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

Dear Mr. Seyfrit:

River Bend Station - Units 1 & 2
Refer to: RIV
Docket Nos. 50-458/I&E Bulletin 79-23
50-459/I&E Bulletin 79-23

Our Architect/Engineer (Stone & Webster) and our NSSS Vendor (General Electric) have recently completed a review of the design of the emergency diesel generators (EDG) to be supplied for the River Bend Station and have concluded that the EDG's are designed and supplied for operation with a floating primary neutral. Testing of the EDG's will be done during the preoperational and start-up testing phase and will be outlined in the FSAR. No further response to I&E Bulletin 79-23 is necessary.

Sincerely,

J. G. Weigand
General Manager - Nuclear Projects

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cc: Office of Inspection & Enforcement

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