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Attention: Mr. E. E. Van Brunt, Jr. Executive Vice President

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION OF PALO VERDE UNITS 1, 2, AND 3

This letter refers to the special inspection conducted by Messrs. A. Johnson and S. Richards of this office, on January 27 through January 29, 1988, of activities authorized by NRC License Nos. NPF-41, NPF-51, and NPF-74, and to the discussion of our findings held with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. The purpose of the inspection was to review the circumstances leading up to your rendering inoperable the turbine driven Auxiliary Feedwater Pumps in both Units 1 and 2, as described in Licensee Event Report 50-528/87-025.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors.

Several violations of NRC requirements were identified within the scope of r this inspection. These violations will be the subject of separate correspondence.

We are concerned that the numerous checking and testing requirements of your programs apparently failed to identify the engineering error which led to the inoperability of the Auxiliary Feedwater Pumps. Our concern is further heightened by a recent event at Unit 2, wherein the non-safety electric Auxiliary Feedwater Pump discharge valve was erroneously left in the closed position for several weeks. Although we have not yet completed our review of this latest event, indications are that this error also went undetected by the independent checks required by your programs. We wish to discuss both events in detail at our management meeting scheduled for February 29, 1988.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

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Sincerely Star John B. Martin

John B. Martin **Regional Administrator** 

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