In Reply Refer To: Docket: 50-458/89-12

Gulf States Utilities

ATTN: Mr. James C. Deddens

Senior Vice President (RBNG)

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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. L. D. Gilbert of this office during the period March 27-31, 1989, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License NPF-47 for River Bend Station, and to the discussion of our findings with you and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The area examined during the inspection was welding activities. Within this area, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the NRC inspector. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

During this inspection, it was found that certain of your activities were in violation of NRC requirements. Consequently, you are required to respond to the violations, in writing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Your response should be based on the specifics contained in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter.

The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

15/T. Westerman

L. J. Callan, Director Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:

 Appendix A - Notice of Violation
Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report 50-458/89-12

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