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Docket Nos. STN 50-592 and STN 50-593

> MEMORANDUM FOR: Wm. H. Regan, Jr., Chief Environmental Projects Branch 2

FROM:

Paul Leech, Project Manager Environmental Projects Branch 2

SUBJECT: REPORT ON MEETING WITH APPLICANT REGARDING SITE SELECTION FOR PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION UNITS 4 & 5

On December 5, 1978, a meeting was held with representatives of the Arizona Public Service Company (APS) and their consultants at the NUS Corporation offices in Schiller Park, Illinois. The purpose was to provide the Argonne National Laboratory team working on our Draft Environmental Statement an opportunity to learn more about the process used for selection of the site for Palo Verde Units 4 and 5.

Jack Rassi of the Salt River Project (SRP), which is participating in the Palo Verde Station, described a study in the early 1970s that led to selection of the site for its Coronado coal-fired power station. Nine potential sites identified in this study were included among the sites considered by APS, SRP and other participants in selecting the site for Palo Verde Units 1, 2 and 3. John Mann and Don Karner of APS and Morton Goldman of NUS described this process and then discussed the considerations that were different in siting Units 4 and 5. The latter included proposed nuclear sites for the San Joaquin and Sundesert plants because the Southern California utilities will own about 55% of Palo Verde 4 and 5.

All of the maps, photographs and other information presented are included in the documents previously submitted. However, the site selection process was complicated and the opportunity to clarify our understanding of it was useful.

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The advisability of including the alternative to Sundesert on the Colorado River Indian Reservation near Parker, Arizona, was discussed and it was concluded that this alternative should be considered by the Argonne team.

A list of the attendees is attached. I attended as a substitute for Robert A. Gilbert, the assigned environmental project manager.

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Paul Leech, Project Manager Environmental Projects Branch 2 Division of Site Safety and Environmental Analysis

Enclosure: List of Attendees

LIST OF ATTENDEES

AT MEETING ON DECEMBER 5, 1978 AT SCHILLER PARK, ILLINOIS, ON SITING OF PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION UNITS 4 & 5 DOCKET NOS. STN 50-592 AND STN 50-593

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