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

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

Dear Mr. Denton:

Subject: River Bend Station  
Technical Specification Certification

In response to the letter of July 25, 1985 from Thomas M. Novak to me, Gulf States Utilities Company has reviewed the final draft of the River Bend Technical Specifications.

The in-depth review included reviews by GSU Technical Staff and other cognizant GSU personnel; Stone and Webster Engineering Corporation, the architect/engineer for the plant; and General Electric Company, the nuclear steam system supplier. Additional reviews were made by an independent consultant (QATEL) familiar with BWR technical specifications. We also retained ASTA Corporation to conduct a review of Technical Specifications and Surveillance Test Procedures on a sample basis. This review compared Surveillance Test Procedures against the Technical Specifications for consistency, sampled Technical Specifications against the Safety Evaluation Report (SER) and Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) for consistency and was used to perform walkdowns to compare Surveillance Test Procedures with the actual as-built plant configuration. The findings of this review were factored with our final Technical Specifications and Surveillance Test Procedures.

We have identified minor changes to correct editorial and/or typographical errors, which have already been provided to your staff by letter dated August 2, 1985 (RBG-21773). Justification for changes in the final draft Technical Specifications, including those matters identified in Enclosure 2 to the July 25, 1985 letter, are contained in letters dated July 19, 1985 (RBG-21568 and RBG-21573), July 24, 1985 (RBG-21651), July 29, 1985 (RBG-21716), August 1, 1985 (RBG-21752), August 2, 1985 (RBG-21772 and RBG-21773), August 5,

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1985 (RBG-21774 and RBG-21790) and August 7, 1985 (RBG-21815 and RBG-21810). This certification is subject to the NRC incorporating these items in the final Technical Specifications.

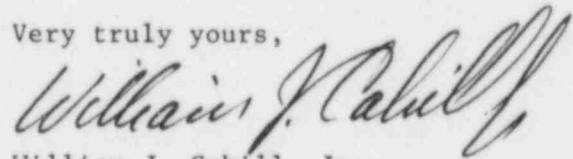
The July 25, 1985 letter asked GSU to provide a summary description of the long term changes it is currently considering for the Technical Specifications. This information was supplied to your Staff by letter dated August 9, 1985 (RBG-21823). These matters do not affect the ability of GSU to certify the Technical Specifications.

The NRC requested that GSU certify that the draft forwarded by the July 25, 1985 letter accurately reflects, among other things, the Staff's SER. As agreed to with your Staff, GSU will certify the Technical Specifications with the SER through Supplement 3 at least five working days prior to achieving criticality.

GSU's certification of the final draft Technical Specifications is based on its review of the FSAR through Amendment 21 and the FSAR changes, other commitments which have been provided to the NRC by docketed correspondence through the date of this letter and the as-built plant reflected in the plant design documents.

Based upon the foregoing, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the final draft of the River Bend Station Technical Specifications accurately reflects the plant design, the Final Safety Analysis Report, as amended, and other documented commitments made to the NRC Staff by GSU during the course of this review. An affidavit relating to this certification accompanies this letter.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

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