

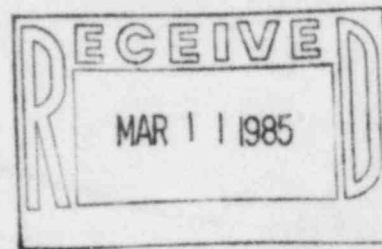
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Mr. Robert D. Martin, Regional Administrator  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region IV  
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000  
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Dear Mr. Martin:

River Bend Station - Unit 1  
Docket No. 50-458  
Final Report/DR-229

Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) has completed its evaluation of DR-229 concerning the installation of eight Incore Guide Tube Stabilizer and/or Cross Tie Bars supplied by General Electric Company. Since assembly of the control rod guide tubes was not physically possible due to the orientation of the cross tie bars, GSU has determined this condition does not meet the reporting requirements of 10CFR50.55(e).

Sincerely,

*J. A. England*  
for J. E. Booker  
Manager-Engineering,  
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cc: Director of Inspection & Enforcement  
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