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Gentlemen:

RIVER BEND STATION - UNIT 1
REFER TO: REGION IV
DOCKET NO. 50-458/REPORT 88-13

Pursuant to 10CFR2.201, this letter responds to the Notice of Violation contained in NRC Inspection Report No. 50-458/88-13. The inspection was performed by Messrs. W. B. Jones and G. L. Madsen during the period of May 1 through June 30, 1988 of activities authorized by NRC Operating License NPF-47 for River Bend Station - Unit 1.

Gulf States Utilities Company's (GSU) response to Violation 8813-01, "Inadequate Shift Turnover", is provided in the attachment. This completes GSU's response to this item.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick J. King at (504) 381-4146.

Sincerely,

J. E. Booker

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Attachment

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Attachment 1

Response to Notice of Violation 50-458/8813-01

Level IV

REFERENCE:

Notice of Violation - Letter from L. J. Callan to J. C. Deddens, dated July 19, 1988.

INADEQUATE SHIFT TURNOVER:

River Bend Station Technical Specifications, paragraph 6.8.1.a, requires that procedures for activities identified in Appendix A of Regulatory Guide 1.35, Revision 2, February 1978, be established, implemented and maintained. Regulatory Guide 1.33, paragraph 1.g, requires that administrative controls for shift and relief turnover be covered by written procedures.

Operations Support Procedure OSP-0002, "Shift Relief and Turnover," Revision 2, paragraph 3.1.2, states that each individual shall be responsible for reviewing and understanding the logs and checklist applicable to his shift position before assuming the shift. Attachment 3, "At-The-Controls (ATC) Operator Relief Checklist," requires that the on coming ATC operator review the annunciator status and perform a board walkdown prior to assuming the shift.

Contrary to the above, on June 14, 1988, at 7:50 a.m. (CDT) the NRC inspector identified that the ATC operator was not cognizant as to why annunciator P863-75A-C02, "Fuel Building Supply Air Low Flow," was lit. This annunciator had been lit from the time the ATC operator assumed the shift at approximately 6:00 a.m. (CDT).

REASON FOR THE VIOLATION

On June 14, 1988, during the day shift, the NRC Resident Inspector asked the status of the "Fuel Building Low Flow" annunciator. His question was posed to the ATC operator. The operator answered the NRC Resident Inspector indicating that he did not know the status of the annunciator and continued his operations. Within approximately 30 seconds after the ATC operator responded, the Control Operator Foreman (COF) responded to the Resident Inspector with the correct status of the lit annunciator.

The ATC operator did not take the time to appropriately address the question as asked. Upon interviewing the operator, it was found that his shift turnover documentation was adequate and that the annunciator had been activated for several shifts. His answer, without adequate forethought, was not accurate based on his turnover documentation and understanding

during turnover. The direct cause of this event is determined to be the failure of the operator to place the appropriate level of importance on the question asked by the Resident Inspector. His attention to plant evolutions should have only caused a brief delay in providing a complete answer to the question or by his deferring the question to a more appropriate time based on plant evolution activities.

CORRECTIVE STEPS WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND RESULTS ACHIEVED:

In June 16, 1988, all operations personnel were informed via memorandum (File #OPS-88-601) on the importance of control board awareness and annunciator status.

Discussions were held with the operator concerning the necessity to accurately and completely answer questions posed by personnel requiring plant status. It also covered the proper way to both control the activities of the plant and be informative to those that require plant status.

Operations management will continue to monitor operator awareness, shift turnover completeness, and proper information transfer to required personnel.

CORRECTIVE STEPS WHICH WILL BE TAKEN TO AVOID FURTHER VIOLATIONS:

Current verbal and written instructions to all operations personnel as to the importance of plant conditions, control board awareness and annunciator status is adequate to prevent recurrence of similar violations. GSU has determined this to be an isolated case.

DATE WHEN FULL COMPLIANCE WILL BE ACHIEVED:

Full compliance has been achieved.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF JFFFERSON

In the Matter of

GULF STATES UTILITIES COMPANY

(River Bend Station
Unit 1)

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Docket No. 50-458

AFFIDAVIT

J. E. Booker, being duly sworn, states that he is Manager-River Bend Oversight for Gulf States Utilities Company; that he is authorized on the part of said Company to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission the documents attached hereto; that he has read all of the statements contained in such documents attached thereto and made a part thereof; and that all such statements made and matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

J. E. Booker
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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County above named, this 18 day of AUGUST, 1988.

Marcel C. Johnson
Notary Public in and for
Jefferson County, Texas

My Commission Expires:
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