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In Reply Refer To: RIV Docket No. 50-458/Rpt. 79-01

Gulf States Utilities
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. C. R. Oberg of our staff during the period May 29 - June 1, 1979, of activities authorized by NRC Construction Permit No. CPPR-145 for River Bend, Unit No. 1, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. J. E. Wimberly and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection and our findings are discussed in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Within the scope of the inspection, no items of noncompliance were identified.

We have also examined actions you have taken with regard to previously identified inspection findings. The status of these items is identified in paragraph 2 of the enclosed report.

One new unresolved item is identified in paragraph 4 of the enclosed report.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If the report contains any information that you believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you submit a written application to this office, wi hin 20 days of the date of this letter, requesting that such information be withheld from public disclosure. The application must include a full statement of the reasons why it is claimed that the information is proprietary. The application should be prepared so that any proprietary information identified is contained in an enclosure to the application, since the application without the enclosure will also be placed in the Public Document Room. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

W. C. Seidle Chief

Reactor Construction and Engineering Support Branch

Enclosure:

IE Inspection Report No. 50-458/79-01