In Reply Refer To: Docket: 50-458/87-21

Gulf States Utilities ATTN: Mr. James C. Deddens Senior Vice President, (RBNG) P.O. Box 220 St. Francisville, Louisiana 70775

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: EQUIPMENT QUALIFICATION INSPECTION - RIVER BEND STATION

This refers to the first round special team inspection to review compliance with 10 CFR 50.49, of activities authorized by License No. NPF-47, conducted by Mr. A. R. Johnson and other NRC representatives, onsite during the period of November 2-6, 1987, and subsequently at the NRC Region IV office until December 18, 1987, concerning the River Bend Station (RBS). The team's findings were discussed with members of your staff at the conclusion of the onsite inspection on November 6, 1987.

Areas examined during the inspection included your implementation of a program for establishing and maintaining the qualification of electric equipment within the scope of 10 CFR 50.49. In preparation for this inspection, the NRC team included reviews and evaluations of your implementation of equipment qualification (EQ) corrective action commitments identified in Safety Evaluation Report (SER) NUREG-0989 (May 1984) and SER Supplements 3 and 5 (August and November 1985). These documents provide the NRC staff acceptance of justifications for interim operation (JICs) which you provided prior to the November 30, 1985, deadline for the completion of EQ as defined by 10 CFR 50.49.

Within these areas, the inspection consisted of the examination of selected procedures and records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the NRC inspectors. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

During this inspection, it was found that certain of your activities were in violation of NRC requirements. Consequently, you are required to respond to these violations, in writing, in accordance with provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Your response should be based on the specifics contained in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter.

Five unresolved items are identified in paragraphs 4.c, 4.f(1)(a), 4.f(1)(b), 4.f(1)(c), 4.f(3), 4.f(4), and 4.h(2) of the enclosed inspection report.

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The inspection determined that you have implemented a program to meet the requirements of 10 CFR 50.49.

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We are available to discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

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L. J. Callan, Director Division of Reactor Projects

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