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Dear Mr. Deddens:

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT
IMPACT - RIVER BEND STATION, UNIT 1

In response to your letter dated March 10, 1987, as supplemented June 9, 1987 and July 8, 1987, the Commission is considering issuance of an exemption for River Bend Station, Unit 1, regarding a requirement in Paragraph III.D.3 of Appendix J to 10 CFR Part 50. The proposed exemption would relieve Gulf States Utilities from the requirement to conduct Type C leak tests on 5 reactor coolant pressure and primary containment isolation valves at intervals no greater than 24 months, on a one-time-basis, until the first refueling outage. This refueling outage is scheduled to begin on September 15, 1987.

We have enclosed a copy of the Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for this proposed exemption which is being forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
Environmental Assessment and
Finding of No Significant Impact

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