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Gentlemen:

River Bend Station - Unit 1
Docket No. 50-458
NRC Bulletin 85-03, Supplement 1

This letter provides Gulf States Utilities Company's (GSU) initial response to NRC Bulletin 85-03, Supplement 1 "Motor-Operated Valve Common Mode Failures During Plant Transients Due to Improper Switch Settings".

The BWR Owner's Group (BWROG), of which GSU is a member, is developing a generic BWR position for meeting the requirements of this supplement. The BWROG position is scheduled to be completed in July 1988. GSU's response to Supplement 1 of this bulletin is tied to the completion of this BWROG generic program. Accordingly, in order to utilize the BWROG efforts, GSU requests an extension to allow submittal of our response to this supplement within thirty days of completion of the BWROG program. In addition, because of the similarity of requested information, GSU will provide its response to the NRC "Request for Additional Information Concerning River Bend Response to IEB-85-03" dated April 5, 1988, on that same schedule.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. L. L. Dietrich of my staff at (409) 838-6631, ext. 4603.

Sincerely,

J. E. Booker
Manager - River Bend Oversight

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In the Matter of § Docket No. 50-458
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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 Parish above named, this 25th day of May, 1988.

Claudia A. Hurst
Notary Public in and for
West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana

My Commission is For Life.