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Mr. E. W. Merschoff Regional Administrator, Region IV U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 400 Arlington, TX 76011-8064

Dear Mr. Merschoff:

Subject:

Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS)

Units 1, 2, and 3

Docket Nos. STN 50-528/529/530 Operator License Examinations

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 55.41 and 10 CFR 55.43, Arizona Public Service Company (APS) is submitting herein the proposed test outlines for the Initial License Examinations to be administered at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station in August/September 1999. In accordance with NUREG 1021, Interim Revision 8, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors", ES 201, please find enclosed the Examination Outline Legend and Comments, Examination Outline - Senior Reactor Operator, and Examination Schedule. In accordance with examination security guidance contained in ES 201, APS requests that the material contained in the enclosures be withheld from public disclosure until after the examinations are complete.

No commitments are being made to the NRC by this letter.

Please call Fred Riedel at (602) 393-6580 or Warren Potter at (602) 393-6165 if you have any questions or require additional information.

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