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Subject: Acceptance Review for License Amendment Request for Palo Verde Units 1, 2 and 3, Administrative TS Changes (TAC Nos. ME7621, ME7622, and ME7623)

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Rusty:

By letter dated November 22, 2011, Arizona Public Service Company (APS) submitted a license amendment request for Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS), Units 1, 2, and 3.

The proposed amendment would modify the PVNGS technical specifications (TSs) to remove duplicate TS requirements and unit specific references that are no longer needed. In addition, the proposed administrative changes correct typographical errors and provide clarification to ensure understanding of the required actions of some TSs. The changes include corrective actions from the Unit 2 event described in Licensee Event Report (LER) 50-529/2011-001.

The purpose of this e-mail is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this amendment request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

Consistent with Section 50.90 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), an amendment to the license (including the technical specifications) must fully describe the changes requested, and following as far as applicable, the form prescribed for original applications. Section 50.34 of 10 CFR addresses the content of technical information required.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the staff to proceed with its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. If additional information is needed for the staff to complete its technical review, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

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