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NRC LICENSING BOARD TO HOLD PREHEARING
CONFERENCE IN RIVER BEND PROCEEDING

The presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board has scheduled a prehearing conference on September 15 in Bethesda, Maryland in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission proceeding involving a change in ownership of Gulf States Utilities (GSU), the operator of the River Bend nuclear station near St. Francesville, Louisiana.

The conference will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Licensing Board's Fifth Floor Hearing Room, 4350 East West Highway.

Under a proposed amendment to its operating license, GSU, which owns a 70 percent undivided interest in River Bend, would become a wholly owned subsidiary company of Entergy Corporation. Cajun Electric Power Cooperative has filed a petition to intervene and request for a hearing on the proposed amendment.

The purpose of the conference is to hear argument on the petition to intervene and to schedule any additional actions that may be appropriate.

Members of the Licensing Board are the following Administrative Judges from the NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel: B. Paul Cotter, Jr., Chairman; Dr. Richard F. Cole and Dr. Peter S. Lam.

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