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10 CFR 70.53(a)(1)
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Dear Sirs:

**Subject: Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS)
Units 1, 2, and 3
Docket Nos. STN 50-528/529/530
Request Extension of Submittal Date for Special Nuclear Material
Balance Reports**

Arizona Public Service Company (APS) is required by 10 CFR 70.53(a)(1) and 10 CFR 74.13(a)(1) to compile special nuclear material balance reports as of March 31 and September 30 of each year, and to submit those reports within thirty days of those dates. 10 CFR 74.13(a)(1) also contains the provision that "[t]he Commission may permit a licensee to submit the reports at other times when good cause is shown."

The special nuclear material balance report for the PVNGS Units for the period ending on September 30, 2000 is required to be submitted by October 30, 2000. Due to the need to utilize APS Nuclear Fuels Management personnel resources in the current PVNGS Unit 2 outage for refueling activities, APS requests NRC approval to delay the submittal of this report until December 15, 2000.

In addition to the request above, APS requests standing approval to delay the submittal of each semiannual special nuclear material balance report to 60 days after March 31 and September 30 of each year. This delay is requested because the refueling outages for PVNGS Units 1, 2, and 3 usually occur in the March-April and September-October periods each year, and Nuclear Fuel Management personnel who compile the reports are usually also involved in the outages.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Scott A. Bauer at (623) 393-5978.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Angela K. Keimich".

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