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Gentlemen:

This letter provides Gulf States Utilities Company's comments in response to the Commission's proposed rule regarding reducing regulatory burden on nuclear licensees, 57 FR 27187, issued for public comment on June 18, 1992.

Gulf States Utilities supports the promulgation of this rule. This proposal will help to reduce utility and NRC workload by removing regulatory reporting requirements which established arbitrary reporting dates or had no safety significance. Further reducing unnecessary burden is the proposal to allow licensees to accept back from vendors processed low level waste until final disposition.

The specific list of proposed rules outlined in the June 18, 1992 Federal Register fulfill the intent of President Bush's memorandum of January 28, 1992, entitled "Reducing the Burden of Government Regulation". By reducing unnecessary regulations, the NRC will help ensure that utilities have the resources, both personnel and monetary, to continue to operate and maintain nuclear facilities and train personnel to an ever increasing level of excellence. An indirect end-result of this proposal will be an increase in protection for the health and safety of the public.

GSU commends the NRC for this effort and other related efforts to move toward a more risk-based regulatory environment, where potential safety significance is evaluated and considered for regulatory bases.

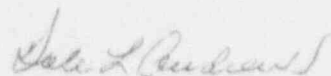
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We appreciate your consideration of our comments. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mr. Leif L. Dietrich of my staff at (504) 381-4866.

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