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ATTN: Document Control Desk
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Sirs:

**Subject: Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS)
Units 1, 2, & 3
Docket Nos. STN 50-528/529/530
Response to Regulatory Issues Summary (RIS) 2006-15, "Preparation
and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations"**

This letter is Arizona Public Service Company's (APS) voluntary response to RIS 2006-15, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations." Attached to this letter is NRC Form 536 which provides Palo Verde's proposed schedule of examinations estimated for calendar years 2007 through 2010.

There are no commitments made to the NRC by this letter.

Please contact Mr. James A. Proctor (623) 393-5730 if you have any questions or would like additional information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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NRC FORM 536 (8-2005)		U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION		APPROVED BY OMB: NO. 3150-0131		EXPIRES: 08/31/2008		
OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION DATA				<small>Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary information collection request: 1 hour. This information collection is used to plan budgets and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the Records and FOIA/Privacy Services Branch (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by Internet e-mail to infocollects@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0131), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.</small>				
FACILITY Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station 50-528, 50-529, 50-530						NRC REGION IV		
A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE								
PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY2007</u>	<u>CY2008</u>	<u>CY2009</u>	<u>CY2010</u>				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	10	10	10	10				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0				
B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS								
PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY2007</u>	<u>CY2008</u>	<u>CY2009</u>	<u>CY2010</u>				
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	6	11	0	12				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	4	10	0	2				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	3	3	0	4				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	0	0	0	0				
PROPOSED DATES								
PRIMARY DATE	07/23/2007	11/10/2008 & 11/17/2008		08/23/2010				
ALTERNATE DATE								
C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE								
PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 2007</u>				<u>CY 2009</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES			21		12			