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SUBJECT: Clarifies statement ref 870422 meeting w/NRC re Unit 1 Cycle 2 reload. Statement requiring clarification is third sentence of third paragraph of minutes re positive moderate temp coefficient.

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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Attention:

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Division of Pressurized Water Reactor Licensing - B

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject: Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS)

Unit 1

Positive Moderate Temperature Coefficient Docket No. STN 50-528 (License NPF-41)

File: 87-B-056-026

Reference:

NRC Letter dated May 1, 1987, Subject: Summary of Meeting on Units 1

and 2 Cycle 2 Reloads

Dear Sir:

ANPP would like to take this opportunity to clarify a statement found in your minutes (Reference) of the April 22, 1987 meeting regarding Unit 1 Cycle 2 reload held between the NRC staff and ANPP. The statement that requires clarification is the third sentence of the third paragraph of the minutes: "The licensee stated that they were aware of this problem and had reverified their calculations to ensure that the MTC following reload would definitely be negative." It was never the intent of ANPP to imply that the Unit 1 Cycle 2 Moderator Temperature Coefficient (MTC) would be negative throughout the cycle under all operating conditions. PVNGS Unit 1 will experience a positive MTC from zero power to approximately 30% full power for approximately the first 80 Effective Full Power Days (EFPD). The statement that was intended by ANPP consisted of the following points. First, ANPP was aware of the Waterford-3 Cycle 2 MTC experience, and is sensitive to the difficulties that that situation presented to the NRC staff and LP & L. Second, the design calculations for Palo Verde Unit 1 Cycle 2 and the proposed MTC Technical Specification to be submitted to the NRC staff have been prepared by ANPP to ensure that a similar experience does not occur at Palo Verde. Finally, the MTC at all power levels throughout the cycle will be well below the upper limit of the proposed Unit 1 Cycle 2 MTC Technical Specification that will be submitted in the Technical Specification changes accompanying the Reload Analysis Report. We regret that this was not made clearer at the meeting and hope that this letter will ensure a full understanding to both parties of the existing situation.

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Please contact Mr. W. F. Quinn, extension (602) 371-4087 if you have further questions.

Very truly yours,

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