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Gentlemen:

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

This letter is a supplemental revision to Gulf States Utilities Company's (GSU) response to Generic Letter 88-20, "Individual Plant Examination (IPE) for Severe Accident Vulnerabilities." GSU submitted the initial response to the NRC on October 27, 1989 (RBG-31,692) and submitted supplemental responses on September 20, 1990 (RBG-33,608), May 14, 1991 (RBG-34,774) and August 19, 1991 (RBG-35,452).

In response to this generic letter, River Bend Station (RBS) is currently performing an IPE, utilizing a Level 1 Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA) based on the methodology provided in NUREG/CR-4550. Due to resource constraints caused by A plant support activities and the resignation of our lead PRA analyst, we are unable to complete the Level 1 PRA as previously scheduled in the August 1991 submittal to the NRC. The new schedule for this milestone is October 1992, which is also the current schedule for submittal to the NRC of the overall IPE. We are evaluating the impact of the Level 1 delay on this overall submittal schedule. If you have any questions or desire further information, please contact Mr. L.L. Dietrich of my staff at (504) 381-4866.

Sincerely,

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