

Docket No. 50-458

October 22, 1993

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Dear Mr. McGaha:

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT -  
RIVER BEND STATION, UNIT 1 (TAC NO. #B5673)

Enclosed are copies of the "Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact" for your information. These assessments relate to your applications dated January 13, 1993. One application requested the NRC's consent, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80, of the change in ownership of Gulf States Utilities to Entergy Corporation, and requested an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-47, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.90, to reflect the change of GSU to a wholly owned subsidiary of Entergy Corporation. The second application requested a license amendment to include Entergy Operations, Inc. as a licensee of River Bend with authority to operate the facility on behalf of its owners.

These assessments have been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Edward T. Baker, Senior Project Manager  
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Environmental Assessments

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONGULF STATES UTILITIES COMPANYDOCKET 50-458ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-47, issued to Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU), for operation of River Bend Station, Unit 1, located in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTIdentification of Proposed Action

The proposed amendment would change the license to allow the operation and maintenance of River Bend Station by Entergy Operations, Inc. The proposed action is in accordance with GSU's application for amendment dated January 13, 1993.

The Need for the Proposed Action

GSU proposes to transfer the operation and maintenance of River Bend to Entergy Operations, Inc. The proposed changes to the license will assure that GSU and Cajun Electric Power Cooperative Inc. (Cajun) will continue in their present capacity as owners of River Bend. The transfer to Entergy Operations, Inc. entails the transfer of River Bend operating and support staff from GSU to Entergy Operations, Inc. All staff and functions for safety, environmental, security, emergency planning, and related disciplines will continue after the amendment as before. There will be no physical or operation changes associated with this amendment other than the change in employer (to Entergy

Operations, Inc.) of the operations, maintenance, engineering, and other nuclear related personnel.

#### Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed changes to the license. The proposed changes would allow GSU to transfer the operations and maintenance of River Bend to Entergy Operations, Inc. The operation and maintenance staff of GSU associated with River Bend will transfer to Entergy Operations, Inc. There will be no changes to the facility or the environment as a result of the license amendment. The licensees (GSU and Cajun) will continue as owners of the facility. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that this action would result in no radiological or non-radiological environmental impact.

The Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Proposed No Significant Hazards Determination and Opportunity for Hearing in connection with this action was published in the Federal Register on July 7, 1993 (58 FR 36436). On August 6, 1993, a petition for leave to intervene and request for hearing was filed. However, no environmental concerns were raised in the petition.

#### Alternative to the Proposed Action

It has been determined that there is no impact associated with the proposed amendment; any alternatives to the amendment will have either no environmental impact or will have a greater environmental impact.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for River Bend Station, Unit 1 dated January 1985.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

The NRC staff reviewed GSU's request and consulted with the Louisiana State official. The State official had no comments regarding the NRC's proposed action.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Based on the foregoing environmental assessment, the Commission has concluded that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed amendment.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated January 13, 1993, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, Lower Level, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555, and at the local public document room, located at the Government Documents Department, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of October 1993.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



Suzanne C. Black, Director  
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The proposed amendment would change the license to reflect the change of GSU to a wholly owned subsidiary of Entergy Corporation. The proposed action is in accordance with GSU's application for amendment dated January 13, 1993.

The Need for the Proposed Action

GSU proposes to merge with and become a wholly owned subsidiary of Entergy Corporation. The proposed change to the license will add a footnote that describes the change in ownership of GSU. There will be no physical configuration, operation, or ownership changes involving the River Bend Station associated with this amendment.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed changes to the license. The proposed changes would allow GSU to merge with and become a wholly owned subsidiary of Entergy Corporation. There will be no changes to the facility or the environment as a result of the license amendment. The licensees (GSU and Cajun) will continue as owners of the facility.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that this action would result in no radiological or non-radiological environmental impact.

The Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Proposed No Significant Hazards Determination and Opportunity for Hearing in connection with this action was published in the Federal Register on July 7, 1993 (58 FR 36435). On August 6, 1993, a petition for leave to intervene and request for hearing was filed. However, no environmental concerns were raised in the petition.

#### Alternative to the Proposed Action

It has been determined that there is no impact associated with the proposed amendment; any alternatives to the amendment will have either no environmental impact or will have a greater environmental impact.

#### Alternative Use of Resources

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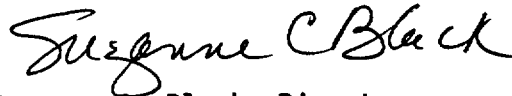
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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of October 1993.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Suzanne C. Black".

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