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File No. G9.5

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

Attention: Dr. Walter Butler, Chief  
Licensing Branch No. 3

Dear Dr. Butler:

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

Recently Gulf States Utilities (GSU) was notified by your Staff that filing an extension for environmental qualification of electrical equipment per 10CFR50.49 would be considered untimely if such extension requests were received after September 30, 1985. As has been discussed with the NRC in the past and as reflected in the Operating License, all River Bend Unit 1 electrical equipment required to be qualified pursuant to 10CFR50.49 is scheduled to be qualified prior to November 30, 1985 in accordance with GSU's ongoing program. As of this date, only the three items listed below remain to be qualified. GSU knows of no present reason why the remaining equipment cannot be timely qualified. This letter constitutes notification of an extension request if for some unforeseen reason it is determined that the items listed below will not be qualified by November 30, 1985. In such a case, GSU will expeditiously notify the Commission and will supply the technical information and justification necessary to meet the requirements for an extension. The items remaining to be qualified are:

1. Cable (Rockbestos) - November 15
2. Level Elements, Flow Switches (FCI) - November 15
3. Solenoids (ASCO) - November 15

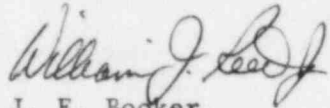
It is not possible at this time to supply the information necessary to support an extension request. Were some deficiency in qualification to be found, GSU would review the matter and analyze it in detail against the requirements of the Operating License and the NRC Rules and Regulations. Only after such analysis could GSU provide a complete

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extension request susceptible to NRC review. Thus, GSU can not file a more complete extension request at this time for the equipment listed above.

Sincerely,

  
for J. E. Booker  
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River Bend Nuclear Group

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