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SUPPLEMENT 1 (TAC NO. M83921)

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The responses by Gulf States Utilities Company, now Entergy Gulf States, have been appropriately directed to GL 92-08 and no further action or reviews are being conducted under Bulletin 92-01, Supplement 1. Therefore, Bulletin 92-01, Supplement 1 and TAC No. M83921 are closed.

If there are any questions on this matter, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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