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Docket No. 50-458 License No. NPF-47

Gulf States Utilities ATTN: James C. Deddens Senior Vice President (RBNG) P.O. Box 220 St. Francisville, Louisiana 70775

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-458/91-24

Thank you for your letter of March 20, 1992, which responds to the seven response items contained in the referenced inspection report, dated December 23, 1991. As discussed with your staff on April 9, 1992, we have reviewed your reply and find it responsive to our concerns. Specific comments are noted below.

Concerning Response Item 1, we note that your reported test results pertain only to small globe valves and will probably not be representative of your valve population. Information we have received since the inspection of your program has reinforced our technical position that the J.15 stem friction coefficient and 0.30 valve factor used in your calculations may not be conservative for gate valves. Additionally, industry testing of gate valves continues to show significant rate-of-loading effects.

Concerning Response Item 2, in light of the above considerations, the calculation reviews performed should be viewed as provisional until additional testing is in accordance with your MOV program.

We will review the implementation of actions described in your letter and other aspects of your motor-operated valve program at a later date.

> Sincerely Original Signed By: Thomas P. Gwynn

A. Bill Beach, Director Division of Reactor Projects

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