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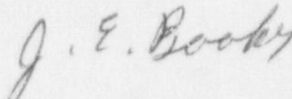
This letter provides Gulf States Utilities Company's (GSU) interim response to NRC Bulletin 88-10, "Nonconforming Molded-Case Circuit Breakers." In an earlier response dated March 31, 1989, (RBG-30445) GSU stated that it had been unable to complete the traceability evaluation required by the bulletin for 30 circuit breakers (CBs) out of the 1471 breakers that were in GSU's warehouse stock. In accordance with our commitments in that letter, GSU is providing this updated traceability evaluation for those breakers.

Two of the 30 CBs were traceable to the circuit breaker manufacturer (CBM) through a standard manufacturer's certificate of conformance. The remaining 28 CBs were unable to be traced using that methodology. Listed in the attachment to this letter are these 28 CBs along with their respective suppliers and CBMs. In lieu of a manufacturer's certificate of conformance, GSU opted to pursue the traceability of these breakers directly with the CBM of the breakers as determined by physical markings on the breakers. The CBM were requested to recertify the breakers, using a combination of testing and inspections, to prove that the CBs were manufactured by them and not refurbished. A determination that these CBs were not refurbished resolves the original concern that resulted in the issuance of Bulletin 88-10. Nineteen of the 28 have been returned to their manufacturer for this recertification. In all cases, through a combination of testing and inspection, these CBs have been certified by the CBM as not being refurbished. Documentation supplied by these CBM recertifications provides the required traceability of these 19 CBs to the CBM in accordance with Bulletin 88-10.

Negotiations with the CBM (GE) for the remaining nine CBs are ongoing. GSU will have these CBs recertified or tested in accordance with Bulletin 88-10 requirements and report the results to the NRC by June 28, 1989. GSU is extremely confident that these nine CBs were not refurbished.

If you have any questions or desire further information, please contact Mr. L. L. Dietrich of my staff at (409) 839-3011.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

STATE OF LOUISIANA)
PARISH OF WEST FELICIANA)
In the Matter of)
GULF STATES UTILITIES COMPANY)

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AFFIDAVIT

J. E. Booker, being duly sworn, states that he is Manager-River Bend Oversight for Gulf States Utilities Company; that he is authorized on the part of said company to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission the documents attached hereto; that he has read all of the statements contained in such documents attached thereto and made a part thereof; and that all such statements made and matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

J. E. Booker
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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and Parish above named, this 12th day of May, 1989. My Commission expires with Life.

Claudia J. Hurst
Notary Public in and for
West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana

ATTACHMENT

Safety-Related Molded Case Circuit Breakers Traced Through Alternate Means

<u>CBM</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CBs</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>
GE*	9*	Elgar Corporation
Heinemann	7	G. A. Technology
Gould/ITE	6	B. B. C. Brown Boveri
ITE Pushmatic	2	Comsip Incorporated
Heinemann	2	T. D. I.
Square D	<u>2</u>	Thermon
Total	28	

*Remaining to be traced or tested