

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKET NOS. 50-458 AND 50-459

GULF STATES UTILITIES COMPANY

(RIVER BEND STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2)

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Partial Initial Decisions, dated September 2, 1975, September 2, 1976, and February 3, 1977, all issued by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, and Memorandum and Order issued by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeal Board on March 22, 1977, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Construction Permits Nos. CPPR-145 and CPPR-146 to the Gulf States Utilities Company for construction of two boiling water nuclear reactors at the applicant's site in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana.

The proposed reactors, known as the River Bend Station, Units 1 and 2 (the facilities), are each designed for a rated power of 2894 megawatts thermal with a net electrical output of 934 megawatts.

The Partial Initial Decisions set forth above are under review by an Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeal Board and are thus not final. Any decision or action taken by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeal Board in connection with the Initial Decisions may be reviewed by the Commission.

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The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the construction permits. The application for the construction permits complies with the standards and requirements of the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations.

The construction permits are effective as of their dates of issuance. The earliest date for completion of Unit 1 is March 31, 1981, and the latest date for completion is March 31, 1983. The earliest date for completion of Unit 2 is March 31, 1983, and the latest date for completion is March 31, 1985. The permits shall expire on the latest dates for completion of the facilities.

A copy of (1) the Partial Initial Decisions dated September 2, 1975, September 2, 1976, and February 3, 1977, and the Appeal Board Memorandum and Order dated March 22, 1977; (2) Construction Permits Nos. CPPR-145 and CPPR-146; (3) the report of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, dated January 14, 1975; (4) the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation's Safety Evaluation Report dated September 1974, and Supplements 1 and 2 thereto, dated December 1974, and December 1975, respectively; (5) the Preliminary Safety Analysis Report and amendments thereto; (6) the Applicant's Environmental Report dated September 1973, and supplements thereto; (7) the Draft Environmental Statement dated June 1974; and (8) the Final Environmental Statement dated September 1974, are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room at 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington

D. C., the Audubon Library, West Feliciana Branch, Ferdinand Street,
St. Francisville, Louisiana 70775, and the Government Documents
Department, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803.

A copy of the construction permits may be obtained upon request addressed
to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555,
Attention: Director, Division of Project Management.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 25th day of March, 1977.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Original signed by

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