

ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY, ET AL

PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNIT 1

DOCKET NO. STN 50-528

ORDER EXTENDING CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE

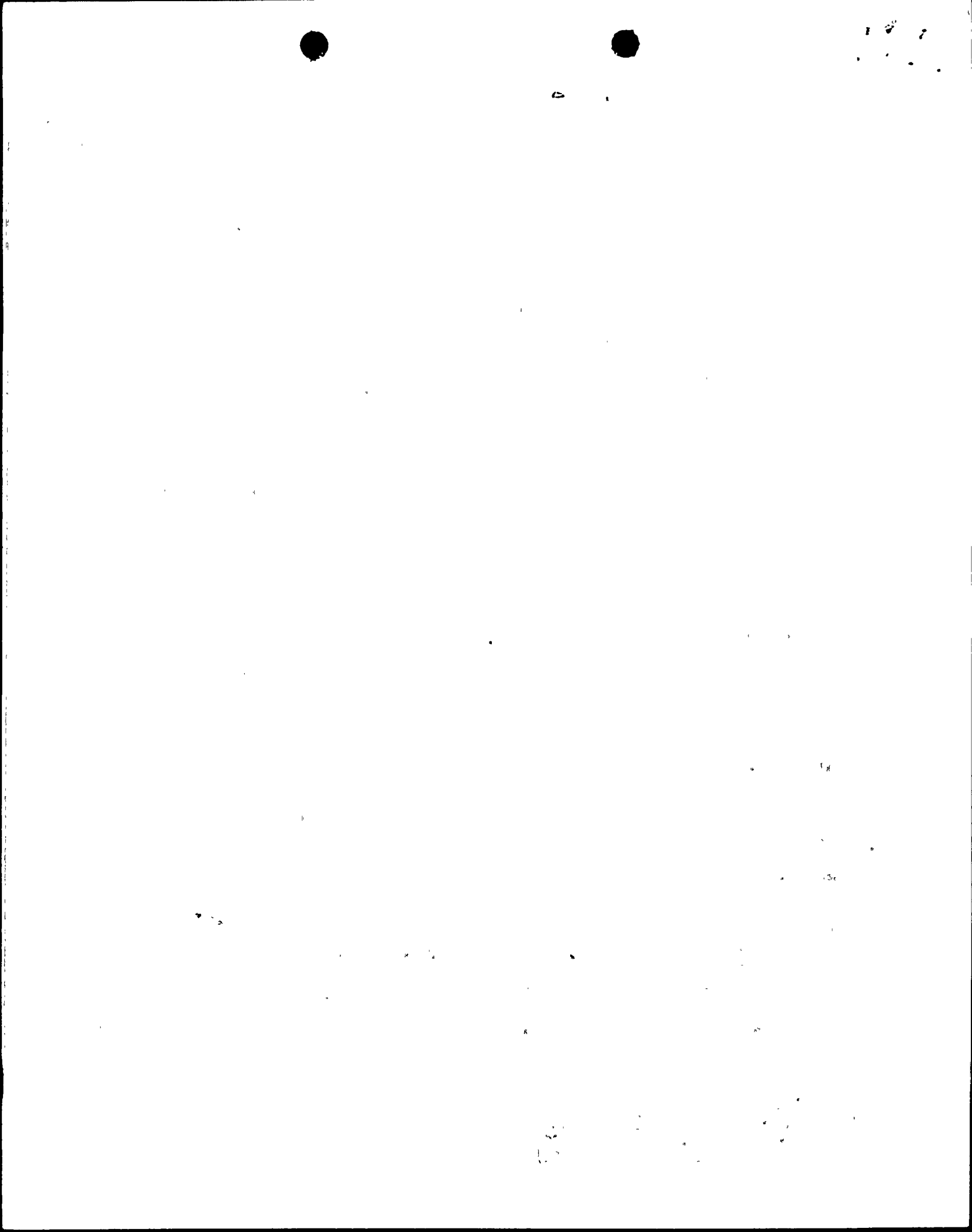
Arizona Public Service Company, Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District, Southern California Edison Company, El Paso Electric Company, Public Service Company of New Mexico, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and Southern California Public Power Authority are the holders 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 applicant's site in Maricopa County, Arizona.

By letter dated May 12, 1983, Arizona Public Service Company (APS) filed a request for extension of the latest construction completion date for the facility. A supplemental letter dated September 9, 1983, amended this request to further extend the latest construction completion date. Previously, APS had requested an extension of the construction completion date to August 31, 1983; and by Commission Order, dated November 4, 1982, the extension was granted. The current request, as amended, is to extend the latest completion date to December 31, 1984.

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

- (1) late delivery of certain electrical instrumentation and control equipment;
- (2) changes and additions to the Palo Verde design required to meet NUREG-0737 requirements necessary for an operating license which have introduced complexities that impacted and delayed pre-operational testing and the transition from the construction phase to the start-up phase; and

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(3) corrections of deficiencies discovered during and subsequent to the hot functional tests which cannot be completed until some-time after December 31, 1983.

The staff has performed an evaluation of the request for extension. Based on this review, the staff has determined that the above factors would result in significant delays in construction completion and that the request is for a reasonable period of time when considering the magnitude of the delays. In addition, the extension of the latest completion date in the construction permit does not involve any significant hazards consideration since the extension will not allow any work to be performed that is not already allowed by the existing construction permit.

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 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 at the Phoenix Public Library, Science and Industry Section, 12 East McDowell Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85004.

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the latest completion date for CPPR-141 is extended from August 31, 1983 to December 31, 1984.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Original signed by  
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Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director  
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Date of Issuance: DEC 29 1983

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