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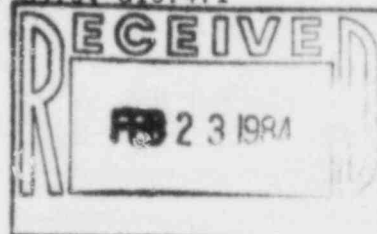
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Mr. John T. Collins, Regional Administrator
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV, Office of Inspection and Enforcement
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000
Arlington, Texas 76011



Dear Mr. Collins:

RIVER BEND STATION - UNIT 1
REFER TO: RIV
DOCKET NO. 50-458/REPORT 83-19

This letter is in response to the Notice of Violation contained in I&E Report No. 50-458/83-19. The inspection was conducted at the River Bend Station construction site by Mr. L. D. Gilbert during the period November 14-18, 1983, of activities authorized by the NRC Construction Permit No. CPPR-145 for River Bend Station Unit No. 1.

Gulf States Utilities' response to the Notice of Violation 83-19-01, "Failure to Establish and Execute an Inspection Program to Verify Socket Weld Size and 83-19-02, "Failure to Follow Procedure for Signing QC Hold Points", is provided in the enclosed attachment. GSU will be glad to discuss any further comments you may have concerning the enclosed responses.

Sincerely,

W. D. Cahill
Senior Vice President
River Bend Nuclear Group

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Attachments

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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STATE OF LOUISIANA

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In the Matter of

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Docket Nos. 50-458
50-459

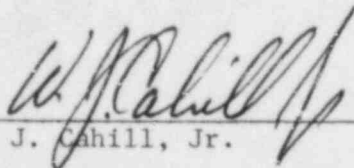
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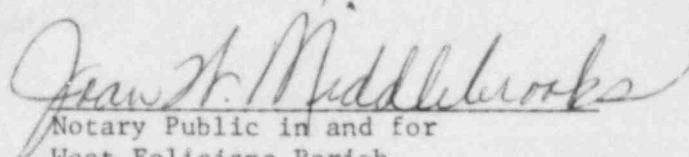
(River Bend Station,
Units 1 & 2)

AFFIDAVIT

W. J. Cahill, Jr., being duly sworn, states that he is a Vice President of 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. J. Cahill, Jr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and Parish above named, this 17 day of February, 1984


Notary Public in and for
West Feliciana Parish,
Louisiana

My Commission is for Life.

ATTACHMENT

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Reference

Notice of Violation - E. H. Johnson letter to W. J. Cahill,
dated January 20, 1984.
Refer to: Docket 50-458/83-19

A. Failure to Establish and Execute an Inspection Program
to Verify Socket Weld Size

Response

VE-100 is a visual inspection procedure which requires verification of socket weld size, among other things. Reactor Controls Incorporated (RCI) Quality Assurance Instruction (QAI) 10-1 paragraph 4.4.6-C requires that socket welds be inspected for fillet size. This instruction has been in effect since the start of construction and socket weld sizes have been verified on 100% of the work.

Corrective Steps Which Have Been Taken and the Results Achieved

Process Requirement Sheet (PRS) 02 has been revised. The new revision was issued to the jobsite on 11-28-83 and requires all socket welds to be inspected to VE-100. Each Inspector has now documented these inspections on the weld data sheets as part of the corrective action.

Corrective Steps Taken to Avoid Further Violations

All Inspection personnel have been re-trained to the requirements of QAI 10-1 and PRS-02 Rev. 7 and the documentation process. The change to the PRS and provision for signoff will clarify and strengthen the requirement for the future.

Date When Full Compliance Was Achieved

Full compliance was achieved on November 30, 1983

B. Failure to Follow Procedure for Signing QC Hold Points

Response

A review of the other data sheets indicates that this is an isolated incident of the inspector signing the wrong data sheet pages. After this was inadvertently done, the Inspector used poor judgement in not correcting the error as soon as it was discovered.

Corrective Steps Which Have Been Taken and the Results Achieved

The liquid penetrant examination weld check point on the weld data sheets for weld numbers I-2417-15, I-2017-15, I-0817-15, and I-0417-15 were voided on 11-16-83. These welds were examined by liquid penetrant, found acceptable, and signed off 11-18-83.

Corrective Steps Taken to Avoid Further Violations

The Inspector has received a verbal reprimand for failure to follow procedure for signing QC Hold Points. He has also been re-trained in accordance with the RCI Quality Assurance Training Program.

Date When Full Compliance Was Achieved

Full compliance was achieved on November 30, 1983.