



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT APPRAISAL
BY THE DIVISION OF LICENSING
SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO CPPR-145
RELATING TO CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN
RIVER BEND STATION, UNIT NO. 1
DOCKET NO. 50-458

Description of the Proposed Action

By letter dated October 26, 1979, and as supplemented by letter dated August 28, 1980, Gulf States Utilities Company filed a request with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to reflect additional ownership interest in the River Bend Station, Unit 1. The action proposed by Gulf States Utilities Company is the issuance of an amendment to Construction Permit No. CPPR-145 that would specify Cajun Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("Cajun Electric") and Sam Rayburn G&T, Inc. as co-owners of River Bend Station, Unit No. 1. Cajun Electric and Sam Rayburn G&T, Inc. have entered into agreements with Gulf States Utilities Company, conditional in part upon NRC approval, whereby each would own, as tenants in common, the following proportional interests in the River Bend Station, Unit No. 1: 63 percent by Gulf States Utilities Company, 30 percent by Cajun Electric and 7 percent by Sam Rayburn G&T, Inc. Gulf States Utilities Company will act as lead applicant and will retain complete responsibility for licensing, design, procurement, construction, operation, maintenance and all related functions with respect to River Bend Station, Unit No. 1. At this time our review with respect to Sam Rayburn G&T, Inc. has not been completed and the present amendment is limited to participation by Cajun Electric.

The NRC staff's Final Environmental Statement related to construction of the River Bend Station was issued in September 1974.

Environmental Impact of the Proposed Action

Cajun Electric is organized and operated as a non-profit power supply cooperative owned by a federation of thirteen electrical distribution cooperatives serving rural Louisiana. Cajun Electric is principally engaged in the business of generating electrical energy and providing wholesale energy to its member cooperatives throughout the state.

No additional transmission facilities or facility modifications will be required as a result of including Cajun Electric as a co-owner of the River Bend Station, Unit 1. No changes in the plant design will be required as a result of this

action, and Gulf States Utilities Company will remain the organization responsible for Station design, construction and operation. No increase in effluents from, nor any increase in the authorized power level for, River Bend Station, Unit 1 is associated with this action.

Conclusion and Basis for Negative Declaration

On the basis of the foregoing information, the NRC concludes that there will be no environmental impacts resulting from the proposed action relative to Cajun Electric's participation in addition to those impacts predicted and evaluated in the NRC staff's Final Environmental Statement related to construction of River Bend Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2 issued in September 1974 or in hearings for which Partial Initial Decisions were issued September 2, 1975, September 2, 1976 and February 3, 1977, and for which the Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeal Board issued a Memorandum and Order on March 22, 1977. Having reached this conclusion, the NRC staff has further concluded that no environmental impact statement for the proposed action need be prepared and that a negative declaration to this effect is appropriate.

Dated: October 3, 1980