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Gentlemen:

River Bend Station - Unit 1
Docket No. 50-458

Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) hereby files an application to amend the River Bend Station - Unit 1 Technical Specifications, Appendix A to Facility Operating License NPF-47, pursuant to 10CFR50.90. This application is filed to add the chilled water water return-from-the-drywell isolation valve, 1HVN*V543, to Technical Specification Table 3.6.4-1. The Attachment to this letter and the Enclosure provide the justifications and proposed revisions to the Technical Specifications.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. L. L. Dietrich of my staff at (504) 381-4866.

Sincerely,

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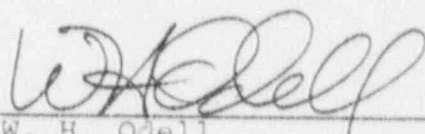
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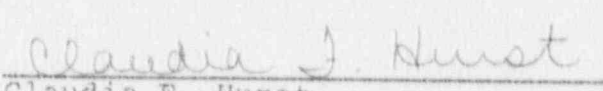
AFFIDAVIT

W. H. Odell, being duly sworn, states that he is a Manager - Oversight for Gulf States Utilities Company; that he is authorized on the part of said company to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission the documents attached hereto; and that all such documents are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



W. H. Odell

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and Parish above named, this 7th day of January, 1991. My Commission expires with Life.



Claudia F. Hurst
Notary Public in and for
West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana

ATTACHMENT

PROPOSED
GULF STATES UTILITIES COMPANY
RIVER BEND STATION
DOCKET 50-458/LICENSE NO. NPF-47

PRIMARY CONTAINMENT AND DRYWELL ISOLATION VALVES
(90-07)

LICENSING DOCUMENT INVOLVED:

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

ITEM:

Table 3.6.4-1

REASON FOR REQUEST:

In accordance with 10CFR50.90, Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) is requesting a change to Technical Specification (TS) Table 3.6.4-1, "Drywell and Containment Isolation Valves," to include the chilled water return-from-the-drywell isolation valve. This valve was inadvertently omitted from the corresponding Safety Analysis Report (SAR) table and this error was apparently carried over to the TS table during its development. The addition of this valve to the TS will ensure that future compliance with the River Bend Station operating license is maintained.

Also, this change request will correct an editorial oversight by correctly identifying valve 1SWP*V206 as "Service Water Return" in TS Table 3.6.4-1.

DISCUSSION:

On 01/25/90 GSU discovered that valve 1HVN*V543 was inadvertently omitted from TS Table 3.6.4-1. Further investigation revealed that the valve was also omitted from the corresponding SAR Table 6.2-51, "Drywell Isolation Provisions for Fluid Lines." The omission of the valve from the SAR table was probably carried over to the TS table during its initial development.

Because this valve was not listed as a drywell isolation valve in either the SAR or the TS, the required TS Surveillance Requirements for TS 4.6.2.1, "Drywell Integrity" had not been performed. Licensee Event Report (LER) 90-025, submitted 09/07/90, provides the investigation, root cause and corrective actions taken to prevent recurrence for this event. This license amendment request is being submitted as an additional corrective action for LER 90-025.

Upon discovery of this condition, GSU personnel verified that this valve had always been included in Station Operating Procedure, (SOP)-0066, "Plant and Control Building HVAC Chilled Water System," which is used to determine correct valve position during normal

system lineup. Also, Surveillance Test Procedure, (STP)-000-0201, "Monthly Operating Log," is used to ensure compliance with TS Surveillance Requirement 4.6.2.1.a, which provides verification of valve position once every 31 days, was revised on 04/04/90 to include 1HVN*V543. Therefore, GSU is currently in full compliance with TS and this license amendment request will ensure future compliance with the operating license is maintained.

SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS CONSIDERATION:

In accordance with the requirements of 10CFR50.92, the following discussions are provided in support of the determination that no significant hazards are created or increased by the change proposed by this submittal.

1. The proposed change would not increase the probability or consequences of a previously evaluated accident because:

The addition of the chilled water return from the drywell isolation valve, 1HVN*V543, to Technical Specification (TS) Table 3.6.4-1 maintains the plant in further compliance with the TS. This addition will not change any of the assumptions made to any of the accident analyses discussed in Chapter 15 of the Safety Analysis Report.

2. The proposed change would not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any previously evaluated because:

The addition of this valve to TS Table 3.6.4-1 does not affect any mode of plant operation nor does it cause any hardware modifications to the plant. This addition would only ensure future compliance with required TS.

3. The proposed change would not involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety because:

There is no margin of safety associated with the addition of this valve to TS Table 3.6.4-1.

Based on the above, it is determined that the proposed change does not (1) involve significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated, (2) create the probability of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated, or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety and therefore, does not involve a significant hazard consideration.

REVISED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION:

The requested revision is provided in the Enclosure.

SCHEDULE FOR ATTAINING COMPLIANCE:

GSU is currently in full compliance with the applicable Technical Specification requirements.

NOTIFICATION OF STATE PERSONNEL:

A copy of this amendment request has been provided to the State of Louisiana, Department of Environmental Quality - Radiation Protection Division.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT APPRAISAL:

GSU has reviewed the proposed license amendment against the criteria of 10CFR51.22 for environmental considerations. The proposed changes do not involve a significant hazards consideration, nor increase the types and amounts of effluents that may be released offsite, nor significantly increase individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposures. Based on the foregoing, GSU concludes that the proposed change meets the criteria given in 10CFR51.22(c)(9) for a categorical exclusion from the requirement for an Environmental Impact Statement.