



GULF STATES UTILITIES COMPANY

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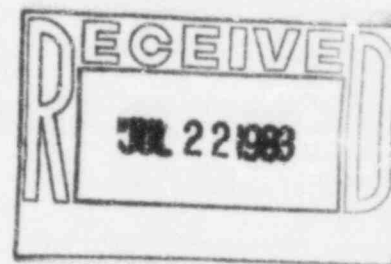
Mr. John T. Collins, Regional Administrator
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV, Office of Inspection and Enforcement
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000
Arlington, Texas 76011

Dear Mr. Collins:

RIVER BEND STATION UNIT 1

Refer to: RIV

DOCKET NO. 50-458/REPORT NO. 81-09



On September 8, 1981, Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) responded to a Notice of Violation contained in your August 7, 1981 letter, I&E Inspection Report No. 50-458/81-09. In GSU's response, concerning storage procedures for motor operated valves, (item 1a), GSU stated "All energized equipment (warehouse or installed) will be affixed with a tag warning that unauthorized disconnection of a power source supplying heat to a space heater is prohibited and could result in employee's termination."

Because of our experience to date, it is felt that the attachment of warning tags on installed equipment is not necessary for the following reasons:

1. Part of the original problem was that craftsmen were unplugging extension cords feeding power to the space heaters to make the outlet available for other applications, not realizing that the cord was supplying power to a space heater. The warning tags were intended to inform people that this would not be allowed. Hard wiring of equipment to local distribution panels from which power is obtained and the use of indicating lights or alarms to inform personnel of power interruptions due to power trips provides the assurance needed to prevent the recurrence of the problem. The need for the tags is eliminated once the cords are hard wired to the panel.

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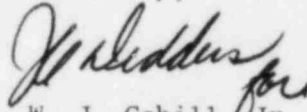
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2. Personnel have received training and are more aware of the requirements. The tags served in this respect as a training aid, that is no longer felt to be required.
3. Periodic maintenance required by Specification 229.170 including meggering of equipment is being performed.
4. Field quality control performs periodic surveillance of storage and maintenance activity in accordance with Specification 229.170 ("Storage and Maintenance of Permanent Plant Equipment") and the Inspection Plan.

For these reasons, GSU is eliminating the use of warning tags in the electrical supply to space heaters in installed equipment. Energized equipment in the warehouse will continue to be tagged. No other deviations to originally committed corrective actions specified are being taken. GSU believes the actions being taken satisfy the concerns in the Notice of Violation. GSU will be glad to discuss any concerns you may have regarding this modification to corrective actions.

Sincerely,



W. J. Cahill, Jr.
Senior Vice President
River Bend Nuclear Group

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

STATE OF LOUISIANA

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In the Matter of

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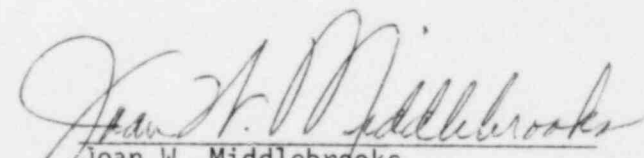
(River Bend Station,
Units 1 & 2)

AFFIDAVIT

J. C. Deddens, being duly sworn states that he is a Vice President of 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.


J. C. Deddens

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and Parish above named, this 15 day of July, 19 83.


Joan W. Middlebrooks
Notary Public in and for
West Feliciana Parish,
Louisiana

My Commission is for Life.