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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

March 8, 2022

Ms. Maria L. Lacal Executive Vice President/Chief Nuclear Officer Arizona Public Service Company 5871 S. Wintersburg Road MS 7605 Tonopah, AZ 85354-7529

SUBJECT: PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 – SECURITY BASELINE INSPECTION REPORT 05000528/2022420, 05000529/2022420 AND 05000530/2022420

Dear Ms. Lacal:

On February 4, 2022, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed an inspection at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3 and discussed the results of this inspection with you and other members of your staff. The results of this inspection are documented in the enclosed report.

No NRC-identified or self-revealing findings were identified during this inspection.

Licensee-identified violations which were determined to be of very low security significance are documented in this report. We are treating these violations as non-cited violations consistent with Section 2.3.2 of the Enforcement Policy.

If you contest the violations or the significance or severity of the violations documented in this inspection report, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region IV; the Director, Office of Enforcement; the Director, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response; and the NRC Resident Inspector at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3.

This letter will be made available for public inspection and copying at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html and at the NRC Public Document Room in accordance with Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations 2.390, "Public Inspections, Exemptions, Requests for Withholding."

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Sincerely. Our K Curk Signed by Clark, Jefferson on 03/08/22

Jefferson K. Clark, Chief Security Performance Evaluation Branch Division of Security Operations Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response

Docket Nos. 05000528, 05000529 and 05000530 License Nos. NPF-41, NPF-51 and NPF-74

Enclosure: As stated:

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