

ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY, ET AL
PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNIT 1
DOCKET NO. STN 50-528
ORDER EXTENDING CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE

Arizona Public Service Company, Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District, Southern California Edison Company, El Paso Electric Company, Public Service Company of New Mexico, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Southern California Public Power Authority and M-S-R Public Power Agency are holders of Construction Permit No. CPPR-141 issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on May 25, 1976 for the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1. This facility is presently under construction at the applicants' site in Maricopa County, Arizona.

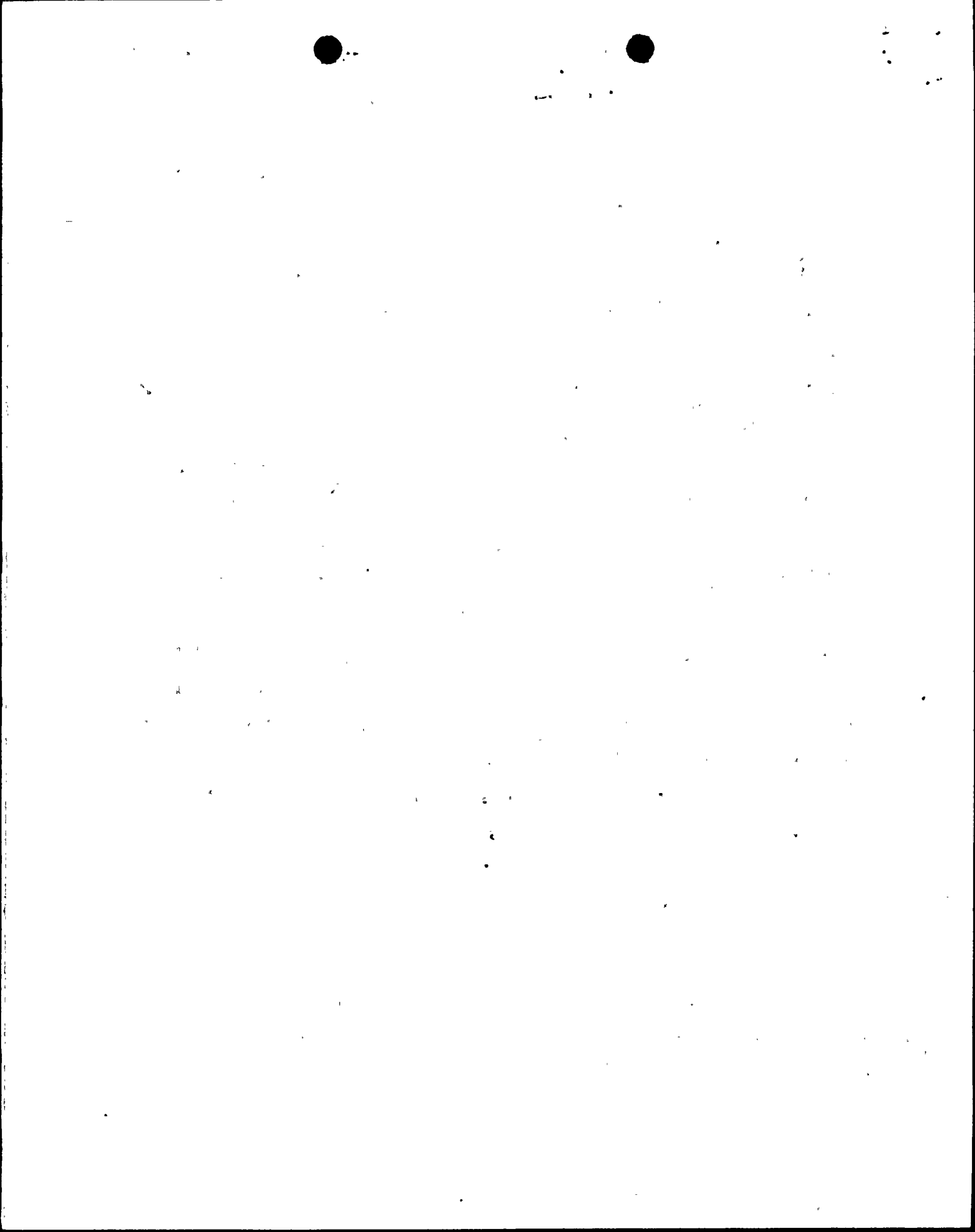
By letter dated October 12, 1982, Arizona Public Service Company filed a request for extension of the latest construction completion date for the facility. This request is to extend the latest completion date to August 31, 1983.

Arizona Public Service Company stated that this extension is requested because construction has been delayed due to:

- (1) Late delivery of key electrical and instrumentation and control equipment;
- (2) Changes and additions to the Palo Verde design associated with TMI modifications necessary for an operating license;
- (3) Changes in regulatory requirements other than those resulting from the TMI accident; and

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- (4) Lack of available qualified personnel to perform preoperational testing and other problems associated with the transition from the construction phase to the start-up phase.

Prior public notice of this extension was not required since the Commission has determined that this action involves no significant hazards consideration; good cause has been shown for the delays; and the requested extension is for a reasonable period of time. The staff's conclusions are set forth in the NRC staff's evaluation of the request for extension.

The Commission has determined that this action will not result in any significant environmental impact and, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.5(d)(4), an environmental impact statement, or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal, need not be prepared in connection with this action.

The NRC staff's evaluation of the request for extension of the construction permit is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20555, and aa the Phoenix Public Library, Science and Industry Section, 12 East McDowell Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85004.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the latest completion date for CPPR-141 is extended from November 1, 1982 to August 31, 1983.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

"Original Signed By:
 Robert A. Purple, Acting Director
 Division of Licensing
 Office of Nuclear Regulatory Regulation

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