



GULF STATES UTILITIES COMPANY

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File Nos. G9.5, G15.4.1

Mr. Robert D. Martin, Regional Administrator
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000
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Dear Mr. Martin:

River Bend Station - Unit 1
Refer to: Region IV
Docket No. 50-458/Report 85-71

This letter supplements Gulf States Utilities Company's (GSU) December 4, 1985 response to the Notice of Violation identified in NRC I&E Inspection Report No. 50-458/85-71.

In support of GSU's December 4, 1985 response, Modification Request (MR) No. 85-0935 was initiated to evaluate the established trip setpoint of the reactor protection system scram discharge volume water level float switches (1C11*LSN013A, B, C and D). During instrument re-calibration to the River Bend Station (RBS) Technical Specification (TS) Table 2.2.1-1 trip setpoint value, a technician discovered that the instrument trip setpoint could not be set to meet the TS specified trip setpoint value. The Stone and Webster calculations specify a minimum and maximum trip setpoint value which includes margin above the maximum value to allow for instrument drift and inaccuracies. The RBS TS limit is set at the nominal trip setpoint value. If the instrument was set at the maximum value calculated by SWEC, adequate drift margin to the allowable value specified in the RBS TS is maintained. Further, the margin for inaccuracy to the analytical limit for these instruments is conservative and is not changed if the maximum setpoint value were utilized.

GSU is pursuing a Technical Specification change to increase the trip setpoint value within the instrument capabilities. If required, GSU will revise STP Nos. 500-4206, 4207, 4208 and 4209 prior to startup after the first refueling outage but prior to the next 18 month calibration.

Sincerely,

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