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Gentlemen:

River Bend Station - Unit 1  
Docket No. 50-450

This letter provides Gulf States Utilities Company's (GSU) interim response to Generic Letter 89-19, "Request for Action Related to Resolution of Unresolved Safety Issue A-47, 'Safety Implication of Control Systems in LWR Nuclear Power Plants'". This generic letter requested that GE BWR plants provide automatic reactor vessel overfill protection. It stated that this design should be sufficiently separate from the main feedwater (MFW) control system to ensure that the MFW pump will trip on reactor high-water-level signal when required. In addition it recommended that all plants reassess their operating procedures and operator training and modify them if necessary to ensure that operators can mitigate reactor vessel overfill events during reduced pressure operation. Finally it recommended that plant procedures and technical specifications include provisions to verify periodically the operability of overfill protection and to ensure that automatic overfill protection to mitigate main feedwater overfeed events is operable during power operation.

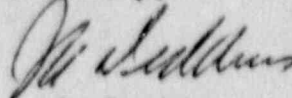
GSU is participating in the BWR Owner's Group (BWROG) effort to prepare a generic response on this issue. Accordingly GSU requests an extension to respond to the NRC on this generic letter until May 4, 1990, to allow time to review the BWROG generic response.

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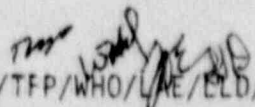
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