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Mr. Robert D. Martin, Regional Administrator U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region IV 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000 Arlington, TX 76011

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 Ispection 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,

W. J. Cahill, Jr.
Senior Vice President
River Bend Nuclear Group

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## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

STATE OF LOUISIANA \$

PARISH OF WEST FELICIANA \$

In the Matter of \$ Docket Nos. 50-458

GULF STATES UTILITIES COMPANY \$

(River Bend Station, Unit 1)

## AFFIDAVIT

W. J. Cahill, Jr., being duly sworn, states that he is a Senior Vice President of 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; and that all such documents are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

W.S. Cahill, Jr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and Parish above named, this day of April, 1986.

Joan W. Middlebrooks Notary Public in and for West Feliciana Parish,

Louisiana

My Commission is for Life.