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In Reply Refer To:
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. A. B. Earnest of this office during the period November 13-17, 1989, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License NPF-47 for River Bend Station, and to the discussion of our findings with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection reviewed certain areas of your physical security program. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

During this inspection, it was found that certain of your activities were in violation of NRC requirements. Specifically, there were three violations identified during the inspection. The violations are cited in the attached Notice of Violation. We are concerned that your audit program did not preclude or identify some of these violations. And, in particular, Violation B.2 involving inadequate compensatory measures and the non-cited violation in communications which have existed, apparently, for an extended period should have been readily recognizable by central and secondary alarm station operators, their immediate supervisors, and security program management. Thus, we are also concerned that some of these violations indicate a need to improve staff training on regulatory requirements. Please address these perceptions that we have about your licensed program in your response to the Notice of Violation. Nevertheless, we do recognize and are encouraged by the progress that Gulf States Utilities has been taking in establishing an improved physical security program. You are required to respond to these violations, in writing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Your response should be based on the specifics contained in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter.

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.

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The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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

Sincerely,

for *Thomas P. Guynn,*
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report
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