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# United States Department of Justice

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

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Howard K. Shapar  
Executive Legal Director  
United States Nuclear Regulatory  
Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: Gulf States Utilities Company  
(River Bend Station, Unit 1)  
Docket No. 50-548

Dear Mr. Shapar:

You have requested our advice pursuant to Section 105(c) of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended, regarding a proposed amendment to the construction permit of the above referenced nuclear unit to allow Cajun Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("Cajun") and Sam Rayburn G&T, Inc. ("Sam Rayburn") to become co-owners of that unit. Cajun will acquire a thirty percent interest in the 940 megawatt unit (approximately 282 megawatts) and Sam Rayburn will acquire a seven percent interest (approximately 66 megawatts). Our review of the information submitted for antitrust review purposes, as well as other information available to the Department, provides no basis at this time to conclude that the participation in the River Bend Station, Unit 1, by Cajun and Sam Rayburn would create or maintain a situation inconsistent with the antitrust laws. Accordingly, it is the Department's view that no antitrust hearing is necessary with respect to the proposed amendment to the construction permit.

Sincerely,

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