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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  
Resubmittal of Order EA-03-009 Relaxation Request**

On February 28, 2003, APS submitted a relaxation request providing an alternative inspection to Order EA-03-009 Section IV.C(2)(b)(i) for Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS) Units 1, 2, and 3. Subsequently, APS submitted letters dated March 21, 2003, April 2, 2003, April 4, 2003, and April 24, 2003, to support that request. The letter dated April 2, 2003, modified the relaxation Request to be specific to PVNGS Unit 3 only. On April 25, 2003, the NRC granted the requested relaxation for PVNGS Unit 3. APS expects to resubmit the Unit 1 and 2 relaxation request this summer upon completion of the unit specific hoop stress analysis.

No commitments are being made to the NRC in this letter. Should you have any questions, please contact Thomas N. Weber at (623) 393-5764.

Sincerely,

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