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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. Martin:

River Bend Station - Unit 1
Refer to: RIV
Docket No. 50-458/Report 85-12

This letter is in response to your letter dated May 28, 1985, which requested additional information concerning the Notice of Violation 85-12-02, "Control of Temporary Alterations," contained in NRC I&E Inspection Report No. 50-458/85-12. The inspection was conducted at the River Bend Station construction site by Messrs. W. M. McNeill, I. Barnes, and W. R. Bennett during the period February 25-March 1, 1985, of activities authorized by NRC Construction Permit CPPR-145 for River Bend Station Unit No. 1.

Described below are the results of the audit and/or surveillance of the Temporary Alteration Log performed by the GSU Project Quality Test Group (PQTG). An assessment of the effect on completed testing of the discrepancies found is also provided for your information.

1. There were instances found where the Shift Supervisor (SS) did not acknowledge placement and/or removal of the temporary alterations. This did not impact testing because the test engineer was cognizant of the tag. This problem was rectified by appointing personnel to act as full time designees to the SS for acknowledgement. These personnel verify placement and/or removal of the temporary alterations within one shift.

2. Duplicate tags were found in cases where redundant non-essential tags were hung. There is no impact on testing.

3. In examples where there were no tags, Startup and Test personnel had removed the tags to commence testing and/or realign the systems but did not make the entries in the log. There is no impact on testing. The problem was rectified by the training of Startup and Test personnel and surveillances of outstanding temporary alterations on a regular basis.

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4. Jumpers of the wrong color were found in some cases. There is no impact on testing. The problem was rectified by training of personnel and surveillances of outstanding temporary alterations on a regular basis. Also, dedicated personnel verify each temporary alteration for the correct color jumpers.

5. In some cases, items were recorded in the Operations Temporary Alteration Log. Due to a lack of understanding, some personnel did not know what log to use. There is no impact on testing. The Operations Temporary Alteration Log is for Station Manual Transferred (SMT) systems only. The problem was rectified by the training of personnel and surveillances of the Startup and Test and Operations Temporary Alteration Logs. An updated list of SMT's is copied to the control room whenever new SMT's occur.

6. There was a transposition error found where the entry was transferred improperly. There is no impact on testing. New log sheets were initiated in December, 1984.

7. Some temporary alterations were found to have inadequate descriptions. There is no impact on testing. This discrepancy was rectified by the training of personnel and having dedicated personnel verify each temporary alteration for adequate description.

This concludes our response to your request for additional information concerning this Notice of Violation.

Sincerely,

W. J. Cahill, Jr.
Senior Vice President
River Bend Nuclear Group

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

STATE OF LOUISIANA	§	
PARISH OF WEST FELICIANA	§	
In the Matter of	§	**Docket Nos. 50-458**
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GULF STATES UTILITIES COMPANY	§	

(River Bend Station,
Unit 1)

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 24th day of June, 1985.

Joan W. Middlebrooks
Notary Public in and for
West Feliciana Parish,
Louisiana

My Commission is for Life.