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SUBJECT:

PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REGULATORY COMMITMENT CHANGE REGARDING CAVITATION EROSION (CAC NOS. MF6750, MF6751,

AND MF6752)

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A clarification call was held with NRC staff and the licensee on October 8, 2015. The NRC staff acknowledges the change in commitment schedule and has no objections.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1233 or via e-mail at Margaret.Watford@nrc.gov.

Sincerely.

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