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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Docket No. 50-458

APPLICANT: Gulf States Utilities  
FACILITY: River Bend Station, Unit 1  
SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD WITH GULF STATES UTILITIES (GSU)  
CONCERNING RIVER BEND STATION UNIT 1

On July 12, 1985, the NRC Staff met with representatives of GSU to discuss a one time exception to the Technical Specifications to permit the use of the drywell purge and vent system during modes 2 and 3. GSU had requested a meeting to discuss a proposed use of the system during modes 2 and 3 for up to a cumulative time not to exceed 24 hours.

GSU requested the exception for up to 24 hours based on anticipated offgas ammonia levels of greater than 15 ppm during the initial heatup testing at River Bend. The anticipated high ammonia levels would result from the heatup of fiberglass insulation in the drywell area using a phenolic resin binding. The ammonia is typically depleted in the binder after a short period of time when exposed to high temperatures. The one-time exception is needed to allow personnel entry and access to the drywell to perform various startup test procedures.

The following limitations to purging (in addition to 24 hours ) were discussed:

1. Partial blocking of purge valves to no more than a 50° opening
2. Purging could not be done when plant exceeds 5% power levels
3. Use of standby gas treatment system during purging was suggested
4. Initiation of purging should be based on ammonia levels only

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A list of meeting attendees is included in Enclosure 1.

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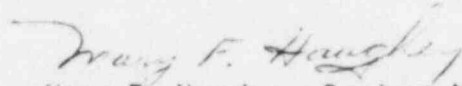
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