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Dear Sirs:

**Subject: Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS)
Units 1, 2, & 3
Docket Nos. STN 50-528/529/530
Response to RIS 2001-17, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator
Licensing Examinations"**

This letter is Arizona Public Service Company's (APS) voluntary response to RIS 2001-17, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations." Attached to this letter is NRC Form 536 which provides Palo Verde's proposed schedule of examinations estimated for calendar year 2002 through 2005.

There are no commitments made to the NRC by this letter.

Please contact Mr. Daniel Marks (623) 393-6492 if you have any questions or would like additional information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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NRC FORM 536 (8-2000)		U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION		APPROVED BY OMB: NO. 3150-0131		EXPIRES: 07/31/2002	
OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION DATA				<small>Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary information collection request: 1 hour. This information collection is used to plan budgets and resources for operator examinations. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the Records Management Branch (T-8 E6), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by internet e-mail to bis1@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0131), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.</small>			
FACILITY						NRC REGION	
Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station 50-528, 50-529, 50-530						IV	
A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE							
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2002	CY 2003	CY 2004	CY 2005			
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	10*	10*	10*	10*			
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0			
B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS							
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2002	CY 2003	CY 2004	CY 2005			
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS		5		5			
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT		1		1			
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE		5		5			
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	12						
PROPOSED DATES							
PRIMARY DATE	June 02	July 03		July 05			
ALTERNATE DATE							
C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE							
PROPOSED NUMBER	CY 2003			CY 2005			
	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	6			6			

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