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Docket Nos: 50-528/50-529 and 50-530

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Dear Mr. Van Brunt:

Subject: Request for Additional Information - Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station

On March 15, 1982, the staff filed testimony with the Licensing Board for Palo Verde relating to the following contention (No. 5) in this proceeding:

"Applicant will not have an assured supply of usable treated municipal effluent for cooling purposes for Unit 3 of PVNGS during months of peak reactor need for the first five years of operations."

In the testimony, the staff concluded that there will be sufficient usable treated municipal effluent from the 91th Avenue Plant, for operation of Units 1, 2 and 3 of PVNGS during months of peak reactor need for the first five years of operation. This conclusion was based on the staff's understanding of the terms of the current agreement (No. 13904) between the Palo Verde applicants and the city of Phoenix regarding the water to be provided to the Palo Verde plant.

Subsequently, by Memorandum and Order, dated March 17, 1982, the Board noted that it has been advised by Mr. Bill Stephens, Executive Director of the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association, that Agreement No. 13904 is currently being renegotiated. As a result, we request that you advise us of the extent to which the current renegotiations could impact the staff's assumptions or conclusions included in its testimony regarding contention No. 5. We request that you provide this information by April 5, 1982 so that we may determine whether the staff's testimony needs to be revised prior to the start of hearing.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please advise us.

Sincerely,

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