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Dear Gentlemen:

River Bend Station - Unit 1
Refer to: Region IV
Docket No. 50-458/Report 86-35

This letter responds to the Deficiency contained in NRC I&E Inspection Report No. 50-458/86-35. The inspection was performed by Mr. N. M. Terc during the period October 27-31, 1986 of activities authorized by NRC Operating License NPF-47 for River Bend Station - Unit 1.

Gulf States Utilities Company's (GSU) response to Deficiency 458/8580-03 that has remained open from a previous inspection concerning the use of Protective Action Recommendations is provided in the enclosed attachment. This completes GSU's response to the Deficiency.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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ATTACHMENT

RESPONSE TO DEFICIENCY 50-458/8580-03

GSU's current position on Protective Action Recommendations is consistent with the intent of the NRC regulations and guidance. Although neither Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations nor Part J of NUREG-0654, Rev. 1 requires GSU "to undertake the responsibilities of the states and parishes," GSU's position concerning the issuance of Protective Action Recommendations (PAR) has been one of thoroughness due the possible magnitude of the ramifications of offsite protective actions. The current decision making flow chart in EIP-2-007, Revision 5, includes consideration of various items such as special groups and facilities, road conditions, and severe weather. These must be considered prior to making any decision pertaining to offsite actions. It is GSU's intent to use this flow chart as a guide as stipulated at the top of the chart and in the procedure itself.

In accordance with NUREG-0654, Sections I(H) and I(J)7, RBS Emergency Directors and Recovery Managers can make the PAR's without interface with the State of Louisiana, if time does not allow. However, it is most prudent to discuss the PARs with representatives of the State of Louisiana when they are in the RBS Emergency Operations Facility. This eliminates confusion and possible misunderstandings. In addition, the local parishes require that the State of Louisiana concur with the PAR before they will implement any protective actions.

GSU's position, as developed with the state and parishes (ref. January 28, 1987 letter from Louisiana Nuclear Energy Division), is that it is more important to make a correct decision and recommendation than to rush to a judgement and provide erroneous direction which could adversely affect the health and safety of the general population. GSU will continue to work with the State of Louisiana and the five (5) local Parishes in this manner since it is the most efficient way to coordinate the decision making process for all parties involved.