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References:

1) Letter dated June 8, 2000 "Request for Amendment to Technical Specification 5.6.5, Core Operating Limits Report (COLR) (CASMO-4/SIMULATE-3)," from C. D. Mauldin, Arizona Public Service Co., to **USNRC**

Dear Sirs:

Subject:

Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS)

Units 1, 2 and 3

Docket Nos. STN 50-528/529/530

Proprietary Affidavit for CASMO-4/SIMULATE-3 **Technical Specification 5.6.5 Amendment Request**

In Reference 1 Arizona Public Service Company (APS) submitted to the NRC a Technical Specification (TS) amendment request for the addition of CASMO-4/SIMULATE-3 to TS 5.6.5. Reference 1 contained proprietary information. At that time, APS referenced previously submitted affidavits to support withholding the proprietary information contained in the TS amendment request from public disclosure. Subsequent to the June 8, 2000 letter, the NRC staff has determined that a separate affidavit for the TS amendment request is required. Enclosure 1 to this letter contains this affidavit.

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

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

Sincerely.

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Enclosure

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Proprietary Affidavit for CASMO-4/SIMULATE-3 Technical Specification Amendment Request