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Docket No. 50-458

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Dear Mr. Deddens:

SUBJECT: STATION BLACKOUT ANALYSIS SUPPLEMENTAL SAFETY EVALUATION - RIVER BEND STATION, UNIT 1 (TAC NO. M68593)

The staff's Safety Evaluation pertaining to Gulf States Utilities' (GSU) initial responses to the Station Blackout (SBO) Rule, 10 CFR 50.63, was transmitted to you by letter dated January 16, 1992. At that time, the staff found GSU's proposed method of coping with an SBO to be non-conforming and GSU was requested to submit a revised response to the SBO Rule which addressed the areas of non-conformance. By letter dated March 20, 1992 (RBG-36,633), you responded to the staff's Safety Evaluation, and specifically to the recommendations.

Based on our review of your latest submittal, we find your response to be acceptable as evaluated in the enclosed Supplemental Safety Evaluation. Principally, we have agreed with your assertion that a four-hour Station Blackout coping duration along with a 0.95 emergency diesel generator reliability is appropriate for the River Bend Station. With regard to your commitment to modify Abnormal Operating Procedure (AOP)-0050 in order to remove control room ceiling tiles to improve local ventilation, we request that you provide a schedule for this modification.

You are reminded that 10 CFR 50.63 requires you to submit a schedule commitment for implementing any equipment and associated procedure modifications necessary to meet these requirements within 30 days of this letter. This completes our work under TAC No. M68593.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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Supplemental Safety Evaluation

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