Mr. Edwin E. Van Brunt, Jr. Executive Vice President Arizona Nuclear Power Project P.O. Box 52034 Phoenix, Arizona 85072-2034

RE: Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 3--Docket No. 50-530A; Updated Regulatory Guide 9.3 Information Pursuant to the Commission's Operating License Antitrust Review.

Dear Mr. Van Brunt:

As part of its operating license antitrust review, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff analyzes changes in the applicants' activities that have occurred since the initial antitrust review at the construction permit stage. The responses to Regulatory Guide 9.3 submitted on October 1, 1979 by Arizona Public Service Company, including data submitted as agent for co-applicants Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District, Southern California Edison Company, El Paso Electric Company and Public Service Company of New Mexico, are over six years old and will be over seven years old at the time fuel loading is projected for Unit 3 of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station.

In light of the time period that has elapsed since applicants' original Regulatory Guide 9.3 data response and the elapsed time since staff's review of Units 1 and 2 in 1982, staff is requesting updated data responses for each applicant to question B.1 and all subsections, as well as question B.2 of Regulatory Guide 9.3 (copy enclosed). Your response should begin where your October 1, 1979 response ended and continue to the present. Pending transactions, agreements, etc., at the time of the initial response should be brought up to date and any new developments since the 1979 response should be addressed. In responding, be as specific as possible and elaborate where appropriate. For example: Do not respond to a question concerning requests for power by merely giving a "yes" or a "no" response. Elaborate with names, dates and descriptions of the type of power request. Follow this procedure in responding to all questions in Regulatory Guide 9.3. (Do not respond to question B.3.)

Please provide your response within sixty (60) days of the date of this letter. If you have any questions regarding this request, contact William Lambe of my staff at (301) 492-8048.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
Jesse L. Funches, Director
Planning and Program Analysis Staff
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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