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Gentlemen:

This responds to the letter from Mr. James L. Milhoan, dated July 31, 1992, regarding a complaint filed against Gulf States Utilities ("GSU") with the Department of Labor (DOL), Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division. The complaint was filed by a former contract employee who worked at the River Bend Station. Mr. Milhoan's letter requested that GSU provide the Regional Office a response within thirty days which:

1. Provides the basis for the employment action regarding the former contract employee and includes a copy of any investigation reports you have regarding the circumstances of the action; and
2. Describes the actions, if any, taken or planned to assure that this employment action does not have a chilling effect in discouraging other licensee or contractor employees from raising perceived safety concerns.

On August 21, 1992, Mr. Gary Sanborn of Region IV orally granted GSU a thirty-day extension in responding. The Attachment to this letter responds to the NRC's two requests.

GSU requests that the Attachment be given confidential treatment and withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790(a)(6) and (7)(iii). First, it contains information relating to personnel matters or otherwise confidential information, and/or makes reference to the conduct or performance of named individuals. The information sought to be withheld from public disclosure is of a type customarily held in confidence by GSU and, other than its disclosure to the Commission at its request to show GSU compliance with 10 CFR 50.7, has been held in confidence and not disclosed to the public.

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Second, release of the information could reasonably be expected to result in an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, both as to the contract employee concerned and other individuals whose activities are described in the enclosure. The release would also have a detrimental effect upon the GSU Quality Concern Program as well as corporate policies and programs to assure self-compliance with 10 CFR 50.7.

Third, release of the document would unfairly prejudice GSU in its defense of claims brought by the former contract employee against GSU in the proceeding now pending before DOL. Much of the information provided herein contains or constitutes attorney work product, or is information subject to the attorney-client privilege or the privilege afforded self-critical analysis.

If you have any additional questions concerning this matter, please contact W. H. Odell at 504/381-4400.

Sincerely,



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