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Mr. R. L. Tedesco, Assistant Director  
Division of Licensing  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: Report on Transmission Line  
Construction Activities within  
the Port Hudson National Historic  
Landmark

Dear Mr. Tedesco:

By letter dated November 23, 1983, Mr. J. E. Booker of Gulf States Utilities Company transmitted the above referenced report. My staff has reviewed the document, and we find it to be an accurate account of GSU's cultural resources compliance relative to the River Bend Station up to this point in time. Accordingly, we anticipate that operation and maintenance of the plant will not affect any sites or properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The only possible exception to this are the remains of the Magnolia Plantation Sugar Mill (16WF36) which have been documented to be on the plant's property. It is our understanding that archaeological investigations are currently underway relative to determining the site's National Register eligibility. We will withhold further comment on the sugar mill remains pending completion of the investigations.

Should you have any questions regarding our comments, do not hesitate to contact my staff in the Division of Archaeology.

Sincerely,

Robert B. DeBlieux  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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cc: J. E. Booker  
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