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Mr. Karl V. Seyfrit, Director
Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region IV
611 Ryan Plaza Drive
Suite 1000
Arlington, TX 76011

Dear Mr. Seyfrit:

River Bend Station
Refer to: RIV
Docket Nos. 50-458/IE Bulletin 79-04
50-459/IE Bulletin 79-04

In response to your IE Bulletin 79-04 dated March 30, 1979, we have initiated an examination of our facility for the subject valves. Our response to the various items in your bulletin are as follows:

- 1) A preliminary list of seismic category one piping systems where 3, 4, or 6 inch diameter velan swing check valves are scheduled to be installed has been compiled.
- 2) The weights for the subject valves are verified by the vendor as correct as shown in River Bend Station project engineering drawings. All as built valves will be weighed to verify weights as shown on project engineering drawings. All drawings supplied to the Architect Engineer are being checked and will be corrected in the event discrepancies are found by the vendor. Weights as shown on project engineering drawings are being verified by calculation for all valves not yet fabricated.
- 3) No incorrect valve weights have been found yet.
- 4) In the event weight changes are identified, a response to this question will be provided.

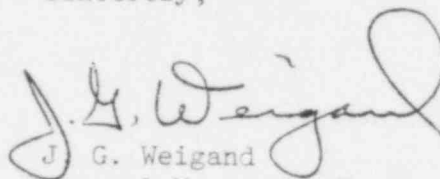
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- 5) If it becomes necessary to utilize analytical techniques to respond to item four, they will be identified along with any computer codes used, in response to this item.

We trust this satisfies your needs in this area. We will provide an update at the conclusion of our examination of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. G. Weigand". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

J. G. Weigand
General Manager - Nuclear Projects

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cc: Office of Inspection and Enforcement, Washington, D.C.