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Greater Phoenix
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July 23, 2009

Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko
Chief, Rulemaking and Directives Branch
Division of Administrative Services
Mailstop TWB-5B01M
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Chairman Jaczko:

The Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce has been following with great interest the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's license renewal process for the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. Palo Verde plays an important role in meeting the tremendous energy requirements of a fast growing state. For decades, it has done so in a safe and efficient manner, while also reducing our dependence on foreign oil and the production of green house gasses.

In my role as President and CEO of the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, I understand how much our economy depends on the reliable delivery of power to keep Arizona working. As you most certainly are aware, losing power, even for a short period of time, can result in the loss of millions of dollars for our businesses large and small. APS and Palo Verde have a strong track record of delivering the consistent, reliable and cost effective energy that Arizona businesses need to succeed.

Palo Verde is also Arizona's biggest single tax payer. At a time when our state faces the largest budget deficit in the country (as a percentage of the total budget) losing such a major contributor will result in the loss of millions to the state's General Fund, local communities and our schools. From an economic development perspective, a significant number of businesses in the Phoenix metropolitan area operate around the direct or indirect needs of the plant, and would suffer greatly in the event of a non-renewal.

The Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce stands squarely behind APS in its license renewal bid. I hope you will consider my letter in your review and strongly take into account the contributions Palo Verde makes to our economy and our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Sanders".

Todd Sanders
President and CEO
Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce