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Mr. Robert D. Martin, Regional Administrator
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000
Arlington, Texas 76011

Dear Mr. Martin:

River Bend Station - Unit 1
Refer to: RIV
Docket No. 50-458/Report 85-10

This letter is in response to your letter dated May 7, 1985, which requested additional information concerning the Notice of Violation 85-10-02, "Compliance with Welding Control Procedure Requirements," contained in NRC I&E Inspection Report No. 50-458/85-10. The inspection was conducted at the River Bend Station construction site by Messrs. W. M. McNeill and I. Barnes during the period February 4-8, 1985, of activities authorized by NRC Construction Permit CPPR-145 for River Bend Station Unit No. 1.

The following information addresses the actions being taken to assure that station attendant-prepared Construction Completion Checklists (CCC) accurately reflect performance of their duties. GSU Quality Assurance performed an unscheduled surveillance of Weld Rod Issue Stations 1 and 3 on May 3, 1985. During the surveillance it was observed that the Weld Rod Station Attendants maintain a daily log of the temperature checks made during the day of the rod storage ovens and portable electric rod heaters in addition to the preparation of CCC's. The Construction Welding Supervisior or his designee reviews and signs the daily log and the completed CCC. Also, FQC routinely checks the Weld Rod Issue Stations and prepares an Inspection Report documenting the results of their inspection.

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The review performed by the Construction Welding Supervisor or his designee of the daily log prepared by the rod station attendant, in addition to the completed CCC, provides assurance that management is aware that the rod ovens and portable electric heaters are maintained within the required temperature range and that proper environmental control are imposed on the Weld Filler Materials at the Weld Rod Issue Stations.

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

Sincerely,

J. C. Deddens
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
		50-459
GULF STATES UTILITIES COMPANY	§	

(River Bend Station,
Unit 1)

AFFIDAVIT

J. C. Deddens, 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.

J. C. Deddens

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and Parish above named, this 28th day of May, 1985.

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

My Commission is for Life.