

ENCLOSURE 1

NOTICE OF DEVIATION

Arizona Public Service Company
Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station

Docket: 50-528
License: NPF-41

During an NRC inspection conducted on February 26 through April 8, 1995, a deviation of your Updated Final Safety Analysis Report was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C, the deviation is listed below:

The Palo Verde Updated Final Safety Analysis Report, Section 17.2F.6, provides Quality Assurance commitments for station blackout coping equipment. Section 17.2F.6.3.2.3, "Instructions, Procedures, and Drawings," states, in part, that ". . . tests . . . for compliance with 10 CFR 50.63 shall be prescribed by documented instructions, procedures, and drawings and shall be accomplished in accordance with these documents."

In partial implementation of these commitments, Procedure 70TP-2GT02, Revision 0, "GTG Parallel Operation With Nonclass 1E Loads," provided instructions for the testing of the gas turbine generators (GTGs). Step 8.1.11.1 states, in part, to complete Section 6.4 of Procedure 550P-OGT01, "Gas Turbine Generator 1 Operating Instructions," prior to paralleling GTG #1 to offsite power. Procedure 550P-OGT01, Section 6.4, Step 6.4.3.1, specifies that the operator ensure that the GTG 1 speed control isoch/droop switch is in the droop position.

Contrary to the above, on March 9, 1995, prior to paralleling GTG 1 to offsite power, a nonlicensed operator did not accomplish testing of station blackout coping equipment (the GTGs) in accordance with test instructions in that he did not ensure that the GTG 1 speed control isoch/droop switch was in the droop position. The switch remained in the isoch position and as a result GTG 1 tripped when it was paralleled to offsite power.

Please provide to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555, with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region IV, 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 400, Arlington, Texas 76011, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, in writing within 30 days of the date of this Notice, (1) the reason(s) for the deviation, or if contested, the basis for disputing the deviation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further deviations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Dated at Arlington, Texas,
this 12th day of May 1995

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