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Gentlemen:

By letter dated June 28, 1990, the River Bend Station committed to implement a program to improve the reliability of safety-related motor-operated valves (MOV) in accordance with the guidance provided in Generic Letter 89-10, "Safety Related Motor-Operated Valve (MOV) Testing and Surveillance." Given the state of knowledge that existed regarding MOV performance at the time NRC issued this generic letter, NRC requested in situ testing under any achievable flow and differential pressure conditions for all of the 89-10 program MOVs where practicable. At that time, the value or meaningfulness of this data was not well understood by either the industry or NRC. Since the issuance of this generic letter, both the industry and the NRC have significantly increased their knowledge and understanding of MOV performance characteristics. As a result, it has been recognized by both the industry and the NRC that the dynamic testing of all 89-10 program MOVs where practicable does not always provide meaningful data or serve to advance our knowledge regarding the predictability of MOV performance.

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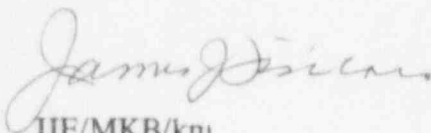
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By this letter, we are providing notification of our intent to modify our original commitment regarding in situ dynamic testing of MOVs. RBS will perform in situ dynamic testing of our 89-10 program MOVs where such testing is both practicable and meaningful. This type of change has been previously accepted by NRC at other facilities and is consistent with the guidance provided in NRC's Supplement 6 to Generic Letter 89-10. The submittal of this letter and its contents were discussed on June 1, 1995 with the NRC Region IV inspector cognizant of our Generic Letter 89-10 program. The criteria for determining if a practicable dynamic test will provide meaningful results will be contained in our Generic Letter 89-10 Program documents and will be available for NRC review.

The schedule for our Phase II testing remains as originally committed and will be completed by the end of our next scheduled refueling outage. The scope and performance of our remaining tests will be planned in accordance with this revision to our Generic Letter 89-10 program.

If there are any question regarding this issue, please contact Mike Brandon of my staff at (504) 381-4506.

Sincerely,



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