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Gulf States Utilities  
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Gentlemen:

This letter acknowledges the granting of enforcement discretion to River Bend Station (RBS) on February 2, 1990. The enforcement discretion provided temporary relief until 6 p.m. on February 2, 1990, from the provisions of Technical Specification (TS) 3.0.3, which was entered when RBS failed to meet the operational conditions set forth in TS 3.7.2, "Main Control Room Air Conditioning System."

Your letter to this office, dated February 5, 1990, provides your basis for the enforcement discretion request. Enforcement discretion was granted by NRC Region IV on February 2, 1990, allowing RBS to continue operation in Mode 1 with only one of four control building chilled water system (CBCWS) chillers available in the manual operating mode. It was stated to us that you expected to return one or more of the division train chillers to full operable status prior to 6 p.m. (CST) on February 2, 1990, thereby meeting, in part, the operability requirements specified in TS 3.7.2, and thus exiting the action requirements of TS 3.0.3. It was our understanding that steps were taken during this period to verify that control room operators were fully cognizant of the actions required with respect to the CBCWS chiller and that an extra shift supervisor was assigned to the control room to assist during this period.

We understand that one CBCWS chiller was returned to operable status before 6 p.m. on February 2, 1990, resulting in RBS' exit of TS 3.0.3.

If there are any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Samuel J. Collins at (817) 860-8183.

Sincerely,

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