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Gentlemen:

River Bend Station - Unit 1  
Docket No. 50-458/91-27

Pursuant to 10CFR2.201, this letter clarifies Gulf States Utilities Company's (GSU) response dated January 22, 1992 to the Notice of Violation for NRC Inspection Report No. 50-458/91-27. The inspection was conducted by Messrs. E. J. Ford and D. P. Loveless during the period October 23 through December 3, 1991, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License NPF-47 for River Bend Station - Unit 1 (RBS).

The violation occurred when GSU failed to perform a surveillance test on primary containment/drywell hydrogen igniters that were deemed accessible per the Technical Specifications. One of the root causes for this event was an inadequate 10CFR50.59 review of a change to the surveillance test procedure. The corrective action for this inadequacy included the development of a formal training course on the 10CFR50.59 evaluation process. It should be noted that only those persons designated as independent reviewers will receive this training and be qualified to review the preparer's evaluation.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. L. A. England or my staff at (504) 381-4145.

Sincerely,

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