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SUBJECT: PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION – NRC RETAKE INITIAL
OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION APPROVAL
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Dear Mr. Bement,

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing examinations at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1, 2, and 3.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has approved the subject examinations, and the written examination has been waived in accordance with Revision 11 of NUREG-1021. The NRC staff will administer the operating tests during the week of September 24, 2018. The list of applicants approved to take the examination has been provided to Paul Bury, Nuclear Training. The examination has undergone extensive review by my staff and representatives responsible for licensed operator training at your facility. Based on this review, I have concluded that the examination meets the guidelines of NUREG-1021 for content, operational, and discrimination validity. By administering this examination, you also agree that it meets NUREG-1021 guidelines and is appropriate for measuring the qualifications of licensed operator applicants at your facility. If you determine that this examination is not appropriate for licensing operators at your facility, do not administer the examination and contact me at 817-200-1159.

Please contact your Chief Examiner, Dan Bacon, at 404-997-4518, if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in the license level (RO or SRO) or type of examination (partial or complete written examination and/or operating test) specified for each applicant.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Vincent G. Gaddy, Chief
Operations Branch
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