

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
 NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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| In the Matter of              | ) |                   |
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| GULF STATES UTILITIES COMPANY | ) | Docket No. 50-458 |
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| River Bend Station, Unit 1    | ) |                   |

EXEMPTION

I.

On November 20, 1985, the Commission issued Facility Operating License No. NPF-47 to Gulf States Utilities Company (the licensee) for River Bend Station, Unit 1. This license provided, among other things, that the facility is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission.

II.

Section 26.29(b) of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations restricts the disclosure of personal information collected and maintained as required by the other sections of Part 26, Fitness for Duty Programs.

By letter dated January 28, 1992, the licensee requested an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 26.29(b) in order to provide, in a confidential manner, information concerning the results of a former employee's drug test results to the Louisiana Office of Employment Security.

III.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's request for a one-time exemption from 10 CFR 26.29(b) in order to facilitate appeals before the Louisiana Office of Employment Security. The information provided to the State agency would be proffered as confidential. This exemption would also encompass the possible testimony of licensee personnel before the Louisiana Office of Employment Security concerning the specific case addressed by the letter dated January 28, 1992.

Based upon its review, the staff finds that the licensee has shown good cause for the requested one-time exemption from 10 CFR 26.29(b). Therefore, the exemption to allow the licensee to provide, in a confidential manner, information concerning a former employee's drug test results to the Louisiana Office of Employment Security is acceptable.

IV.

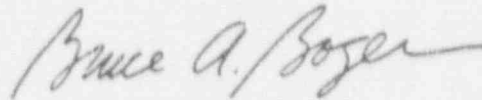
Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 26.6, this exemption is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest.

Accordingly, the Commission hereby grants an exemption as described in Section III above from 10 CFR 26.29(b) to allow the licensee to provide, in a confidential manner, information concerning a former employee's drug test results to the Louisiana Office of Employment Security.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the granting of the Exemption will have no significant impact on the environment (57 FR 6336).

This Exemption is effective upon issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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Dated at Rockville, Maryland  
this 26th day of February 1992.