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AGENDA

MEETING WITH GULF STATES UTILITIES
REVIEW OF EVENTS RELATED TO THE STARTUP OF RIVER BEND STATION

JANUARY 29 AND 30, 1986

1. Review causes of plant scrams since issuance of low power license
2. Review causes of plant loss of offsite power incidents since issuance of low power license
3. Review of licensee selected reportable events in accordance with 10 CFR 50.72
4. Human Factors Related Events
 - Licensee evaluation of human factor related events - particularly those involving: wire jumpers, reactor water cleanup system (RWCU) and events with causes unknown
 - Licensee corrective actions - short term and long term
 - Instrumentation and control-qualifications, training and management control
5. Procedure Related Events
 - Licensee evaluation of procedure inadequacies, particularly those related to RWCU
 - Procedure for jumper controls
 - Licensee corrective actions - short term and long term
 - Formulation, indepth safety review and management control of procedures
6. Hardware Related Events
 - Licensee evaluation of hardware/system problems in the following areas:
 - a) Power systems including switchyards
 - b) Feedwater systems
 - c) RWCU
 - d) Standby gas treatment
 - Licensee corrective actions for each system, both short term and long term
 - Licensee process for identifying, correcting and maintaining management control over specific hardware system problem areas

REVIEW OF REPORTABLE EVENTS DURING STARTUP TEST PROGRAM

RIVER BEND STATION

JANUARY 29 AND 30, 1986

January 29th

8:00 - 9:00 NRC Meeting - Resident's Office
9:00 - 1:00 Licensee Presentation (See Enclosure), discussion
2:00 - 4:00 Plant Tour
4:00 - 5:00 NRC Meeting - Resident's Office

January 30th

8:00 - 8:30 NRC Meeting - Resident's Office
8:30 - 12:00 Plant Tour (continued)
12:00 - 2:00 NRC Working Lunch
2:00 - 3:00 Exit Meeting with Licensee

NRC SITE VISIT TEAM

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