



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Docket 50-458

Gulf States Utilities  
ATTN: Mr. James C. Deddens  
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Dear Mr. Deddens:

SUBJECT: RIVER BEND STATION, UNIT 1 - SAFETY EVALUATION FOR REVISED  
RELIEF REQUESTS TO THE IST PROGRAM FOR PUMPS AND VALVES  
(TAC NO. M81318)

The staff issued a Safety Evaluation (SE) for River Bend's Inservice Testing (IST) Program for pumps and valves on January 2, 1991. The Technical Evaluation Report (TER) enclosed in the SE contained 26 items which Gulf States Utilities (GSU) was requested to address within specific time periods. GSU responded to the items in the TER by letter dated July 26, 1991 (RBG-35,380). In addition, by letter dated February 11, 1992 (RBG-36,488), GSU revised certain relief requests and requested an extension of interim relief approvals that were included in the SE. These submittals included both revised and new relief requests.

The staff has completed its review of GSU's response to Appendix B of the TER and the additional items described above. For the reliefs granted in the enclosed safety evaluation (SE), the staff has determined that an acceptable alternative was proposed pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i), and that granting relief is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest.

GSU is required to comply with the IST program defined in the GSU submittal letter where relief has been granted in the enclosed SE. Program changes, such as additional relief requests or changes to relief requests, should be submitted for staff review, but should not be implemented prior to review and approval by the NRC. New or revised relief requests meeting the positions in Enclosure 1 to Generic Letter (GL) 89-04, "Guidance on Developing Acceptable Inservice Testing Programs" should be submitted to the NRC staff, but can be implemented provided the guidance in Section D of the GL is followed. Program changes that involve additions or deletions of components from the IST program should be provided to the NRC.

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The licensee should comply with the Code requirements or GL 89-04 guidance for relief requests which have been denied. Additionally, the licensee should consider changing relief requests to cold shutdown justifications where appropriate as discussed in the minutes of the meetings on GL 89-04, Question 102, dated October 25, 1989.

Please feel free to contact Douglas Pickett (301) 504-1324 if you would like further discussions on any of these items. This completes the staff's activities on TAC No. M81318.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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