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Docket No. 50-458

Gulf States Utilities  
ATTN: Mr. James C. Deddens  
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Dear Mr. Deddens:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE LICENSEE  
AMENDMENT APPLICATION UNDER GENERIC LETTER 87-09  
FOR RIVER BEND STATION, UNIT NO. 1 (TAC NO. 69579)

The basis for accepting Specification 3.0.4-related amendments under Generic Letter 87-09 is predicated on two assumptions, namely, 1) that the remedial measures prescribed by the Technical Specification ACTION STATEMENTS for which the exception will be granted provide a sufficient level of protection to permit operational mode changes and safe long-term operation consistent with the licensing basis described in the Updated Safety Analysis Report for River Bend Station, Unit No. 1; and 2) that it will be the exception when plant startup commences with important safety features inoperable, irrespective of the exceptions granted in response to applications under Generic Letter 87-09.

We have reviewed your license amendment application under Generic Letter 87-09, submitted by your letter dated September 30, 1988. In order for the NRC staff to conclude that the safety basis relative to the above stated assumptions is satisfied, we request that for each proposed Technical Specification exception to be granted under Generic Letter 87-09, you affirm that remedial measures prescribed for the affected ACTION STATEMENTS are consistent with the Updated Safety Analysis Report and its supporting safety analyses. In addition, we request that you identify and affirm those administrative controls (e.g., maintenance program provisions, plant operating procedures, management directives, on-site safety reviews, etc.) that have been established to limit the use of the Specification 3.0.4 exceptions granted. Your affirmation should address training necessary for ensuring that plant operators are made aware of, and are instructed to exercise the controls promulgated in limiting the use of such exceptions.

The flexibility provided by Generic Letter 87-09 with regard to Specification 3.0.4 was intended to be used sparingly by licensees and not as a rule. Some applications have proposed technical specification changes that would rely on Specification 3.0.4 to provide routine relief, e.g., to shorten refueling outages. Such changes are not the thrust of this Generic Letter and they will not be considered under the umbrella of Generic Letter 87-09. Accordingly, please indicate whether any such proposed application of Specification 3.0.4 is included in your September 30, 1988 amendment request. Such proposed changes should be withdrawn and resubmitted separately for NRC review.

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Please advise, within five days after receipt of this letter, when we may expect to receive your response. Should there be any questions concerning this request, please let me know. Please note that this request for additional information supersedes the staff's request dated October 27, 1988.

The request in this letter affects fewer than ten respondents; therefore, OMB clearance is not required under P.L. 96-511.

Sincerely,

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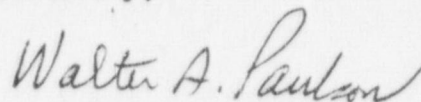
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