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- References:
1. NRC Letter, "*Request for Information Pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations 50.54(f) Regarding Recommendations 2.1, 2.3, and 9.3, of the Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-ichi Accident,*" dated March 12, 2012
  2. APS Letter No. 102-06523 to NRC, dated May 11, 2012, "60-Day Response to NRC Letter, *Request for Information Pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations 50.54(f) Regarding Recommendations 2.1, 2.3, and 9.3, of the Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-ichi Accident,* dated March 12, 2012"

Dear Sirs:

**Subject: Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS)  
Units 1, 2, and 3  
Docket Nos. STN 50-528, 50-529, and 50-530  
Emergency Preparedness Communications Assessment Results  
Requested by NRC Letter, *Request for Information Pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations 50.54(f) Regarding Recommendations 2.1, 2.3, and 9.3, of the Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-ichi Accident***

On March 12, 2012, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff issued Reference 1. Enclosure 5 of Reference 1 contains specific Requested Actions and Requested Information associated with Recommendation 9.3 for Emergency Preparedness (EP) programs. In accordance with 10 CFR 50.54, "Conditions of licenses," paragraph (f), addressees were requested to submit a written response to the information requests. The letter also provided requested due dates for written responses.

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In accordance with Reference 1, Arizona Public Service (APS) submitted an alternative course of action (Reference 2) for providing the requested information with revised information due dates and the basis for those dates. In Reference 2, APS committed to provide, by October 31, 2012, an assessment of the current EP communications systems used during an emergency event and an implementation schedule of the required actions resulting from this assessment.

In accordance with actions and due dates specified in Reference 2, Enclosure 1 provides the results of the EP communications assessment. Assessment information based on Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) 12-01, *Guideline for Assessing Beyond Design Basis Accident Response Staffing and Communications Capabilities*, is contained in Attachment 1 of Enclosure 1. The PVNGS self assessment on Emergency Preparedness Communications is contained in Attachment 2 of Enclosure 1.

An implementation schedule associated with the results of the communications assessment is contained in Enclosure 2. Each item on the implementation schedule is being identified as a commitment by APS. Therefore, Enclosure 2 also represents a list of regulatory commitments being made in this submittal.

Should you have any questions concerning the content of this letter, please contact Mark McGhee, Operations Support Manager, Regulatory Affairs, at (623) 393-4972.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 10/31/12  
(Date)

Sincerely,



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Enclosure 1 - EP Communication Assessment - APS Response to 10 CFR 50.54(f)  
Information Request for Information in Recommendation 9.3

Enclosure 2 - APS Regulatory Commitments and Schedule for Implementing the Results  
of the Emergency Preparedness Communications Assessment

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