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Gentlemen:

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This letter provides a revision to Gulf States Utilities Company's response to Generic Letter 89-13, "Service Water System Problems Affecting Safety-Related Equipment". The subject generic letter requested that licensees perform certain actions to ensure that their service water system is maintained in compliance with applicable codes and criteria.

GSU's response to Section II. of the generic letter concerning heat exchanger performance testing stated that:

GSU is developing a Heat Exchanger Performance Monitoring Program... which meets the recommended actions of this generic letter.

As part of this response, a list of safety-related heat exchangers and the date of initial test was provided. This list included the residual heat removal (RHR) heat exchangers radiation monitor coolers. The date of initial test for these radiation monitor coolers was scheduled for Refueling Outage (RF-) 4.

Subsequent to the scheduling of this testing, GSU developed plans to clean and partially replace portions of the plant service water system. The supply and discharge piping to and from the RHR radiation monitor coolers was included in the piping replacement performed during RF-4. GSU now plans to inspect and/or replace these sample coolers prior to putting the RHR radiation monitors back into service. Replacement or inspection/testing can be performed on-line, however sufficient flow to these small heat exchangers is required to adequately performance test or evaluate their operability. Evaluation or replacement of the RHR radiation monitor coolers will be performed by October 31, 1992.

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This new schedule for testing of these heat exchangers has no impact on the safety of River Bend Station or any effect on the heat exchanger performance monitoring program since grab samples will continue to be taken when the RHR heat exchangers are in service to detect and isolate any system breaches. Because the service water system at River Bend Station is now a closed water system, system performance as well as heat exchanger performance will be greatly improved.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mr. Leif L. Dietrich of my staff at (504) 381-4866.

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