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In the Matter of
GULF STATES UTILITIES CO., et al.
(River Bend Station, Units 1 & 2)
Docket Nos. 50-458 and 50-459 JOL

Dear Mr. McNeill:

This letter is in response to your July 6, 1984 correspondence regarding several questions you have concerning NRC Board Notification procedures. Some information concerning this subject has previously been sent to you in Mr. A. Schwencer's June 28, 1984 letter.

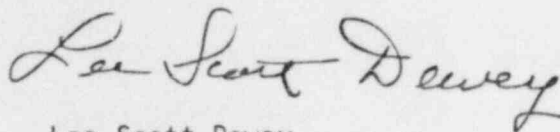
You first ask why BN 84-062 was not sent to the River Bend Board and parties since this information had been sent as Board Notifications to Boards in other licensing proceedings involving similar type nuclear reactors. The answer is that this information will be provided to the River Bend Board and parties, but in a different format than was sent to these other Boards. As explained in NRR Office Letter No. 19, Rev. 2 at 7 (a copy of which was sent to you with Mr. A. Schwencer's letter), Board Notifications are not sent if there is a period of greater than thirty days prior to an evidentiary hearing from the time the information becomes available. Instead, such information will be provided by its incorporation into the SER or as supplemental Staff testimony at the hearing. This procedure, which has been in effect since 1978, has been approved by the Commission.

Your other question is whether the information contained in BN 84-062 has been included in the May 1984 River Bend SER. The answer is that it has not, but it will be included in a supplemental SER or will be sent out as a Board Notification after September 10, 1984 if this information has not been included in an SER by that time.

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We trust this answers your inquiries. If we can be of further assistance, please advise.

Sincerely,



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