

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE)
COMPANY, et al.) Docket No. STN 50-528
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(Palo Verde Nuclear Generating)
Station, Units 1, 2 and 3))
_____)

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF
THE LATEST COMPLETION DATE
FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT NO. CPPR-141

On May 12, 1983, pursuant to 10 CFR §50.90, Arizona Public Service Company (APS), Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (SRP), El Paso Electric Company (EPE, Southern California Edison Company (SCE), Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM), and Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA) (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Joint Applicants") submitted its "Request for Extension of the Latest Completion Date for Construction Permit No. CPPR-141." Such Request, pursuant to 10 CFR §50.55(b), sought an extension of the latest date for completion of construction of Unit 1 of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS) from August 31, 1983, to December 31, 1983. Such Request is now pending before the Commission.

The Joint Applicants, on the basis of the regulations previously cited, herewith amend such Request and now seek an exten-

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sion of the latest date for completion of Unit 1 of PVNGS from August 31, 1983, to December 31, 1984.

In support of this Request, APS states as follows:

I. Extension of Latest Day for Completion of Unit 1.

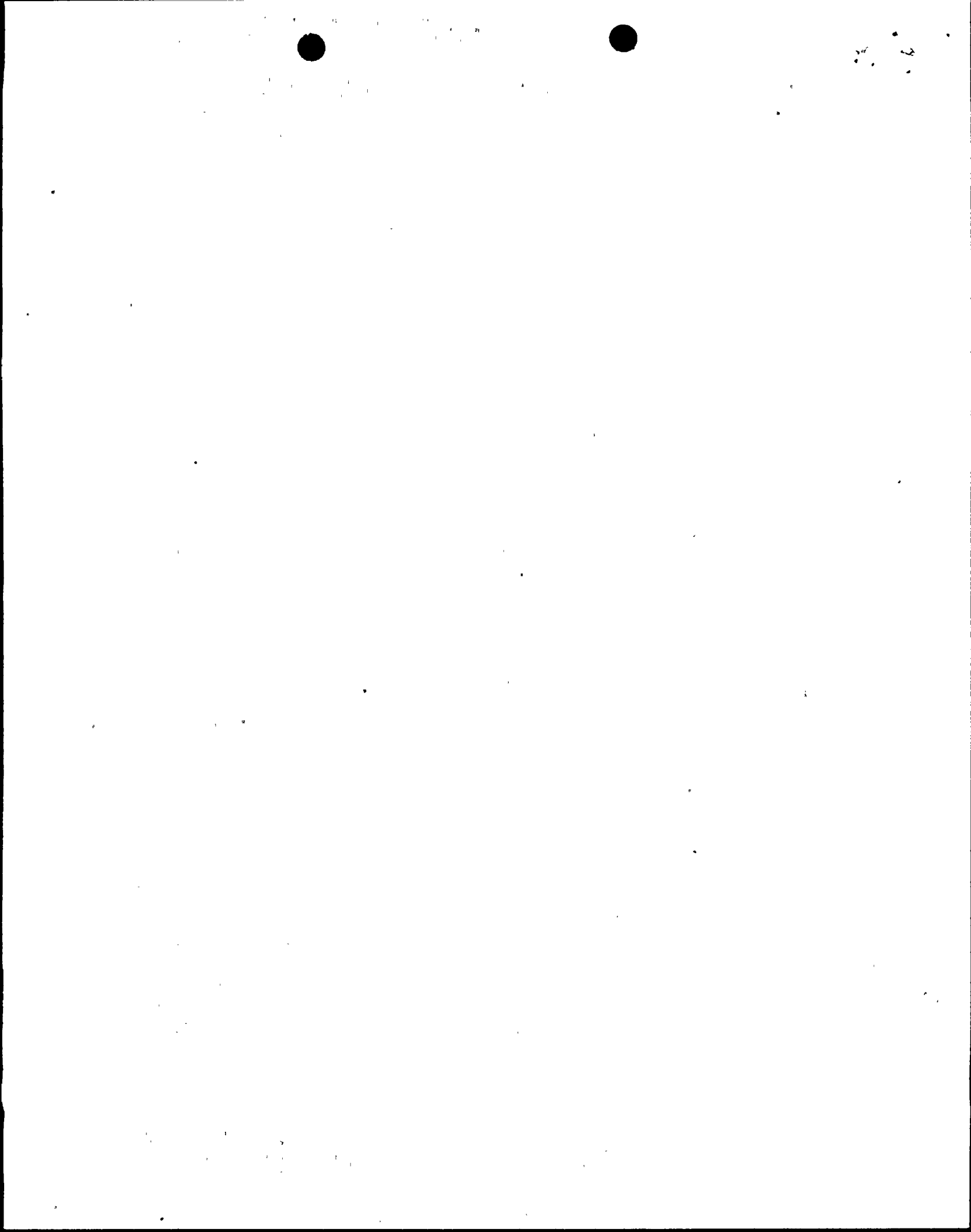
1. On May 25, 1976, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued a permit to construct PVNGS Unit 1 (CPPR-141). Paragraph 3A of such permit specified the latest date for completion to be November 1, 1982.

2. By an Order issued on November 4, 1982, the Commission extended the latest completion date for CPPR-141 from November 1, 1982, to August 31, 1983, as requested by APS in its letter dated October 12, 1982.

3. PVNGS Unit 1 cannot be made ready for fuel loading by August 31, 1983, even though APS has made every effort to do so in a manner consistent with APS' dedication to design and construct a safe and reliable unit which meets the commitments made in the PVNGS Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) and the requirements of the NRC. The delay in completion of PVNGS Unit 1 beyond August 31, 1983, is due to the following factors:

A. Late delivery of certain electrical instrumentation and control equipment;

B. Changes and additions to the PVNGS design required to meet NUREG-0737 requirements and other changes in regulatory requirements necessary for an operating license have introduced complexities



which have impacted and delayed preoperational testing and the transition from the construction phase to the startup phase.

C. Corrections of deficiencies discovered during and subsequent to the hot functional tests conducted for PVNGS Unit 1 cannot be completed until sometime after December 31, 1983.

4. The extension of the latest completion date for the construction of PVNGS Unit 1 does not present an unreviewed environmental impact. Pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4), no environmental impact statement, negative declaration, or environmental impact appraisal need be prepared in connection with such extension.

5. The extension of the latest completion date for the construction of PVNGS Unit 1 does not involve a significant hazards consideration and is not inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

WHEREFORE, Joint Applicants request that Paragraph 3A of Construction Permit No. CPPR-141 be amended by order of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to provide that the latest date for completion of PVNGS Unit 1 is December 31, 1984.

Respectfully submitted,

ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

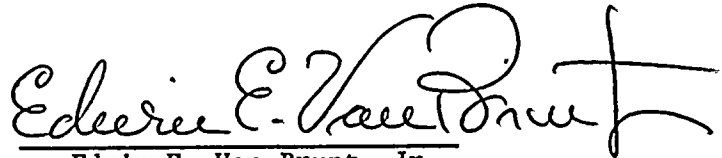
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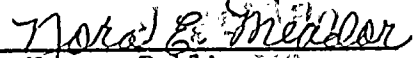
Dated: September 7, 1983

STATE OF ARIZONA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF MARICOPA)

I, Edwin E. Van Brunt, Jr., represent that I am Vice President, Nuclear Projects of Arizona Public Service Company, that the foregoing document has been signed by me on behalf of Arizona Public Service Company with full authority to do so, that I have read such document and know its contents, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made therein are true.


Edwin E. Van Brunt, Jr.

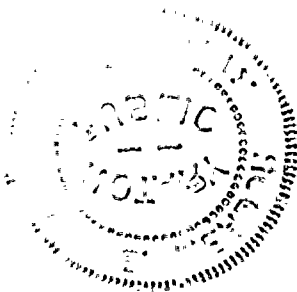
Sworn to before me this 9th day of September 1983.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires:
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