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

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Dear Mr. Seyfrit:

River Bend Station - Units 1 & 2
Refer to: RIV
Docket Nos. 50-458/I&E Bulletin 79-14
50-459/I&E Bulletin 79-14

Since the River Bend Station is in the initial phases of construction (i.e. approximately 6% complete), no seismic Category I piping systems have yet been installed in the field. Therefore, Gulf States cannot inspect the as-built piping systems as requested in the bulletin. It is anticipated that the first construction related to a seismic Category I piping system will begin sometime in late spring 1980. Gulf States therefore commits to perform and document the requested inspections as the construction of the Station progresses. Also, Gulf States will report the results of the inspections to the Region IV Office of Inspection and Enforcement. It is presently anticipated that these inspections will be coordinated with start-up and testing of the systems which will take place between November 1982 and June 1983.

Sincerely,

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General Manager - Nuclear Projects

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cc: Office of Inspection & Enforcement
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