

GULF STATES UTILITIES COMPANY
CAJUN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE
RIVER BEND STATION, UNIT 1
DOCKET NO. 50-458

ORDER EXTENDING CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE

Gulf States Utilities Company and Cajun Electric Power Cooperative are the holders of Construction Permit No. CPPR-145, issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on March 25, 1977 for construction of the River Bend Station, Unit 1. This facility is presently under construction at a site in Southeastern Louisiana in the Parish of West Feliciana, Louisiana.

On November 5, 1982, the applicants requested an extension of the latest completion date from March 31, 1983 to December 31, 1985 because construction has been delayed as a result of applicants reducing capital outlays consistent with the reduction in anticipated revenues. This reduction in capital outlays, was for good cause beyond the applicants' control; specifically, high interest rates, inadequate rate relief, a delay in the purchase of an ownership share of the unit by Cajun Electric Power Cooperative and the continuing delay in ownership by Sam Rayburn G & T, resulting in reduced manpower levels in both engineering and construction.

Prior public notice of this extension was not required since this action involves no significant hazards consideration; good cause has been shown for the delays; and the requested extension is for a reasonable period, the bases for which are set forth in the staff's evaluation of the request for extension.

The Commission has determined that this action will not result in any significant environmental impact and, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.5 (d)(4), an environmental impact statement, or negative declaration and environmental

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The NRC staff evaluation of the request for extension of the construction permit is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555, and at the Government Documents Department, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the latest completion date for Construction Permit No. CPPR-145 is extended from March 31, 1983 to December 31, 1985.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director
Division of Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Date of Issuance:

Subject to changes indicated change model

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