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Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to document a conversation between NRC Region IV and River Bend Station personnel on July 27, 1994, regarding Entergy Operations, Inc's schedule for implementing certain aspects of the interim RBS procedures upgrade effort.

River Bend letter RBG-40699 dated July 6, 1994, indicated, in part, that RBS would have a process in place by August 1, 1994, to facilitate the procedure change process. Specifically, this involved changing the RBS procedure development process such that substantive technical issues would be addressed differently than would editorial or format-related changes. This intention was also communicated at a July 8, 1994 meeting between RBS and NRC Region IV personnel.

In the effort to incorporate this process into River Bend Nuclear Procedure RBNP-001, "Development, Control, and Use of RBS Procedures," additional factors have been identified that should be resolved before the new procedure change methodology can be implemented. Specifically, we intend to implement process improvements in the areas of procedure development and maintenance. Also, our review to date indicates that additional guidance regarding procedure reviews, verification and validation, format, and usage would be useful. Implementation of the revised procedure change process would not be appropriate without corresponding improvement in these key areas.

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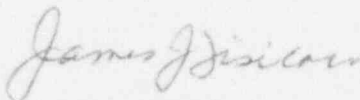
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As a result of these findings, Entergy Operations intends to complete the implementation of the revised procedure change process by October 1, 1994, vice August 1, 1994, as previously indicated. Based on our conversation of July 27, 1994, we understand that our revised schedule is acceptable to the NRC staff.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact T. W. Gates at (504) 381-4866.

Sincerely,



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