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Mr. John T. Collins, Regional Administrator  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region IV, Office of Inspection and Enforcement  
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000  
Arlington, Texas 76011

Dear Mr. Collins:

River Bend Station Unit 1  
Docket No. 50-458  
Final Report/DR-48

Gould, Inc., the manufacturer and supplier of NEMA Class A821, A822 and A823 size 1 and 2 motor starters for River Bend Station, transmitted a notice to the NRC of a potential product defect pursuant to 10CFR21, Section 21.21. Our architect engineer, Stone & Webster (S&W), was notified of the defect via a letter from Gould dated April 14, 1982. On April 30, 1982, S&W informed Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) of the problem. That same day, GSU notified your office that the deficiency (DR-48) was potentially reportable under 10CFR50.55(e).

GSU has reviewed the results of S&W's evaluation and has concluded that the deficiency is reportable under 10CFR50.55(e). On June 3, 1982, GSU notified your office by telephone that the deficiency was reportable. The attachment to this letter is the thirty (30) day written report required by 10CFR50.55(e)(3). This concludes GSU's response on this issue.

Sincerely,

*J E Booker*

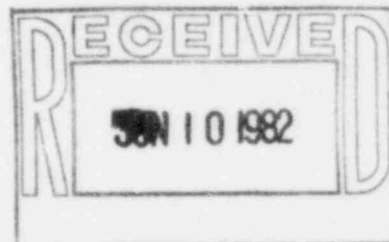
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Attachment

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ATTACHMENT

DR-48/NEMA Size 1 and 2 Starters  
by Gould, Inc.

Description of the Deficiency

A letter to S&W from Gould, Inc., advised them of potential product defects in Class A821, A822, and A823 NEMA Size 1 and 2 starters supplied and manufactured by Gould. Distribution of these starters occurred from May 11, 1981, to March 11, 1982.

It was discovered that the starters may fail to operate due to possible binding or seizure of the contact carrier assembly. Nine Class 1E 480-V motor control centers have been delivered to the River Bend Station and are equipped with these starters.

Safety Implications

Failure of the NEMA Size 1 and 2 starters could have prevented a Class 1E motor from starting. Were this deficiency to have remained uncorrected, it could have adversely affected the safety of operation of the plant. This is a deviation from the performance specification for the starters and will require repair.

Corrective Action

Gould has begun the manufacture of retrofit kits for field installation. The kits will be available from the manufacturer about June 1, 1982 and the starters will be substituted after receipt.

