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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 2003-14, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator
Licensing Examinations", ML032370311, dated 08/27/2003**

This letter is Arizona Public Service Company's (APS) voluntary response to RIS 2003-14, "Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations." Attached to this letter is NRC Form 536 which provides Palo Verde's estimate of 1) The number of examinations estimated to be prepared during calendar years 2004 through 2007; 2) The number of applicants to be tested; 3) The desired examination dates, and; 4) The number of applicants who plan to take the Generic Fundamental Examination in calendar years 2004 and 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,

Daniel Marks for SA Bauer

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Enclosure: NRC Form 536

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NRC FORM 536 <small>5-2003</small>		U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION DATA		APPROVED BY OMB: NO. 3150-0131 <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 estimates to the Records Management Branch (T-8 E6), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by internet e-mail to infocollections@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>		EXPIRES: 07/31/2005		
ACTIVITY Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station Units 1, 2 and 3 Docket 50-528; 50-529; 50-530						NRC REGION IV		
A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE								
PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 2004</u>	<u>CY 2005</u>	<u>CY 2006</u>	<u>CY 2007</u>				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	11*	12*	10*	12*				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	0	0	0	0				
B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS								
PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 2004</u>	<u>CY 2005</u>	<u>CY 2006</u>	<u>CY 2007</u>				
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS	0	6	0	8				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT	0	0	0	0				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE	0	3	0	4				
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	5	0	0	0				
PROPOSED DATES								
PRIMARY DATE			08/01/2005			08/06/2007		
ALTERNATE DATE			08/08/2005			08/13/2007		
C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE								
PROPOSED NUMBER	<u>CY 2004</u>				<u>CY 2005</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0

NRC FORM 536 (5-2003)

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- * 2004: 10 Requal, 1 LSRO Initial
- 2005: 10 Requal (Operating exam only) plus 1 RO and 1 SRO (Initial License Program - written & operating)
- 2006: 10 Requal
- 2007: 10 Requal (Operating exam only) plus 1 RO and 1 SRO (Initial License Program - written & operating)