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Director  
Division of Site Safety and  
Environmental Analysis  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Sir:

This is in response to a request for our Service's comments on the Final Environmental Report (operating stage) for Grand Gulf Nuclear Stations, Units 1 and 2, Clairborne County, Mississippi [50-416 and 417]. We have reviewed the operating stage report in light of our Service's area of cultural and recreational interests and provide the following comments.

It is a pleasure for us to note the interest that Mississippi Power and Light Company (MPL) has displayed in providing for multiple use of their lands for recreational purposes during the plant operating stages. The provisions for continued sport fishing in Hamilton and Gin Lakes and limited bow hunting of deer should not interfere with plant operations and are excellent examples of multiple purpose management that will provide public relations returns to MPL.

On June 21, 1973, the Department of the Interior's comments, paragraph 4, suggested that the final statement contain a copy of the State Historic Preservation Officer's (SHPO) comments and indicate whether or not any of the sites identified will be or have been nominated for the National Register of Historic Sites. We have not seen the SHPO's comments and therefore feel that compliance with Section 106 procedures has fallen short of completion as we will explain.

In connection with the Callendar House, page 2.6-1, fourth paragraph, it is stated that the SHPO has no intention of nominating this antebellum farmhouse to the National Register and that MPL should be allowed to

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make the decisions regarding this house. This is a breakdown in Section 106 procedures which clearly point out that such responsibilities lie with the Federal agency. In this case, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has had no opportunity to comment. We suggest that the Commission follow through with the appropriate Federal actions to comply with Section 106 and Executive Order 11593.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the final environmental report.

Sincerely yours,

  
for Chris I. Delaporte  
Director

cc: Mississippi Power and  
Light Company

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