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Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Sirs:

**Subject: Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS)  
Units 1, 2, & 3  
Docket Nos. STN 50-528/529/530  
Revised Response to Regulatory Issues Summary (RIS) 2011-04,  
"Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations"**

This letter is a revision for Arizona Public Service Company's (APS) voluntary response to RIS 2011-04, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations." Attached to this letter is NRC Form 536 which provides Palo Verde's revised proposed schedule of examinations estimated for calendar years 2013 through 2016.

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

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Mark A. McGhee, Operations Support Manager, Regulatory Affairs, at (623) 393-4972.

Sincerely,

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Attachment – NRC Form 536

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<b>NRC FORM 536</b> <small>(9-2011)</small>		<b>U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION</b>		<b>APPROVED BY OMB: NO. 3150-0131</b>		<b>EXPIRES: 09/30/2014</b>		
<b>OPERATOR LICENSING          EXAMINATION DATA</b>				<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 Information Services Branch (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by internet e-mail to <a href="mailto:InfoCollects.Resource@nrc.gov">InfoCollects.Resource@nrc.gov</a>, 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>				
<small>FACILITY</small> Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station 50-528, 50-529, 50-530						<small>NRC REGION</small> IV		
<b>A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE</b>								
<b>PROPOSED NUMBER</b>	<u>CY 2013</u>	<u>CY 2014</u>	<u>CY 2015</u>	<u>CY 2016</u>				
<small>ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS</small>	1	1	1	2				
<small>ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS</small>								
<b>B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS</b>								
<b>PROPOSED NUMBER</b>	<u>CY 2013</u>	<u>CY 2014</u>	<u>CY 2015</u>	<u>CY 2016</u>				
<small>NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS</small>	15		12	12				
<small>NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT</small>	6		5	5				
<small>NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE</small>	6		6	5				
<small>NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED</small>		12		12*				
<b>PROPOSED DATES</b>								
<small>PRIMARY DATE</small>	10/21/2013	02/03/2014	04/13/2015	10/24/2016				
<small>ALTERNATE DATE</small>				02/01/2016*				
<b>C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE</b>								
<b>PROPOSED NUMBER</b>	<u>CY 2013</u>				<u>CY 2014</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
<small>ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES</small>	40				30			

\* Limit Senior Reactor Operator Exam Date is identified in the Alternate Block