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Mr. Robert D. Martin, Regional Administrator
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV, Office of Inspection and Enforcement
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000
Arlington, Texas 76011

Dear Mr. Martin:

River Bend Station Unit 1
Docket No. 50-458
Final Report/DR-235

Gulf States Utilities Company has completed its evaluation of DR-235 concerning 178 number 18 vertical "B-series" splice cadwelds performed by a cadwelder who was not requalified after exceeding one reject in 15 consecutive splices. The 178 cadweld splices were visually inspected by Field Quality Control and found to be satisfactory, with the exception of one splice that was reworked in accordance with Inspection Report No. S9001273. In addition, eight sister splices representing the same 178 cadweld shots, were found to be both visually acceptable and exceeding the minimum tensile strength requirements. GSU has determined the 178 splice cadwelds are acceptable; therefore this condition is not reportable under 10CFR50.55(e).

Sincerely,

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