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Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station

Units 1, 2 and 3

Docket Nos. STN-50-528/529/530

File: 82-056-026

Dear Mr. Miraglia:

In response to your letter of March 27, 1982, we are enclosing a memorandum prepared by our counsel who is familiar with Agreement No. 13904 governing the supply of wastewater effluent from the 91st Avenue Sewage Treatment Plant for use at Palo Verde and the negotiations which have been taking place respecting possible changes in that agreement.

Very truly/yours,

E. E. Van Brunt, Jr.

APS Vice President,

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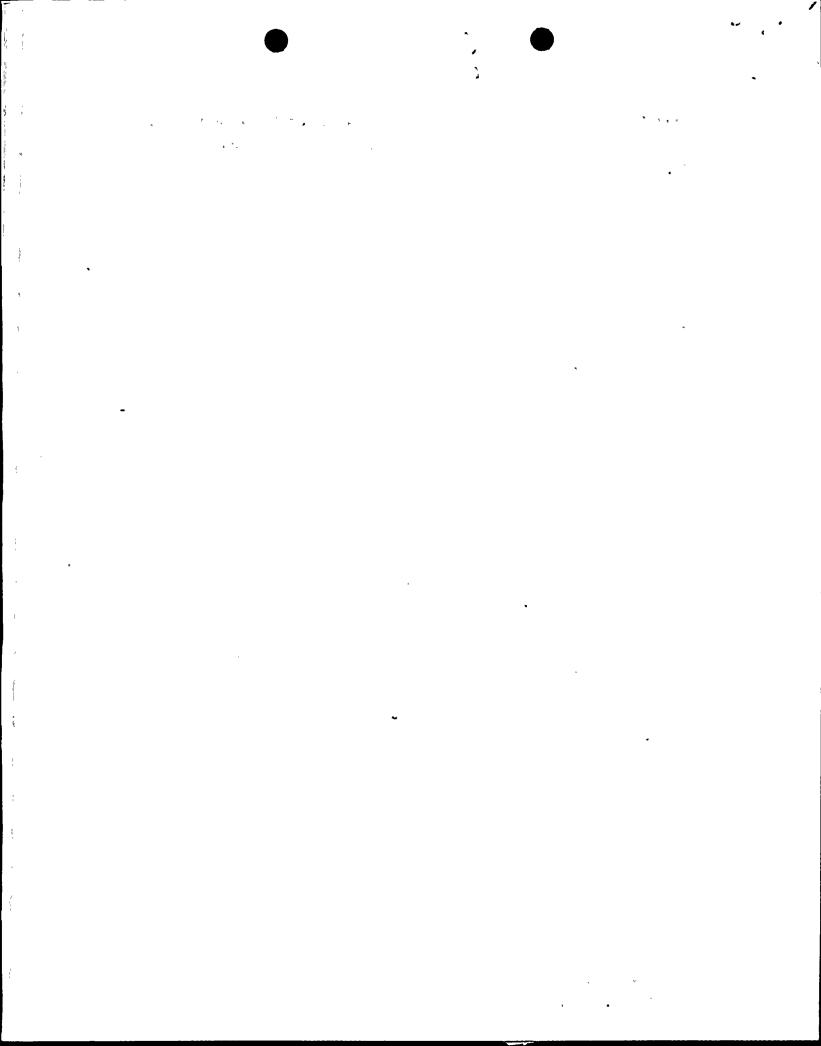
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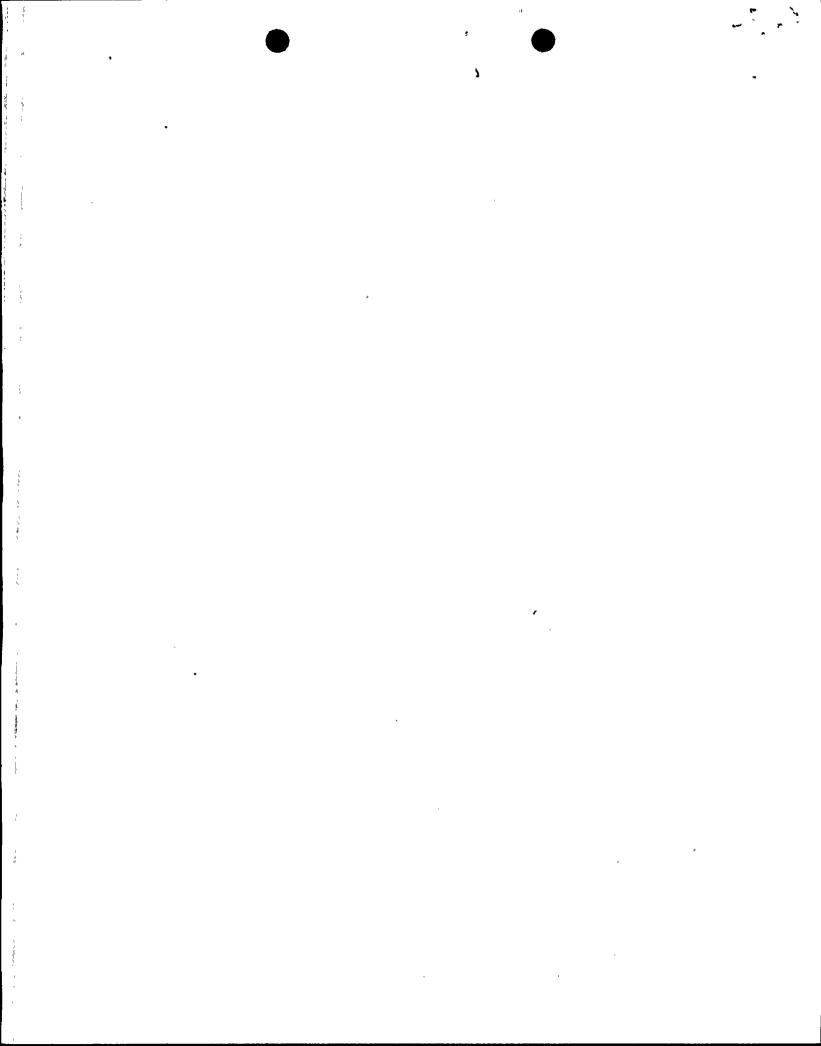
NRC Staff Request for Additional Information, dated March 27, 1982

In its letter dated March 27, 1982, the NRC Staff recited the conclusion stated in its filed testimony relating to Intervenor Hourihan's contention No. 5 that "there will be sufficient usable treated municipal effluent from the 91st 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." The letter goes on to state that such conclusion was based upon the staff's understanding of the terms of Agreement No. 13904 which governs the supply of wastewater effluent to Palo Verde. The staff's letter then refers to the portion of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's Memorandum and Order, issued March 17, 1982, in which it is noted that Mr. Bill Stephens has advised the Board that Agreement No. 13904 is being renegotiated. On the basis of these recitals, you are requested to advise the NRC Staff "of the extent to which the current negotiations could impact the staff's assumptions or conclusions included in its testimony regarding contention No. 5." This memorandum is submitted for the purpose of responding to this request of the NRC Staff for additional information.

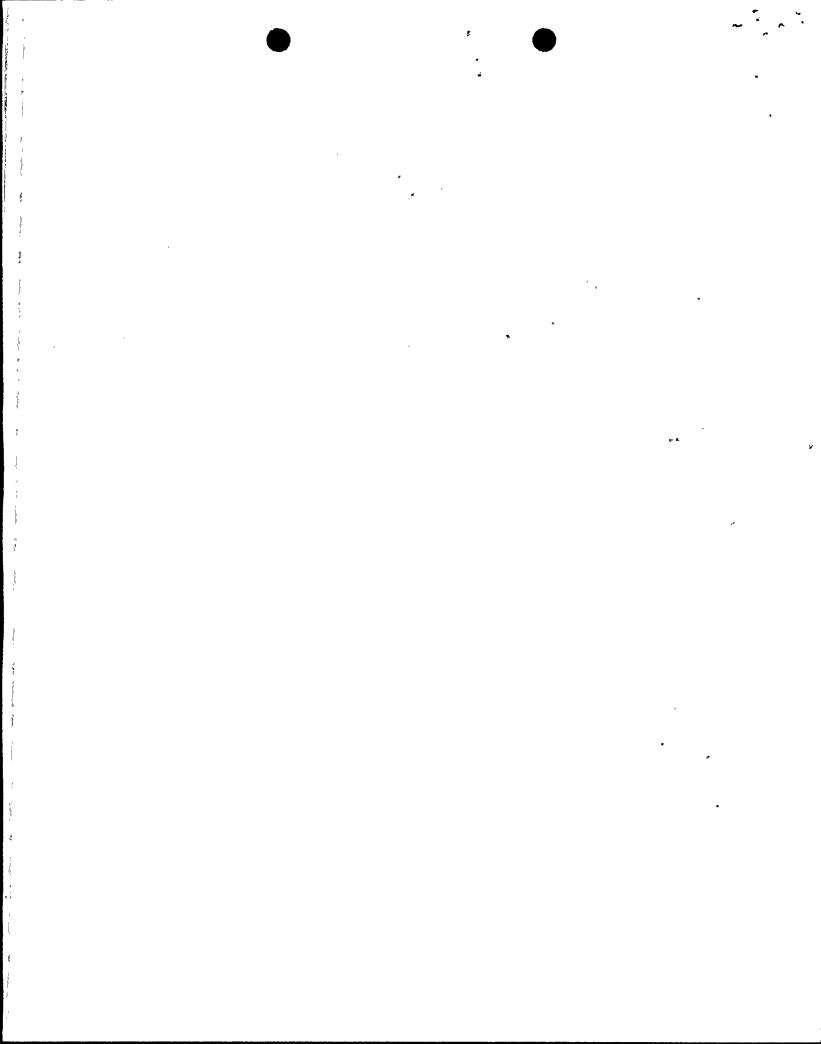
First, it should be stated that Agreement No. 13904 (which is reproduced [except for signature pages] in the Draft Environmental Statement for Palo Verde Units 4 and 5 - NUREG-0522) is a valid and subsisting contract in full force and effect. There is nothing in Agreement No. 13904 which provides for reopening or renegotiating any of its terms, and the contract cannot be amended without the agreement of all parties thereto.

Second, with respect to the recent negotiations, the elements considered have included:

a. Changes in structure from a requirements type to a fixed quantity contract with a take-or-pay feature added.



Memorandum - E. E. Van Brunt, Jr. April 1, 1982 Page Two Concomitant with the change in structure b. is the right to use or resell effluent purchased, but not used at Palo Verde, for purposes other than electric generation. Changes in the price to be paid for the effluent sold. Restricting the source of effluent for d. Palo Verde Units 1, 2 and 3 to the 91st Avenue Sewage Treatment Plant exclusively. Changes in the amount of effluent under e. option in excess of Palo Verde needs. Extensions in the time period when options f. can be exercised for effluent in excess of Palo Verde needs. g. Changes in the contractual restraints on . the construction of satellite sewage treatment plants within the drainage area served by the 91st Avenue and 23rd Avenue Sewage Treatment plants. Restrictions in the applicability of Section 21 of Agreement No. 13904 to the fixed quantity of effluent established for use at Palo Verde. Of these eight elements, only (a), (d) and (h) could have any impact on the supply of effluent to Palo Verde. With respect to element (a), proposals made by AMWUA would provide for the sale of effluent for Palo Verde Units 1, 2 and 3 in the firm quantity of 66,000 acre-feet per year, deliverable in equal monthly amounts, with an option to purchase an additional firm quantity of 12,000 acre-feet per year, also deliverable in equal monthly amounts. The aggregate firm quantities of 78,000 acre-feet/year, together with the Tolleson effluent in the amount of 6,400 to 8,000 acre-feet/year, would be more than sufficient to meet the needs of Palo Verde Units 1, 2 and 3, and this element of the recent negotiations would not have impacted the NRC Staff's filed testimony. With respect to element (d), the staff's testimony on contention No. 5, as well as all other analyses relating to the use of effluent for Palo Verde, have assumed that only 91st Avenue effluent, supplemented by Tolleson effluent, would be



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used at Palo Verde. Therefore, this element would not have impacted the staff's filed testimony.

With respect to element (h), it is self-evident that any restrictions on the applicability of Section 21 to Palo Verde effluent would only serve to enhance the security of the supply of effluent to Palo Verde. Therefore, this element would not have impacted the staff's filed testimony.

Fourth, on the basis of the foregoing, in my opinion there is nothing in Agreement No. 13904 nor in the recent negotiations which would impact the staff's assumptions or conclusions included in its testimony regarding contention No. 5

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