

June 8, 1992

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-92-27

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the Region IV staff on this date.

FACILITY: Gulf States Utilities  
River Bend Station  
Docket: 50-458

Licensee Emergency Classification:  
 Notification of Unusual Event  
 Alert  
 Site Area Emergency  
 General Emergency  
 Not Applicable

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT TO MERGE ENTERGY AND GULF STATES UTILITIES

At 7:30 a.m. on June 8, 1992, Entergy Corporation announced an agreement between Entergy and Gulf States Utilities to combine the two utilities. The transaction involves approximately 2.3 billion dollars in stock and cash. The merger is subject to a stockholder vote and regulatory approvals. This would place River Bend Nuclear Station at St. Francisville, Louisiana, under the purview of Entergy.

On June 6, 1990, Entergy Corporation consolidated the operation of Arkansas Nuclear One, Grand Gulf, and Waterford 3 nuclear plants under one company, Entergy Operations, Inc.

The licensee has issued a press release.

The states of Louisiana and Texas have been informed.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the Senior Resident Inspector at Waterford 3. Region IV has informed EDO, NRR, and PA.

This information has been confirmed with a licensee representative.

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