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By letter dated January 30, 1991 (RBG-34407) Gulf States Utilities submitted for review and approval topical report EA-CA-91-0001-M entitled "Steady State Core Physics Methods for BWR Design and Analysis." At that time, completion of the review of this report was requested by January 15, 1992. As a result of the staff review of this submittal, a number of items requiring additional information were identified and transmitted to GSU by letter dated December 9, 1991 (RBC-41546).

Attachment 1 to this letter provides the responses to these requests for additional information. Attachment 2 contains a number of errata pages containing editorial revisions. These editorial page replacements do not change any of the technical content of this report. As discussed with the NRC on November 22, 1991 GSU now requests that the safety evaluation report for this topical report be issued by February 28, 1992.

If you have any questions or desire further information, please call Mr. L.L. Dietrich at (504) 381-4866.

Sincerely,

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ATTACHMENT 1 Answers to NRC Questions