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Gulf States Utilities
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. E. J. Ford and D. P. Loveless of this office and R. C. Sorensen of the Region V office during the period September 5, through October 16, 1990, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License NPF-47 for River Bend Station, and to the discussion of our findings with you and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection included followup of events, operational safety verification, maintenance observations, surveillance test observations, engineered safety feature system walkdown, and followup of previously identified items. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

Also during this inspection, it was found that one of your activities appeared to deviate from commitments made to the NRC. This item involved the failure to provide adequate plant lighting as described in your Updated Safety Analysis Report. The specific lighting problem and reference to the commitment are identified in the enclosed Notice of Deviation. You are requested to respond to this deviation in writing. Your response should be based on the specifics contained in the Notice of Deviation 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 8 of the enclosed report.

We acknowledge your commitment to complete your review of Condition Report 90-0820 (paragraph 3.b), along with any needed corrective actions, prior to restarting the reactor. This commitment involves the failure of the "B" recirculation pump low speed breaker to close during the reactor shutdown on September 29, 1990.

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.

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

Sincerely,
Original Signed By

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Enclosures:

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