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The Honorable Richard L. Ottinger, Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy Conservation and Power
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed for your information is an announcement that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation on August 31 amended the operating license held by Mississippi Power & Light Company and other owners to authorize full power operation of Unit 1 of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station.

It is planned to mail this information to the news media today, August 31, 1984.

Sincerely,

Carlton Kammerer, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure:
As stated

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NRC AUTHORIZES FULL POWER OPERATION OF GRAND GULF NUCLEAR PLANT IN MISSISSIPPI

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation on August 31 amended the operating license held by Mississippi Power & Light Company and other owners to authorize full power operation of Unit 1 of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station located in Claiborne County, Mississippi. The other owners are Middle South Energy, Inc. and South Mississippi Electric Power Association.

Grand Gulf Unit 1 uses a boiling water reactor and at full power will have a net electrical output of about 1250 megawatts. The plant is located on the east bank of the Mississippi River, about six miles northwest of Port Gibson and 25 miles south of Vicksburg.

On June 16, 1982, the NRC Staff issued a license which permitted fuel loading and low power testing up to five percent of full power. Since that time the licensee has been addressing a number of issues preparatory to obtaining a full power license. Included were modifications to the plant because of design deficiencies identified during testing; extensive review and corrective action relating to the technical specifications for operating the plant; assuring appropriate qualification of a sufficient number of reactor operators, and the reliability of the emergency diesel generators.

Full power operation requires the approval of the Commission itself which was granted on July 31 following a favorable recommendation by the NRC Staff.

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