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Dear Mr. Seyfrit:

River Bend Station-Unit 1 & 2
Refer To: RIV
Docket Nos. 50-458/I&E Bulletin 80-16
50-459/I&E Bulletin 80-16

This letter is an update of Gulf States Utilities Company's (GSU) recent activities concerning I&E Bulletin 80-16, "Potential Misapplication of Rosemount, Inc. Models 1151 and 1152 Pressure Transmitters With Either "A" or "D" Output Codes". Previous letters sent to your office addressing Bulletin 80-16 are summarized below. A status report is provided on actions being performed and corrective measures to be taken, if necessary, on the subject pressure transmitters.

On September 5, 1980, GSU reported that our Architect Engineer (Stone & Webster) did not employ any Rosemount Model 1151 or 1152 pressure transmitters with "A" or "D" output codes for use in safety related applications. In a letter dated December 2, 1980, GSU identified several questionable instruments compiled by our Nuclear Steam Supply System vendor (General Electric-GE). Since our submittal, the following instruments have been removed from the list:

A	B
E12-N052	E31-N083
E21-N051	E31-N084
E22-N056	E31-N085

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The instruments in Column A were removed from the list because GE determined that the "C" output codes would not be exposed to low temperatures or reverse flow conditions which would cause ambiguous signals. Column B instruments are used on systems applying negative leakage control. River Bend Station (RBS) design uses a positive leakage control system.

Our June 19, 1981, letter described actions to review and correct questionable pressure transmitters once the transmitters have arrived at the RBS site.

GSU anticipates that the last instrument will arrive at RBS in the fourth quarter of 1982. At that time, GE will perform corrective actions as necessary. A final response will be submitted including a description of all corrective actions as a result of our evaluation by March 1, 1983.

Approximately 1,000 manhours have been expended to date addressing I&E Bulletin 80-16.

Sincerely,

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