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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF SAFEGUARDS EVENT PNS-V-86-03A Date: May 21, 1986

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE national security or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by the Region V staff on this date.

FACILITY: Arizona Nuclear Power Project
Palo Verde Units 1, 2 and 3
Docket Nos. 50-528, 50-529 and 50-530
Wintersburg, Arizona

Emergency Classification
 Notification of Unusual Event
 Alert
 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 Not Applicable

SUBJECT: SUSPECTED SABOTAGE: LOSS OF THREE OF
FOUR OFFSITE POWER SOURCES - FOLLOW UP REPORT

Reference PNS-V-86-03 dated May 15, 1986 which reported that on May 14, 1986 beginning at approximately 8:59 PM, PDT, the licensee lost power on 3 of 4 transmission lines due to phase-to-ground faults on each line.

In accordance with Title 18, Section 1365, US Code, the FBI (Phoenix Office) has assumed principal jurisdiction of this incident. They are coordinating their investigative efforts with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, the Arizona Department of Public Safety and NRC OI (Region V).

The FBI has determined that only three of the four operating transmission lines were affected. Evidence that the 4th line was affected or threatened does not exist. The loss of power on the three transmission lines occurred at three separate and remote locations, and required the efforts of more than one person.

The FBI continues to analyze physical evidence obtained at each of the three areas.

The licensee has offered a \$25,000 reward for "information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the May 14th sabotage of three major high-voltage lines tied to the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station."

This information is current as of 3:00 PM, PDT, May 21, 1986.

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