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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Ms. Margaret S. Chatterton, Mail Stop - 10 B3
One White Flint North
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738

SUBJECT: PALO VERDE UNIT 3 LEAD FUEL ASSEMBLY EXAMINATION DATA

Dear Ms. Chatterton:

During a telecon between Arizona Public Service Company (APS), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and Westinghouse Electric Company LLC (WEC) on June 1, 2001, you requested that WEC provide the NRC with the examination data that will be collected for a Palo Verde 3 Lead Fuel Assembly (P3J408: all rods fabricated using Alloy A cladding) after three (3) and four (4) cycles of operation. In the spirit of cooperation, WEC agrees to provide the NRC with the results of the fuel examinations for this LFA. The examinations are currently scheduled for October 2001 and Spring 2003; following the completion of Palo Verde Unit 3 Cycles 9 and 10, respectively. Evaluation of the examination data will follow and the information will be transmitted as inspection reports. As you know, the information generated by those inspections will be proprietary to WEC and will be transmitted to the NRC in the appropriate manner.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call Chuck Molnar of my staff at (860) 731-6286.

Very truly yours,
Westinghouse Electric Company LLC

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Enclosure(s): None

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