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Gentlemen:

River Bend Station - Unit 1
Docket No. 50-458

As previously discussed with the River Bend Station (RBS) Nuclear Regulatory Commission Project Manager, Mr. Walt Paulson, Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) is providing this letter to clarify its position on operations shift rotation at River Bend Station (RBS). In response to Generic Letter 82-12, "Operating Experience on Shift", GSU's letter to Mr. H. Denton from Mr. J. Booker dated March 7, 1985, GSU stated, "... a five-shift staffing level is expected in August 1985 and a six-shift staffing level is expected prior to commercial operation in December 1985." NUREG-0989, "Safety Evaluation Report Related to the Operation of RBS," dated May 1984, Section 13.1.4, "Station Organization," states, "Figure 13.7 shows the shift organization. The applicant has committed to a six-shift rotation." The RBS Safety Analysis Report (SAR) Figure 13.7 identifies, for each position, the number of persons required per shift and the total staffing, but not the number of shifts.

Currently, RBS utilizes a five-shift rotation schedule. GSU's goal is to have sufficient personnel on staff to implement a six-shift rotation by the end of the second quarter of 1989. While special situations may occur which prevent the use of a six-shift rotation, GSU will continue to comply with the overtime requirements specified in the RBS Technical Specifications.

If you require further information, please contact Mr. Rick J. King at (504) 381-4146.

Sincerely,

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