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Subject: Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (Palo Verde), Units 1, 2 and 3, Alloy 600 Management Program Plan

By letter dated February 22, 2024 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML24053A397), Arizona Public Service Company (APS, the licensee) submitted the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (Palo Verde), Units 1, 2 and 3, Alloy 600 Management Program Plan for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff review and approval as required by license renewal Commitment 23 in table 19.5-1 of the Palo Verde Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (ML23181A166). The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the NRC staff's acceptance review of this request.

The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient technical information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements or the licensing basis of the plant.

The NRC staff has reviewed your application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed submittal in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. You will be advised of any further information needed to support the NRC staff's detailed technical review by separate correspondence.

Based on the information provided in your submittal, the NRC staff has estimated that this licensing request will take approximately 120 hours to complete. The NRC staff expects to complete this review by January 30, 2025. If there are emergent complexities or challenges in our review that would cause changes to the initial forecasted completion date or significant changes in the forecasted hours, the reasons for the changes, along with the new estimates, will be communicated during the routine interactions with the assigned project manager.

These estimates are based on the NRC staff's initial review of the application and they could change, due to several factors including requests for additional information, and unanticipated addition of scope to the review. Additional delay may occur if the submittal is provided to the NRC in advance or in parallel with industry program initiatives or pilot applications.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415 3329 or by email to William.Orders@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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