In Reply Refer To: Docket: 50-458/87-29 JAN 22 1988

Gulf States Utilities

ATTN: Mr. James C. Deddens

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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. D. D. Chamberlain and W. B. Jones of this office during the period November 22 through December 31, 1987, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License NPF-47 for the River Bend Station, and to the discussion of our findings with you and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspect on included status of facility operating license conditions, review of licensee action on NRC Bulletin 87-02, 10 CFR Part 21 reports, surveillance test observation, maintenance observation, safety system walkdown, and operational safety verification. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the NRC inspectors. 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.

We have also examined actions you have taken with regard to previously identified inspection findings. The status of these items are identified in paragraph 2 of the enclosed report.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed By L. J. Callan

L. J. Callan, Director Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:

 Appendix A - Notice of Violation
 Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report 50-458/87-29

cc w/enclosure: Gulf States Utilities ATTN: J. E. Booker, Manager-River Bend Oversight P.O. Box 2951 Beaumont, Texas 77704

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