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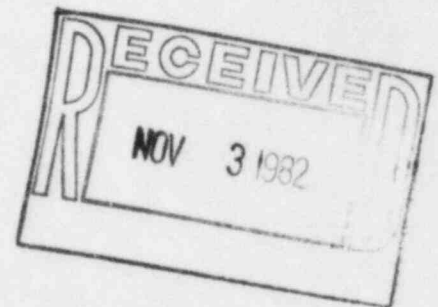
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Mr. John T. Collins, Regional Administrator
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV, Office of Inspection and Enforcement
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000
Arlington, Texas 76011

Dear Mr. Collins:

River Bend Station Unit 1
Docket No. 50-458
Interim Report/DR-76



On September 30, 1982, Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) notified the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Region IV Office of a condition potentially reportable under 10CFR50.55(e) concerning a deviation from ASME Standards (DR-76). Large and small bore pipe supports welds are designed for load carrying requirements. In some applications, the weld specified may be less than the minimum weld size required by the Code based on the thickness of the material being welded. GSU has not completed its investigation at this time. An interim or final status report will be provided by December 14, 1982.

Sincerely,

for J. E. Booker
Manager-Engineering,
Nuclear Fuels & Licensing
River Bend Nuclear Group

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cc: Director of Inspection & Enforcement
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