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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. NRC Letter, *Endorsement Of Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Draft Report 1025286, "Seismic Walkdown Guidance,"* dated May 31, 2012

Dear Sirs:

**Subject: Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS) Unit 3
Docket No. STN 50-530
Seismic Walkdown Report 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) issued Reference 1 to Arizona Public Service (APS). Enclosure 3 of Reference 1 contains specific Requested Actions, Requested Information, and Required Responses associated with Seismic Recommendation 2.3. This letter provides the PVNGS Unit 3 Seismic Walkdown Submittal Report in response to the request of Reference 1 for Seismic Recommendation 2.3.

For Seismic Recommendation 2.3, Enclosure 3 of Reference 1 states that within 180 days of NRC endorsement of the walkdown guidance, each addressee will submit its final response for the requested information, including a list of any areas that are unable to be inspected due to inaccessibility and a schedule for when the walkdown will be completed.

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Enclosure 1 to this letter contains the PVNGS Unit 3 Seismic Walkdown Submittal Report, consistent with EPRI Technical Report 1025286, *Seismic Walkdown Guidance: For Resolution of Fukushima Near-Term Task Force Recommendation 2.3: Seismic*, which was endorsed in Reference 2. Appendices A and B of Enclosure 1 contain security-related information. Therefore, APS is requesting that those appendices be withheld from public disclosure.

The regulatory commitment made in this submittal is listed in Enclosure 2.

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 11/27/2012
(Date)

Sincerely,



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Enclosure 1 - Near-Term Task Force Recommendation 2.3 Seismic Walkdown Submittal Report For Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station Unit 3

Enclosure 2 – Regulatory Commitment for PVNGS Unit 3

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Enclosure 2

Regulatory Commitment for PVNGS Unit 3

The following table identifies the regulatory commitment in this document. Any other statements in this submittal are provided for information purposes and are not considered to be regulatory commitments.

COMMITMENT	SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE
APS will complete the PVNGS Unit 3 seismic walkdown inspections for SSCs that were inaccessible, inspections required by seismic frequently asked question 4.20, and any additional required seismic licensing basis evaluations. Upon completion of these activities, APS will submit a supplement to this report with required results.	April 30, 2014