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August 12, 2010

Dr. Clinton M. Pattea, President
Fort McDowell Yavapai Tribal Council
P.O. Box 17779
Fountain Hills, AZ 85268

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT PLANT-SPECIFIC SUPPLEMENT 43 TO THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR LICENSE RENEWAL OF NUCLEAR PLANTS REGARDING FOR THE PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION

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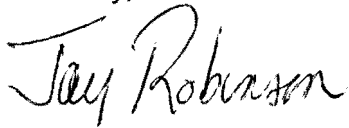
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Identical letters have been sent to the following persons: Clinton M. Pattea, Diane Enos, Wendsler Nosie, Sr., Ned Norris, Jr., Ronnie Lupe, Thomas Beauty, Peter Yucupicio, Ivan Smith, Ernest Jones, Sr., Delia M. Carlyle, and William R. Rhodes.

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian
Community Council
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Scottsdale, AZ 85256

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San Carlos Tribal Council
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San Carlos, AZ 85550

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White Mountain Apache Tribe
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Camp Verde, AZ 86322

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Mr. Ernest Jones, Sr., President
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Letter to Dr. Clinton M. Pattea from Jay Robinson dated August 12, 2010

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