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Mr. Karl V. Seyfrit, Director  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region IV  
611 Ryan Plaza Drive  
Suite 1000  
Arlington, TX 76011

Dear Mr. Seyfrit:

River Bend Station  
Refer to: RIV  
Docket Nos. 50-458/IE Bulletin 79-07  
50-459/IE Bulletin 79-07

In response to your IE Bulletin 79-07 concerning certain information about seismic analysis of safety related piping, we provide the following:

In response to items 1, 2, and 4 our Architect Engineer (Stone and Webster) has identified no computer codes which used any of the methods described in item 1 of your bulletin.

In response to item 3, our Architect Engineer has used NUPIPE, version 03, levels 03 through 10 in the seismic stress analysis of safety related piping for River Bend Station Units 1 and 2. Stone and Webster is addressing generic verification of this computer program. Stone and Webster inhouse benchmarking links all major versions of NUPIPE to version 03/10. We will provide an update on the final status of this benchmarking effort when it is complete. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

J. G. Weigand  
General Manager - Nuclear Projects

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cc: Office of Inspection and Enforcement, Washington, D.C.

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