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Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Denton:

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

Gulf States Utilities (GSU) submitted on November 5, 1984, the River Bend Station (RBS) Inservice Test Program in response to requests of your Staff. One of these requests was identified in the RBS Safety Evaluation Report as Outstanding Issue No. 4. The November 5, 1984 submittal (RBG-19,359), as supplemented by our January 21, 1985 letter (RBG-19,926), constitutes our current program for which we have requested NRC concurrence.

Discussions with your Staff identified two concerns related to statements which have been misinterpreted regarding the status of the program. First, the title page for the document indicates the program to be a "Pre-Service Inspection/Inservice Test Program". The "Pre-Service" portion of the title refers only to the program for inspection of piping welds, i.e. the "Pre-Service Inspection Program". The pump and valve test program submitted was the "Inservice Test Program" volume. Secondly, this volume indicated in the introductory pages that the information was "preliminary". This indication was intended to identify to GSU personnel that NRC concurrence had not yet been provided. The program, as submitted, is the pump and valve test program which GSU will implement for RBS with NRC concurrence.

Sincerely,

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