In Reply Refer To: Docket: 50-458/88-14

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

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. James Kelly of this office during the period June 13-17, 1988, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License NPF-47 for River Bend Station, and to the discussion of our findings with you and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The NRC inspection covered certain areas of your physical security program. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the NRC inspector. The areas inspected and 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 this violation, in writing, in accordance with the 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.

In addition to the findings identified in this report, there are certain other matters that need to be brought to your attention for your investigation and evaluation. These matters will be supplied to you in some detail in a separate transmittal. Our concerns with regard to these matters are presently focused on the apparent lack of candor exhibited by your staff when the NRC inspector pursued allegations, reviews of internal investigations, and records related to your failure to report certain security events. We want to be assured that events are properly reported and that there are no proprietary records of investigations being withheld from NRC review. We will review your evaluation of these matters at a later date.

We have also examined actions you have taken with respect to previously identified inspection findings. The status of these items is identified in paragraph 2.

*Previously concurred

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The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original signed by John M. Montgomery

Robert D. Martin Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

 Appendix A - Notice of Violation
 Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report 50-458/88-14

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