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Gentlemen:

River Bend Station - Unit 1
Docket No. 50-458
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This letter provides Gulf States Utilities Company's (GSU) response to NRC Bulletin 90-02, "Loss of Thermal Margin Caused by Channel Box Bow". River Bend Station (RBS) does not currently reuse fuel channels for a second bundle lifetime and does not anticipate reuse of fuel channels in the future.

To provide assurance that this bulletin will be addressed should the unanticipated reuse of fuel channels occur, RBS is revising the appropriate governing procedures to include the bulletin requirements.

If you have any questions or desire further information, please contact Mr. L. L. Dietrich at (504) 381-4866.

Sincerely,

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

STATE OF LOUISIANA)

PARISH OF WEST FELICIANA)

In the Matter of)

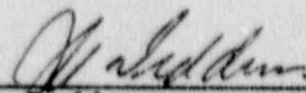
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AFFIDAVIT

J. C. Deddens, being duly sworn, states that he is a Senior Vice President of 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; and that all such documents are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



J. C. Deddens

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and Parish above named, this 24th day of April, 1990. My Commission expires with Life.



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