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April 16, 1982

NUCLEAR PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director

Dear Mr. Denton:



SUBJECT: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station  
Units 1 and 2  
Docket Nos. 50-416 and 50-417  
File: 0272/L-860.0  
Independent Design Verification,  
Additional Information Regarding  
Independency of Cygna  
AECM-82/158

For your information and review, Mississippi Power & Light is providing the attached statement of John E. Ward, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Cygna Energy Services, dated March 22, 1982. This statement provides additional information regarding the independency of Cygna Energy Services from Mississippi Power & Light and our architect/engineer, Bechtel Power Corporation, (Gaithersburg Power Division).

Please advise if further information is required.

Yours truly,

*L. F. Dale*  
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Manager of Nuclear Services

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Attachment

cc: Mr. N. L. Stampley  
Mr. R. B. McGehee  
Mr. T. B. Conner  
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Mr. Richard C. DeYoung, Director  
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This statement attests to the fact that neither Cygna Corporation nor the membership of the Cygna Energy Services Independent Design Review project team have a vested interest in the outcome of the effort to assess the adequacy of the Grand Gulf design control scheme or the manner of its application to the detailed design of a specific system.

Cygna Corporation has performed no engineering work or consulting services for Mississippi Power & Light's Grand Gulf project, or for any other MP&L project.

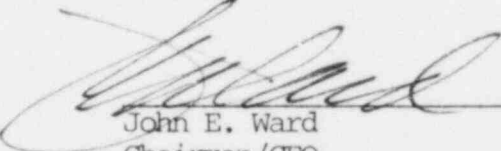
No member of the Cygna Energy Services Project Team or of the Cygna Corporation management has ever worked for either Mississippi Power & Light or its engineering firm, the Gaithersburg office of Bechtel Power Corporation. Cygna Energy Services has performed engineering and analytic services for other Bechtel Power Corporation offices. We currently have contracts with Bechtel's San Francisco and Ann Arbor offices. Neither of these contracts covers work related to the Grand Gulf project. Our designated Project Manager, Mr. Ted Wittig, is a former employee of the Bechtel San Francisco office. The pipe stress group leader, Lee Weingart, is also a former Bechtel San Francisco employee. Neither Mr. Wittig nor Mr. Weingart had anything to do with the Grand Gulf design. This was performed completely by the Gaithersburg office.

To our knowledge, no relative of the Cygna Project Team or of a corporate officer has ever worked for MP&L or Bechtel - Gaithersburg.

To our knowledge, no member of the Project Team or any corporate officer or any relative thereof owns stock in the Mississippi Power & Light.

During FY 1981, Cygna Corporation revenues exceeded \$19 Million. 70% of these revenues were earned providing engineering and analytical services directly for public electrical utilities.

I believe this satisfies the current NRC requirements regarding the independence of the design review engineering firm.

  
John E. Ward  
Chairman/CEO  
Cygna Energy Services

4/7/82  
Date