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Gentlemen:

River Bend Station - Unit 1
Docket No. 50-458

Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) is providing its response to Generic Letter 90-03, Relaxation of Staff Position in Generic Letter 83-28, Item 2.2 Part 2 "Vendor Interface for Safety-Related Components". This letter requested that licensees review their present vendor interface programs to assure that:

a. A program with the NSSS vendor covers all safety-related components within the NSSS scope of supply. This program should include provisions for assuring receipt by the licensee of all technical information provided by the NSSS vendor; and

b. A program of periodic contact with the vendors of other key safety-related components not included above.

GSU has reviewed its current program with the NSSS Vendor (GE Company). GE has provided GSU with Service Information Letters (SILs), Service Advisory Letters (SALs), Rapid Information Communication Services Information Letters (RICSILs), etc. for several years and will in the future continue to provide this information. Additional provisions will be established to achieve compliance with this generic letter by ensuring that other requisite NSSS component documentation is also received and maintained.

GSU plans to establish a program for periodic contact with the NSSS vendor as well as other vendors of key safety-related components (such as auxiliary feed pumps, batteries, inverters, battery chargers, cooling water pumps, valve operators, diesel generators and switchgear). The following actions will be completed to implement this program:

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- A list of these key components will be compiled.

- A database using the above information will be developed consisting of the component and vendor name and address.

- Using the above database, correspondence outlining our intentions of establishing a program for vendor interface will be mailed to each vendor. This initial program will be complete by March 31, 1991.

- Additionally, plant procedures will be revised to ensure that the identified vendors will be contacted every twelve months, verifying that GSU has received applicable technical information generated during the previous twelve-month period.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. L. L. Dietrich of my staff at (504) 381-4866.

Sincerely,

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AFFIDAVIT

W. H. Odell, being duly sworn, states that he is a Manager - Oversight for Gulf States Utilities Company; that he is authorized on the part of said company to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission the documents attached hereto; and that all such documents are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

W. H. Odell

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and Parish above named, this 28th day of September, 1990. My Commission expires with Life.

Claudia F. Hurst
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Notary Public in and for
West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana