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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region II
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Attention: Mr. J. P. O'Reilly, Regional Administrator

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

SUBJECT: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station
Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-416 and 50-417
License No. NPF-13
File: 0260/L-835.0/L-401.0
Response to IE Bulletin No. 83-06,
Nonconforming Materials Supplied
by Tube-Line Corporation
Facilities at Long Island City,
NY; Houston, TX; and Carol
Stream, IL
AECM-83/0731

Mississippi Power & Light Company (MP&L) is unable at this time to provide a final response to IE Bulletin 83-06, "Nonconforming Materials Supplied by Tube-Line Corporation Facilities at Long Island City, New York; Houston, Texas; and Carol Stream, Illinois," since we are awaiting responses from three sub-vendors. The information we have received, as well as other pertinent facts, are presented here as an interim response.

To date, the results of an investigation conducted by MP&L Purchasing and both of our prime suppliers, General Electric Co. and Bechtel Power Corporation, indicate that the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station (GGNS) has not received any ASME Code (i.e., safety system grade) material from the Tube-Line Corporation (T-L). GGNS has received eighteen (18) 4-inch 150-lb carbon steel T-L flanges from Consolidated Pipe and Supply of Pascagoula, Mississippi. However, these flanges were purchased for non-Q applications, (i.e., not for use in safety-related systems).

Responses from three Bechtel suppliers are required to complete our investigative effort. Chicago Tube & Iron Co.'s initial response was considered inadequate in that it did not address nonnuclear or drop-shipped material; additional clarification has been requested. Two other Bechtel suppliers, Metal Bellows Co. and Duke Power Co., have not yet responded. Efforts are underway to expedite these responses. It is now estimated that an additional two months will be required to complete the investigation. As a result, MP&L expects to provide a final response by January 27, 1984.

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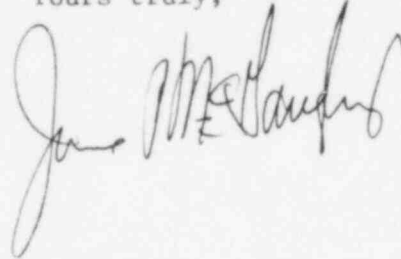
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Concerning the generic issue of fraudulent practices, MP&L is presently involved in an effort to address the concerns expressed in the R. C. DeYoung to D. C. Lutken letter dated September 12, 1983. MP&L Quality Assurance (QA) management, in conjunction with other QA groups representing Middle South Utilities, is searching for better methods of detecting products that result from fraudulent practices. The detection of these products, especially at an early stage, is essential if we are to achieve our goals.

Should you have any further questions regarding these matters, please advise.

Yours truly,



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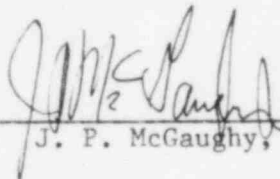
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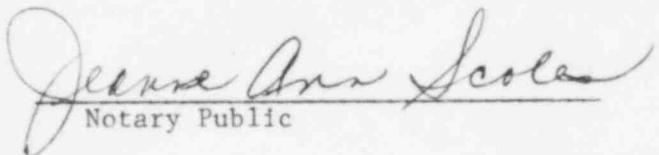
J. P. McGaughy, Jr., being duly sworn, states that he is Vice President - Nuclear, of Mississippi Power & Light Company; that he is authorized on the part of said Company to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission this response to IE Bulletin 83-06 on behalf of Company, Middle South Energy, Inc., and South Mississippi Electric Power Association; that he signed the foregoing letter as Vice President - Nuclear, of Mississippi Power & Light Company; and that the statements made and the matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.



J. P. McGaughy, Jr.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, a Notary Public, in and for the County and State above named, this 15th day of November, 1983.

(SEAL)



Notary Public

My Commission Expires Sep. 21, 1987