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Dear Mr. Deddens:

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO GENERIC LETTER 90-03 FOR THE RIVER BEND STATION, UNIT 1
(TAC NO. 76284)

On March 20, 1990, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Generic Letter (GL) 90-03, "Relaxation of Staff Position in Generic Letter 83-28, Item 2.2, Part 2, 'Vendor Interface for Safety-Related Components.'" The GL requested that all licensees and applicants review their present vendor interface programs and modify them as necessary using the guidance supplied in the GL.

By letter dated September 28, 1990, Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) responded to GL 90-03 and indicated that the vendor interface programs identified in the GL have been reviewed. The current program with General Electric (GE), the nuclear steam supply system (NSSS) vendor, ensures NSSS component information is received by GSU and encompasses the elements of the Vendor Equipment Technical Information Program (VETIP), as stated in GSU's August 3, 1984, letter to the NRC staff in response to GL 83-28. Additional action will be taken by GSU to ensure other requisite NSSS component information is received and maintained. The program to be established for other safety-related components will include a data base of these components and will ensure contact with the identified vendors every 12 months to verify component information has been received. The initial program will be implemented by March 31, 1991. Both of these programs encompass the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B.

The staff has reviewed GSU's response and finds it acceptable. This action closes TAC No. 76284.

Sincerely,

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