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Gentlemen:

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

The purpose of this letter is to submit for NRC review and approval the attached topical report EA-CA-91-0001-M entitled "Steady State Core Physics Methods for BWR Design and Analysis." This report and a second topical on reactor transients scheduled for submittal to the NRC by April 30, 1991, will allow Gulf States Utilities (GSU) to perform its own reload analyses. These two reports and their submittal schedule were discussed with the NRC in meetings on July 12, 1990, and December 18, 1990. In accordance with those discussions, GSU requests the NRC Safety Evaluation for this topical by January 15, 1992.

GSU is prepared to meet with the NRC as necessary to facilitate the NRC review of this submittal. If you have any questions or desire further information, please contact Mr. L. L. Dietrich at (504) 381-4866.

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