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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Docket Nos. STN 50-528 STN 50-529 STN 50-530

Mr. P. L. McGill Vice President, Nuclear Systems Combustion Engineering, Inc. 100 Prospect Hill Road P. O. Box 500 Windsor, Connecticut 06095 - 0500

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Dear Mr. McGill:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE -PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION (TAC NOS. 65460, 65461, 65462 AND 65691)

By letters dated June 8 and July 13, 1987, Arizona Public Service Company submitted the following documents and requested that they be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790:

- "Status Update of PVNGS Unit 1, Cycle 2 Reload," April 22, 1987 Presentation to the NRC, CEN-344(V)-P Supplement 1-P
- "Modified Statistical Combination of Uncertainties," CEN-356(V)-P, Rev. 1-P, July 1987

The Combustion Engineering, Inc. affidavits forwarded with the documents stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

- 1. The information contained in the documents is owned and has been held in confidence by Combustion Engineering (CE).
- 2. The information consists of test data or other similar data concerning a process, method or component, the application of which results in a competitive advantage to CE.
- 3. Public disclosure of the information would likely cause substantial harm to the competitive position of CE due to, among other reasons, the considerable time and cost involved in developing the information.

We have reviewed your applications and the material based on the requirements and criteria of 10 CFR 2.790 and, on the basis of the affidavits, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains trade secrets or proprietary commercial information. ų

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Therefore, CEN-344(V)-P, Supplement 1-P, marked as proprietary, and the proprietary version of CEN-356(V)-P, Rev. 1-P will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

If the basis for withholding this information from public inspection should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC. You should also understand that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future, such as, if the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes your information. In all review situations, if the NRC makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

George W. Knighton, Director Project Directorate - V Division of Reactor Projects - III, IV, V, and Special Projects Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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