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In Reply Refer To:
Docket: 50-458/85-16

Gulf States Utilities
ATTN: William J. Cahill, Jr.
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. M. E. Murphy and
C. C. Harbuck of this office during the period March 4-8, 1985, of activities
authorized by NRC Construction Permit CPPR-145 for River Bend Unit 1, and to
the discussion of our findings with you, and other members of your staff at the
conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection included operational staffing, operating
staff training, preoperational testing, and emergency and abnormal operating
procedures. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective
examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with
personnel, and observations by the inspectors. These findings are documented
in the enclosed inspection report.

Within the scope of the inspection, no violations or deviations were
identified.

We have also examined actions you have taken with regard to previously
identified inspection findings. The status of these items is identified in
paragraph 2 of the enclosed report.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to
discuss them with you.

                                        Sincerely,

                                        Original Signed By
                                        E. H. Johnson

                                        E. H. Johnson, Chief
                                        Reactor Project Branch 1

Enclosure:
Appendix - NRC Inspection Report
    50-458/85-16

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