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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region II
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Attention: Mr. J. P. O'Reilly, Regional Administrator

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

SUBJECT: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station
Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-416 and 50-417
License No. NPF-13
File 0260/L-835.0
Interim Response to IE
Bulletin No. 83-07,
"Apparently Fraudulent
Products Sold by Ray Miller,
Inc."
Ref: AECM-84/0083, March
13, 1984
AECM-84/0126

Mississippi Power & Light Company (MP&L) is unable at this time to provide a final response to IE Bulletin No. 83-07, "Apparently Fraudulent Products Sold by Ray Miller, Inc." Our previous response provided in AECM-84/0083, dated March 13, 1984, indicated that MP&L expected to be able to provide a final response by May 25, 1984. This date was based on our architect engineer's (Bechtel Power Corporation) estimate of when they expected to complete their evaluation of IE Bulletin 83-07 for MP&L. Bechtel has been unable to complete their investigation. This letter is an interim response and supplements our initial response (Reference).

In our initial response we stated that, to date, investigations conducted by MP&L Purchasing and both of our prime suppliers, General Electric Company and Bechtel Power Corporation, indicated that Grand Gulf Nuclear Station (GGNS) Units 1 and 2 had not received any Ray Miller, Inc. products. Investigations by MP&L Purchasing and General Electric Company are complete, however, Bechtel's investigation has not been completed. The current status of the Bechtel investigation is described below.

Responses from twenty-three Bechtel suppliers are required to complete their investigative effort. One hundred and sixteen (116) of the one hundred and forty-four (144) Bechtel suppliers identified and queried as to whether they provided Ray Miller products in the materials and equipment supplied to Grand Gulf Units 1 and 2 have affirmed that they supplied no Ray Miller material directly or indirectly for use on the project. Four suppliers, who provided materials and equipment for non safety-related

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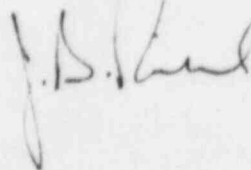
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systems, have responded that they are unable to determine whether Ray Miller material was used. One of the four who also provided material for safety-related piping systems has affirmed that no Ray Miller products were used for those safety-related systems. Response from one supplier, Spear & Wood Manufacturing, can not be obtained since they are no longer in business. The material supplied by Spear & Wood was non safety-related pipe.

Despite a concerted effort by Bechtel Power Corporation, they have been unable to complete their evaluation of IE Bulletin No. 83-07 due to the very slow response by their suppliers. Responses by Bechtel suppliers have been dilatory due to the purchase orders having been completed several years ago. Owing to this fact, Bechtel suppliers have not felt obligated to provide an expeditious response. Currently, Bechtel is actively pursuing the remaining twenty-three responses and has provided MP&L with another expected completion date.

Based on Bechtel's revised expected completion date, MP&L requests an extension to August 17, 1984, for submittal of a final response to IE Bulletin 83-07. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please advise.

Yours truly,



JBR:dmb

cc: Mr. R. B. McGehee
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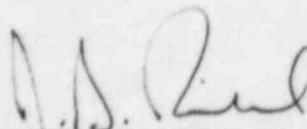
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J. B. Richard, being duly sworn, states that he is Senior Vice President - Nuclear, of Mississippi Power & Light Company; that he is authorized on the part of said Company to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission this response to IE Bulletin No. 83-07 on behalf of Company, Middle South Energy, Inc. and South Mississippi Electric Power Association; that he signed the foregoing letter as Senior Vice President - Nuclear, of Mississippi Power & Light Company; and that the statements made and the matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



J. B. Richard

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, a Notary Public, in and for the County and State above named, this 24th day of May, 1984.

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires Sep. 21, 1987