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SUBJECT: River Bend Station - Unit 1
Docket No. 50-458
License No. NPF-47
Licensing Amendment Request (LAR) 96-29, "Change in Company Name
from Gulf States Utilities Company to Entergy Gulf States, Inc."
Proposed Amendment to the Operating License

File Nos.: G9.5, G9.42

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Gentlemen:

Entergy Operations, Inc. (EOI) is submitting by this letter a proposed amendment to the River Bend Station (RBS) - Unit 1 Facility Operating License. The proposed amendment would reflect that the name of Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) which is licensed to own and possess River Bend Station - Unit 1, has been changed to Entergy Gulf States, Inc. This is only a name change. The corporate existence continues uninterrupted and all legal characteristics remain the same. Thus, there is no change in the state of incorporation, registered agent, registered office, directors, officers, rights or liabilities of the company. Nor is there a change in the function of the Company or the way in which it does business. GSU's financial responsibility for RBS and its sources of funds to support the facility will remain the same. Further, this name change does not impact the existing ownership of RBS or the existing entitlement to power and will not alter the existing antitrust license conditions applicable to GSU or GSU's ability to comply with these conditions or with any of its other obligations or responsibilities under the license.

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This application is being filed contemporaneously with similar applications by Arkansas Power & Light Company to change its name in the Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1 and 2, licenses, by System Energy Resources, Inc. to change the name of Mississippi Power & Light Company under the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station License, and by Louisiana Power & Light Company to change its name in the Waterford 3 license.

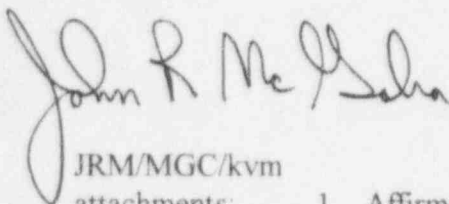
These name changes are being made to improve customer identification by establishing a consistent, well recognized name, "Entergy," for our business in the region that we serve. The company name changes became effective April 22, 1996. We request NRC Staff complete its review and approval of this administrative change at its earliest convenience.

Attachment 2 provides a detailed description of the proposed changes, justification, and the No Significant Hazards Considerations. Attachment 3 is a copy of the marked-up Facility Operating License and Antitrust Conditions pages. Numerous other Entergy Operations documents will require revision (for example, Updated Final Safety Analysis Report). Those document revisions are forthcoming.

Based on the guidelines in 10CFR50.92, Entergy Operations, Inc. has concluded that this proposed amendment involves no significant hazards considerations. Attachment 2 details the basis for this determination.

In accordance with the provisions of 10CFR50.4, the signed original of the requested amendment is enclosed; and in accordance with 10CFR50.30, an oath or affirmation relating to the requested changes to the Operating License is enclosed. This amendment request has been reviewed and accepted by the Facility Review Committee and the Nuclear Review Board. These proposed changes have also been discussed with the NRR Project Manager.

Yours truly,



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attachments:

1. Affirmation per 10CFR50.30
2. Discussion and Justification
3. Mark-up of Affected Operating License pages

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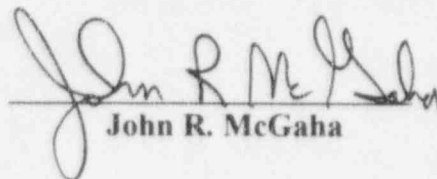
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IN THE MATTER OF
GULF STATES UTILITIES COMPANY
CAJUN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE AND
ENTERGY OPERATIONS, INC.

AFFIRMATION


I, John R. McGaha, state that I am Vice President-Operations of Entergy Operations, Inc., at River Bend Station; that on behalf of Entergy Operations, Inc., I am authorized by Entergy Operations, Inc. to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, this License Amendment Request, that I signed this request as Vice President-Operations at River Bend Station of Entergy Operations, Inc.; and that the statements made and the matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.


John R. McGaha

STATE OF LOUISIANA
WEST FELICIANA PARISH

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, Notary Public, in and for the Parish and State above named, this 20th day of May, 1996.

(SEAL)


Claudia F. Hurst
Notary Public

My Commission expires with life.

RIVER BEND STATION - UNIT 1

**CHANGE IN COMPANY NAME FROM GULF STATES UTILITIES COMPANY TO
ENTERGY GULF STATES, INC.**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OPERATING LICENSE

EVALUATION OF CHANGE WITH RESPECT TO 10CFR50.92

A. AFFECTED DOCUMENT(S)

The following documents are affected by the proposed change.

Facility Operating License, License No. NPF-47
Antitrust Conditions, Appendix C to Operating License No. NPF-47

The proposed Operating License changes are detailed in Attachment 3.

B. BACKGROUND

The names of five Entergy companies were changed effective April 22, 1996. The changes are:

Arkansas Power & Light Company becomes Entergy Arkansas, Inc.
Gulf States Utilities Company becomes Entergy Gulf States, Inc.
Louisiana Power & Light Company becomes Entergy Louisiana, Inc.
Mississippi Power & Light Company becomes Entergy Mississippi, Inc.
New Orleans Public Service Inc. becomes Entergy New Orleans, Inc.

Therefore the name of one of the license holders for River Bend Station - Unit 1 changed effective April 22, 1996. That change is:

Gulf States Utilities Company becomes Entergy Gulf States, Inc.

This is only a name change. The corporate existence continues uninterrupted and all legal characteristics remain the same. Thus, there is no change in the state of incorporation, registered agent, registered office, directors, officers, rights or liabilities of the operating companies. The name changes are being made to improve customer identification by establishing a consistent, well recognized name, "Entergy," for our business in the region that we serve.

To reflect the name change of Gulf States Utilities Company is an administrative change to the license. It does not require a technical, financial qualification, or an antitrust review.

C. CURRENT TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The current Facility Operating License and Antitrust Conditions use the wording Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) and GSU. Due to a company name change, this name should be changed to reflect the new company name.

D. PROPOSED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION CHANGE

The proposed change replaces the words Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) or GSU in the Facility Operating License and Antitrust Conditions with the new company name, Entergy Gulf States, Inc.

E. JUSTIFICATION

This is only a name change. The corporate existence continues uninterrupted and all legal characteristics remain the same. Thus there is no change in the state of incorporation, registered agent, registered office, directors, officers, rights or liabilities of the operating companies. These name changes are being made to improve customer identification by establishing a consistent, well recognized name, "Entergy," for our business in the region that we serve.

Therefore, this change does not reduce the level of safety imposed by the current Technical Specification requirements.

F. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

10CFR51.22(c) identifies certain licensing and regulatory actions which are eligible for categorical exclusion from the requirement to perform an environmental assessment. Entergy Operations, Inc. has reviewed this request and determined that the proposed amendment meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10CFR51.22(c). Pursuant to 10CFR51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment needs to be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

G. NO SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS CONSIDERATION

Entergy Operations, Inc. proposes to change the current River Bend Station - Unit 1 Operating License. The specific proposed change is to reflect that the name of the company owning River Bend Station - Unit 1 has legally changed.

The Commission has provided standards for determining whether a no significant hazards consideration exists as stated in 10CFR50.92(c). A proposed amendment to an operating license involves no significant hazards consideration if operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not: (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

Entergy Operations, Inc. has evaluated the no significant hazards consideration in its request for this license amendment and determined that no significant hazards consideration results from this change. In accordance with 10CFR50.91(a), Entergy Operations, Inc. is providing the analysis of the proposed amendment against the three standards in 10CFR50.92(c). A description of the no significant hazards consideration determination follows.

I. The proposed change does not significantly increase the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

The proposed change documents changing the legal name of the company. The proposed change will not affect any other obligations. The company will still own all of the same assets, serve the same customers, and all existing obligations and commitments will continue to be honored.

Therefore, the proposed change does not significantly increase the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

II. The proposed change does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

The administrative changes in the Operating License requirements do not involve any change in the design of the plant.

Therefore, the proposed changes do not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

III. The proposed change does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The proposed change is administrative in nature, as described above; therefore, this change does not reduce the level of safety imposed by any current requirements.

Therefore, the proposed changes do not cause a significant reduction in the margin of safety.