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SUBJECT: Informs that commitment not to exceed 5% power in Unit 2 until natural circulation cooldown test of Unit 1 complete acceptable, unless testing schedule changed, per 851125 request.

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November 27, 1985 ANPP 34124 EEVB/MAJ

Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Attention: Mr. George W. Knighton, Project Director

PWR Project Directorate #7

Division of Pressurized Water Reactor Licensing - B

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject:

Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS)

Units 1 and 2

Docket Nos. STN 50-528 (License No. NPF-41)/529

Unit 1 Natural Circulation Cooldown Test

File: 85-056-026

References: (1) Letter from G. W. Knighton, NRC, to E. E. Van Brunt, Jr., ANPP, dated October 31, 1985.

Subject: Issuance of Amendment 2 to Facility Operating License

NPF-41 for Palo Verde Unit 1

(2) Telecon between G. W. Knighton, NRC, and J. G. Haynes, ANPP, dated November 25, 1985.

Subject: Natural Circulation Cooldown Test for PVNGS Unit 1

Dear Mr. Knighton:

Reference (1) provided approval of the one-time exception to the PVNGS Unit 1 Technical Specification to allow for the performance of the NCCD test and also Specification 3.10.9 which provided compensatory measures to be taken while the test is being performed.

During the Reference (2) telecon, the subject of the PVNGS Unit 1 Natural Circulation Cooldown (NCCD) test schedule was discussed. During the telecon, you had requested that APS make an additional commitment not to exceed 5% power in Unit 2 until the NCCD test in Unit 1 had been completed. We have reviewed our Unit 1 and Unit 2 test schedules and have found that making such a commitment, at this time, is acceptable. However, situations could arise in the future beyond our control which could alter our present testing schedule. Should a situation arise which would delay completion of the Unit 1 NCCD test until after Unit 2 is ready to exceed 5% power, we will review the circumstances and resulting schedule change with the NRC staff prior to Unit 2 exceeding 5% power.

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Mr. George W. Knighton, Project Director Unit 1 Natural Circulation Cooldown Test ANPP- 34124 Page 2

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Van Brunt, Jr., Executive Vice President Project Director

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