

Docket Nos: 50-458/459

JAN 8 1982



Mr. Dick Whittington
Regional Administrator
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
Dallas, Texas 75270

Dear Mr. Whittington:

The Gulf States Utilities Company has applied to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for an operating license for its River Bend Nuclear Power Plant, Stations 1 and 2, currently under construction and located at a site in West Feliciana Parish, 2 miles east of the Mississippi River and approximately 24 miles north-northwest of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The NRC is preparing an Environmental Statement as part of its operating license review procedures, and will be considering environmental areas such as the impact of the plant on terrestrial and aquatic resources (both State and federal), as well as site hydrologic and geotechnic features such as rail/road embankments, the Mississippi River bankline and makeup water intake embayment, water channel structures (natural and artificial) in the vicinity of West Creek and the Grants Bayou and Alligator Bayou areas, and other relevant site features.

The NRC staff conducting this review have scheduled a visit to the plant site the week of January 18-22, 1982 for the purpose of gathering information for preparation of the Environmental Statement. On January 19, beginning at 9:00 AM a general tour to observe various on-site and off-site features, such as those stated above, will be conducted by the applicant followed by a session during which specific environmental questions raised by the NRC Environmental Engineering and Site Analysis staff will be responded to by the applicant. The remainder of the week (January 20-22) has been set aside to allow the meetings between the NRC staff and federal, State and local agency representatives.

Confirming your telephone conversation with the Mr. John J. Stefano of my staff on January 6, 1982, you and other members of your agency are cordially invited to participate in the tour and the question response session scheduled for January 19, and are requested to be available at the plant site,

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or your base of operations as appropriate, to meet with the NRC staff to discuss areas of mutual interest pertaining to the plant site environment. If there are any questions, or if we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact Mr. Stefano directly at (301)-492-9536.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

A. Schwencer, Chief
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