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Notification of Modification Activities Temporarily Affecting the
Emergency Response Data System

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to provide notification of River Bend Station (RBS) plans to install a modification which replaces the existing Emergency Response Information System (ERIS) computer system with a new substantially improved state-of-the-art computer system. Physical computer system changeout activities will temporarily affect the availability of Emergency Response Data System (ERDS) computer points via the NRC data link. Changeout activities are anticipated to last four-to-six weeks.

Though some ERDS data points will be temporarily unavailable for electronic transmission via the datalink, critical plant parameters will still be available by NRC Emergency Notification System (ENS) or commercial telephone. Existing emergency implementing procedures contain contingencies which maintain the necessary emergency assessment capability during loss of ERDS.

RBS will notify the ENS Center on the day modification work begins affecting the current ERDS computer system (currently scheduled to begin the last week in October, 1998), and again notify the ENS Center when modification activities have been completed. Once the computer system changeout is completed, the change will be invisible to the ERDS (no effect on transmission format and computer communication protocol).

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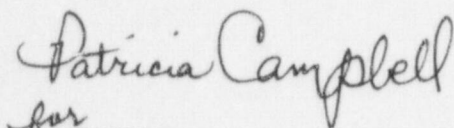
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The commitments contained in this letter are identified on the attached Commitment Identification Form. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Bill Fountain of my staff at (504*) 381-4625.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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* Note: The RBS telephone area code is in the process of being changed from 504 to 225.

Commitment Identification Form

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COMMITMENT	ONE-TIME ACTION*	CONTINUING COMPLIANCE*
RBS will notify the ENS Center on the day modification work begins affecting the current ERDS computer system (currently scheduled to begin the last week in October, 1998)	X	
RBS will notify the ENS Center ... when modification activities have been completed.	X	

*Check one only