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Reference: NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2001-21, "Licensing Action Estimates for Operating Reactors," dated November 16, 2001

Gentlemen:

**Subject: Docket No. STN 50-528/529/530: Response to NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2001-21**

The Reference requested that all power reactor licensees provide, on a voluntary basis, estimates of the number of new licensing action requests they plan to submit in NRC fiscal years (FY) 2002 and 2003. The Reference also requests Licensees identify by brief title those submittals expected to generate complex reviews, particularly any power uprate requests, license renewal requests, license transfer applications, or dry cask storage applications.

Arizona Public Service (APS) is a participant in an industry consortium of six plants as a result of a mutual agreement known as Strategic Teaming and Resource Sharing (STARS). The STARS group consists of the six plants operated by Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation, TXU Electric, AmerenUE, Pacific Gas and Electric, STP Nuclear Operating Company, and Arizona Public Service.

Projected number of licensing actions to be submitted to the NRC:

FY 2002

51  
(6 of these will be  
common STARS submittals)

FY 2003

48  
(24 of these will be  
common STARS submittals)

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Additionally, included as part of the 51 plant specific licensing action requests mentioned above, Arizona Public Service submitted a power uprate request in December 2001 that is included in the FY 2002 estimate. Arizona Public Service also plans to submit a license transfer application during FY 2002. The method utilized for counting the number of licensing actions for a multi-unit licensee was performed consistent with footnote 1 of RIS 2000-04, "Operating Reactor Licensing Action Estimates."

The Reference provided a table that licensees can use to document their estimates of licensing actions for the next 2 fiscal years. This table included providing an estimated date of submittal and estimated safety and operational benefits. The STARS members typically provide to their NRC Project Manager a status of licensing actions, which typically includes an estimated date of submittal, if known. The estimated safety and operational benefit information is not readily available. As such, the STARS group does not intend to provide this information in response to the Reference.

No commitments are made to the NRC by this letter.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Thomas N. Weber, Section Leader, Licensing at (623) 393-5764

Sincerely,



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