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# UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Mrs. Maria Lacal Executive Vice President, Chief Nuclear Officer Arizona Public Service Company P.O. Box 52034, MS 7602 Phoenix, AZ 85072-2034

SUBJECT: PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION - SECURITY BASELINE

INSPECTION REPORT 05000528/2021403 AND 05000529/2021403 AND

05000530/2021403

Dear Mrs. Lacal:

On April 29, 2021, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed an inspection at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station and discussed the results of this inspection with you and other members of your staff. The results of this inspection are documented in the enclosed report.

Two Severity Level IV violations without an associated finding are documented in this report. We are treating these violations as non-cited violations (NCVs) consistent with Section 2.3.2 of the Enforcement Policy.

No NRC-identified or self-revealing findings were identified during this inspection.

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Sincerely,

Greg G. Warnick, Chief Reactor Inspection Branch

Greg G. Warnick

Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

Docket Nos. 05000528, 05000529

and 05000530

License Nos. NPF-41, NPF-51 and NPF-74

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Inspection Report

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