to go from the outage.
16 Boiler work was done, balance of plant, whatever was
17 needed. We were working with the General Electric
18 startup engineer and satisfying him in the startup
19 process that all the checks that needed to be done
20 were done.

21 Okay. GE did have full responsibility in
22 the purchase order for checkout and overseeing
23 startup. So we were not going to do anything without
24 permission of the GE startup engineers. So we brought
25 the unit up and did an appropriate startup and

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1 basis?

2 A. I don't believe so.

3 Q. Was Unit 4/6 running at full capacity on
4 June 7th of 2000 whenever the incident occurred, full
5 load?

6 A. It was very close. I don't remember exactly
7 what the load was, but it was very close to full.

8 Q. Is it normal to bring a system up to running
9 at that capacity that quickly after bringing it back
10 on line?

11 A. I guess that's speculation on my part. We
12 were --

13 Q. If you don't know, that's fine.

14 A. Yeah. I mean, I don't know.

15 Q. What's your understanding of General
16 Electric's responsibilities for training under the
17 contract they entered into with St. Joe Light & Power?

18 MR. DUFFY: Object to the form of the
19 question unless -- so that it's not construed that
20 he's going to give some kind of legal opinion about
21 what a contract provides --

22 MR. WILLIAMS: I'm just asking his
23 understanding.

24 MR. DUFFY: Let me finish. He can certainly
25 give his interpretation of what the contract provided,

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1 checkout in conjunction with General Electric
2 recommendation and oversight.

3 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

4 Q. St. Joe Light & Power had an operating
5 procedure in place prior to the installation of the
6 Mark V. Who was responsible for making changes to
7 St. Joe's operating procedure? Is that something done
8 by GE or did St. Joe do that internally?

9 A. As far as operating procedures with regard
10 to starting the unit, controlling the unit, that would
11 be a St. Joseph Light & Power document.

12 Q. Were those done prior to June 2nd of 2000 in
13 light of the changes that had taken place in the
14 system?

15 A. I'm not aware of any changes made prior to
16 the start.

17 Q. Were there changes in how the system
18 operated prior to June 2nd of 2000?

19 MR. DUFFY: What system are you talking
20 about?

21 MR. WILLIAMS: Unit 4/6.

22 THE WITNESS: Okay. Let me --

23 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

24 Q. Resulting from the modifications that GE
25 made?

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1 A. The basic -- well, in fact, we can -- in the
2 data request it shows that the startup procedure for
3 the turbine, I think only one line has changed in that
4 startup procedure. The functional steps that the
5 operators need to go through as far as checking
6 equipment, performing prerun, rolling the turbine,
7 accelerating the turbine, synchronizing, I mean, they
8 still go through that same set of steps. They're just
9 using a different interface to go through those steps.

10 So there's really, I would almost say no
11 changes in the process that the operators go through.
12 It's just the interfaces they use to go through those
13 steps.

14 Q. Who determined the schedule for the
15 modification of the General Electric performed during
16 May of 2000?

17 A. Who determined the schedule? Really that
18 was done under Mike Ceglenski, but in reviewing his
19 data request response, I think I can safely speak to
20 this in that we had a schedule of getting the Mark V
21 system in in the spring and given a three-week outage,
22 or however many days that figured out to be, and they
23 were clear and understood that when they were issued
24 the purchase order, and they accepted that purchase
25 order.

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1 So they believed that they could design the
2 system, perform the installation package and
3 engineering and get the work done in that period of
4 time. If they would have taken issue with that, then
5 we would have had to work that out in the purchase
6 order in the contract up front.

7 Basically, we had a schedule. We went to GE
8 and said, We want you to install your system according
9 to this schedule, and they accepted that.

10 Q. Was the speed that the turbine was or the --
11 was the power level that the Unit 4/6 operating at
12 after June 2nd -- no -- on June 7th, 2000 related to
13 the testing that was taking place?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Exactly what equipment at Unit 4/6 was
16 damaged by the incident on June 7th of 2000?

17 A. Well, that's a long list. I know it's been
18 provided in a data request. It's really not my area.
19 I didn't get involved in the repairs. I can tell you
20 in general terms what.

21 Q. Just do that.

22 A. The bearings, oil seals, steam seals, you
23 know, some equipment in the front stand, speed
24 pickups, vibration equipment. There's more, I mean.

25 Q. Was there a necessity to rewind any rotors

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1 on Unit 4/6?

2 A. In what context? As far as resulting from
3 the incident?

4 Q. Yes.

5 A. I do not believe there was a need to rewind
6 a rotor as a result of the incident on June 7.

7 Q. No rewind was done as a result of the June 7
8 incident?

9 A. No.

10 Q. So any rewinding that was done was because
11 of some other condition?

12 A. Let me clarify. Let me back up a little
13 bit. As the generator rotor was removed and inspected
14 by General Electric, part of their inspection process
15 was to perform a particular test. When they did that
16 test, one of the coils in the generator rotor, I'm not
17 sure how, but somehow insulation broke down. There
18 was a short or something, and so that one coil had to
19 be repaired.

20 And again, I'm not electrical. I don't know
21 if that constitutes a rewind, partial rewind or what
22 that's called, but there was a rotor coil that had to
23 be repaired due to testing that was done as kind of a
24 routine basis while the rotor was out of the machine.

25 Q. But you're not saying that was necessarily

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1 attributable to the accident -- or not the accident,
2 but the fire and explosion?

3 A. I don't believe it was, but I'm not the
4 expert on that area.

5 Q. Was the DC oil pump breaker closed during
6 the period of June 3rd through June 7?

7 A. We believe the DC oil pump breaker was
8 closed.

9 Q. What is your belief based upon?

10 A. It is based upon the sequence of events that
11 we -- I'm going to say May 24th, that may be a Tuesday
12 or Wednesday. Starting with May 24th, the pump was
13 operated. A generator air test was initiated. It was
14 successful. The clearance tags were released on the
15 26th, and operators cleared those tags on the 26th,
16 which would have included closing the DC oil pump
17 breaker. There was no reason after that time for that
18 breaker to be open.

19 Q. What was the position of the turbine trip
20 valve after the trip?

21 A. The turbine trip valve? Here we're talking
22 about the main stop valve?

23 Q. Yes.

24 A. It was closed.

25 Q. Did it come back open?


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A. Within an hour of that.


Q. -- of two o'clock?

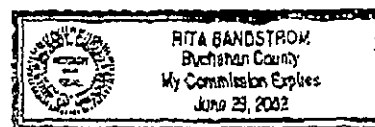
MR. DUFFY: That's all I have.

(PRESENTMENT WAIVED; SIGNATURE REQUESTED.)


JOHN MODLEN

subscribed and sworn to before me this *9th* day of
October, 2000.


Notary Public in and
for County
State of Missouri



ERRATA SHEET

Deposition of John I. Modlin		Case Caption:	Date Taken: October 4, 2000
Page #	Lines/Strikes	Insert	Reason
7	16 boiler		Correct meaning.
11	12 protected	protective	Correct meaning.
29	7 and		Correct meaning.
31	9 the		Correct meaning.
32	10 ?		Correct meaning.
40	12nd	7th	Correct day of incident.
41	25 this is		Correct meaning.
65	6 coolant	cooling	Correct meaning.
67	14 again		Correct meaning.
73	3 which		Correct meaning.
75	3	where	Small incidental motors not controlled by DCS.
91	14 could I	large [between "the" and "motors"] if I could	Correct meaning.
93	11 And since the vibration trip -- and it'll hold it.		Correct meaning.
97	17 is		Correct meaning.
97	24	not [between "it" and "in"]	Correct meaning.
102	21 motor in the power plant	large motor on Unit 4/B.	Small incidental motors not controlled by DCS. DCS is only on 4/B, not entire plant.
104	23-24 It clearly states on the purchase order what their responsibility was.	The purchase order states that GE was to provide detailed engineering. Their construction documents show that they understood this to include changes to the DCS.	More accurate response regarding DCS-related engineering, which was the context of the question.
112	21 this what	that	Correct meaning.
127	23 believe	believed	Correct meaning.
127	24 or	rather	Correct meaning.
129	18 not that anything	nothing	Correct meaning.
131	7 old AC pump	AC pumps	Correct meaning.
133	16 a button	two buttons	Correct meaning.
137	2 2nd	7th	It takes two steps to access screen.
138	23 Veech	Veech	Correct day of incident.
151	15 engineering	training	Spelling.
161	5	and [between "tools" and "to"]	Correct meaning.
161	13 Internet	Arcnet	Correct meaning.
163	1 bars	vars	Spelling.
163	2 wa	they	Correct meaning.
163	23 it was economically ve	there was an economical	Correct meaning.
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<p>10-9-00 <i>[Signature]</i> Deposition's Signature</p>		Date	

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COUNTY OF COLE)

JOHN MODLIN,

Given at my office in the City of Jefferson,
County of Cole, State of Missouri, this 4th day of
October, 2000. My commission expires March 28, 2001.

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From: John Modlin
To: Dwight Svuba
Date: 6/23/00 10:34AM
Subject: Mark V vibration failure

Both GE and SJLP "investigators" believe that the initial vibration trip on Turbine 4 was most likely caused by a false indication.

We need to look at the Mark V for why this may have occurred. We (SJLP) were not able to recreate the vibration spike in a simulation (using only one other probe).

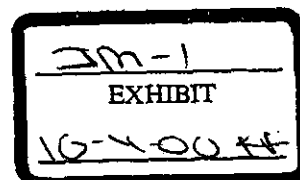
I think we need to bring in either GE or a third party (or both?) to investigate the Mark V. We need to verify wiring, grounds, hardware condition, software logic, etc.

Please let me know how you would like me to proceed.

John

CC: John Modlin; Mike Ceglenski; Mike Smith

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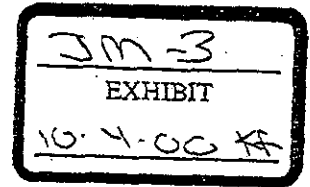
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H.C. Schedule JK-10



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Attention: Mr. John Modlin

Re: St. Joseph Light & Power Company
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Turbine 4 Engineering Analysis
Sega Project No. 00-194

SUBJECT: DC EMERGENCY BEARING AND SEAL OIL PUMP
ENGINEERING ANALYSIS

Dear Mr. Modlin:

Sega was asked to perform two (2) tasks by St. Joseph Light & Power Company (SJL&P). Task 1 was to determine if the wiring and function of the DC emergency bearing and seal oil pump for Turbine 4 are as shown on marked Drawings K-1 and K-1A, Rev. 0, as provided by SJL&P. These drawings were part of a set marked "Mark V Retrofit, Engineering Services, GE Co." Task 2 was to describe the distributed control system (DCS) logic for the pump as shown on Drawing B6MCSA3A as provided by SJL&P. Copies of these drawings are attached with this letter.

Task 1

On June 15, 2000, Sega observed SJL&P personnel perform continuity checks on all wiring shown on Drawing K-1A. Sega believes that Drawing K-1A accurately represents the wiring of the pump.

With the pump motor leads disconnected, Sega observed SJL&P personnel place the pump in the automatic state with the DCS. With the pump in automatic, the motor starter contactor was energized.

Sega then observed SJL&P personnel put the pump in the off state with the DCS. With the pump in the off state, the motor starter contactor was de-energized.

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Sega next observed SJL&P personnel put the pump in the on state with the DCS. With the pump in the on state, the motor starter contactor was energized.

Sega lastly observed SJL&P personnel return the pump to the off state with the DCS. With the pump returned to the off state, the motor starter contactor was de-energized.

Sega believes that Drawing K-1 accurately represents the electrical and control function of the pump.

Sega also observed that input 6-ZSO-1160 (Pump Not Running) was present at termination Unit 3-3A, but not present at the module level. This was found while observing the I/O with monitor/tuning at the engineering work station. The impact of the absence of this signal at the module level is described later in this letter.

Task 2

On June 19, 2000, Sega reviewed the DCS logic. The following paragraphs describe the DCS logic including the multi-state device driver (MSDD) and all supporting control logic.

The MSDD is designed for manual mode only, requiring the control room operator (operator) to select the desired output. There is no other means of manipulating the outputs of the MSDD other than the override logic described later.

The three outputs associated with the MSDD are start, auto, and stop. When the operator selects a particular output, it is set (memorized) in logic, and the other two outputs are reset to logic zero. This is done using set/reset latches. Any output may be selected at any time by the operator. The only way to reset a selected output is for the operator to select a different output, or for the module to be taken out of execute mode which will reset all outputs to logic zero.

The override logic of the MSDD is executed when either the operator depresses the Auto/Man key on the keyboard or when the MSDD feedback masks do not match the corresponding output mask within 60 seconds. If either of these conditions occur, the MSDD will be overridden, remain in the manual mode, and all MSDD outputs will be set to the default output mask. The default output mask is logic zero for all three MSDD outputs. The following feedback/output mask conditions will activate the override logic:

1. A stop has been requested by the operator, and the running signal does not go to a logic zero and/or the not running signal does not go to a logic one.
2. A start has been requested by the operator, and the running signal does not go to a logic one and/or the not running signal does not go to a logic zero.

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Mr. John Modlin

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The start output is sent through a five-second time delay before going through an AND block along with the not running signal to generate a "TRIPPED" alarm. This will alarm the operator that the pump has tripped only after a start from the DCS was given.

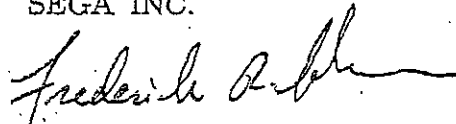
6-ZSO-1160

Sega was also asked to investigate the function of input 6-ZSO-1160 by SJL&P on June 23, 2000. Sega reviewed graphic TURBINE.DR and the exception reports from logic sheet B6MCSA3A and determined that the absence of 6-ZSO-1160 at the module level would have generated an MSDD alarm sixty seconds after a pump-stop command was given by the control room operator. Sega also determined that the absence of 6-ZSO-1160 would not affect the starting/stopping of the pump, or the indication of running/not running at the console.

If you have any questions or comments, please call.

Sincerely,

SEGA INC.



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June 7, 2000

Interviewee: Bill White, Shift Supervisor
(Hire date 10/14/70; current classification since 5/1/86)

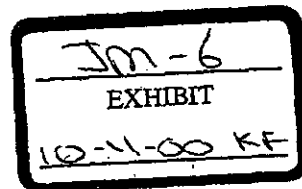
Subject: Turbine Generator #4 Occurrence on June 7, 2000.

Q. What exactly happened in your opinion?

A. I was in my office, Scott Hinkle came in to relieve me, and we heard the safeties lift on the boiler. We immediately went to the control room and determined the unit had tripped. While trying to determine what had happened, I sent Danny Kukuc to the F.D. fan to verify it had tripped. At about the time he left the control room, we heard an explosion. Danny came back into the control room through the NE door and yelled, "the generator is on fire." At approximately the same time, Lance Brumbaugh had come into the control room and said #5 bearing was smoking. I started towards the unit going through my office, when I heard a second explosion. I went on out to the unit and saw that the commutator rings and that the generator around the #5 bearing area was on fire. Fire was also shooting up through generator gratings. I ran over and grabbed a Halon fire extinguisher, went back over and tried to put out, with no affect. That's when I called Danny Kukuc on the radio and told him to get the hydrogen secured on the unit. Went back into the control room told them to call the fire dept., which I believe they had already done. We determined the fire was serious and could get out of control, so we decided to evacuate the plant. Then I went back out to the unit, and was going down to the other end of the unit to try to assess other fires on the other end and at that time, I noticed that the bearings were smoking. That's when I believe that Scott arrived and I told Scott that I thought we should secure all sources of flammable material. So, we decided to shut down lube oil and hydraulic oil to the unit. So, we proceeded over to the motor control centers and pulled breakers on oil pumps and hydraulic pumps. Then at that time, I think we basically tried to regroup and went back to the control room to make sure everyone was evacuated. Estimate that 3 minutes had gone by at this time. I went back out to the unit, and saw that the fire was dissipating, so I thought to myself that the hydrogen source was about burned up, at that time, the fire was a lot smaller on the #5 bearing and commutator ring area, and there was also a small fire around #3 and 4 bearings, that I determined was oil. I got another dry chemical fire extinguisher and was able to put out the fires. By that time, Scott arrived again and grabbed another fire extinguisher and helped put it out. I think I remarked to Scott that the unit seemed to me like the unit was still rolling under power. The vibration on the unit was extremely severe and I saw the turbine shaft was still turning extremely fast. The noise from the unit sounded steady and like it was continuing to run under external power. It did not sound like the speed was decreasing and the unit was rolling down. I ran into the control room and told the head operator to call up the turbine overview screen to verify the stop and reheat valves were closed. The indication on the screen showed they were. I ran back out to the unit and determined from the extreme vibration and speed of the unit, that steam was still somehow entering the turbine. At that time, I called Danny Kukuc on the radio and told him to go to the hydraulic set and open the dump valve. At about the same time, he told me he opened it; the unit came to a complete abrupt stop. The unit was vibrating so severely, that I was afraid that it was going to completely destroy itself.

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June 7, 2000

Interviewee: Luke Hinkle, Instrument Technician Gr. 3
(Hire date 11/15/99; current classification since this date)

Subject: Turbine Generator #4 Occurrence on June 7, 2000.

Q. What happened in your opinion?

A. I was in the training room and heard a weird blow-off noise that sounded odd and the sound went on for 30 seconds or more. Then I heard what sounded like an explosion. I rushed to the door and saw flames coming from the generator end of the turbine. I then evacuated the building.

Q. Did you hear the hydraulics dump when the turbine tripped?

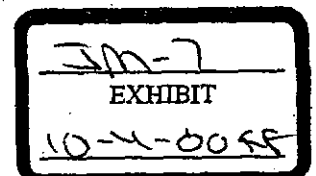
A. No.

Q. Are you familiar with the sound of the turbine tripping?

A. Yes. We've tripped it numerous times on different dates during testing of the Mark V control system.

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Lake Road Unit 4 Turbine Generator Occurrence, June 7, 2000
No. 5 Bearing Troubleshooting Steps Leading up to Occurrence

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The following outlines background information and troubleshooting steps performed by Steve Alexander (General Electric) and Lance Brumbaugh (SJLP) with regard to No. 5 bearing prior to the 6/7/00 turbine trip.

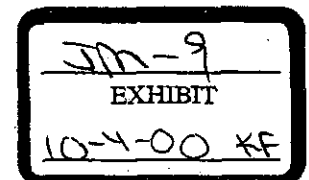
When the unit was rolled on about June 2, it was noted that the no. 5 bearing vibration proximity probes had diagnostic alarms. After start-up, Steve Alexander indicated that the X probe appeared to read okay, but that the Y probe had apparently failed and was showing 0 mils vibration (slightly positive voltage from proximator, indicating "zero" gap). Voltage measurements (before start-up) indicated both X and Y probe gaps were smaller than Bently Nevada (BNC) settings, so we first suspected that the probe was damaged during roll up (possibly due to vibration through a critical). On Monday, June 5 John Modlin discussed the issue with Matt Mangus of BNC. Matt doubted that the bearing actually experienced enough vibration to damage the probe, but sent out a replacement probe to install at first opportunity.

We decided to check the 5Y proximator (signal conditioning device between probe and Mark V). This work began late in the morning on 6/7/00.

Prior to troubleshooting, the X probe was reading about 1.5 mils and the Y probe was reading 0 (see Mark V trip log).

- Steve Alexander forced the bearing #5 trips to "0", so the unit would not trip due to troubleshooting activities.
- Lance switched probe cables, connecting the X probe into the Y proximator and the Y probe into the X proximator. After the switch: Y probe showed good via the X proximator, X probe showed bad via Y proximator. This made the Y proximator suspect.
- Performed the following checks on Y proximator:
 - Checked terminal potentials, showed -24V DC on all three terminals to local ground
 - Pulled 3 wires loose at proximator and checked for potentials from Mark V: -24V DC on V-wire only, common and signal wires had 0V to ground - therefore, thought proximator was bad.
- Lance contacted John Modlin, who called Matt Mangus, John added Lance to the call:
 - Matt suspected that the wiring between Mark V and proximator may be incorrect, so he asked us to switch Mark V cables between proximators.
- Before moving wires, Lance checked the 5Y proximator wires to Mark V:

• Expected:	Red: Power (V-)	Found:	Red: Power (V-)
	White: Signal		White: Common
	Black: Common		Black: Signal
	(on both ends)		(on Mark V end only,
			proximator end was as expected)
- Instead of switching black & white in cabinet (risk of trip), reversed black & white in field (BN junction box)
- After switch, Steve Alexander stated that he had a signal momentarily, then lost it. He suggested that Lance double check wiring.
- Rechecked voltage on signal wire and was still showing a small positive voltage to common - thought proximator still bad?
- Then checked connections at proximator, the black (signal wire) was loose, it pulled out.
- Lance put the wire back about the same time as he sensed problems with the unit. This wire was found to be loose when checked after the trip on 6/13/00.



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