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Generating Station

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Sirs:

**Subject: Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS)  
Units 1, 2, & 3  
Docket Nos. STN 50-528/529/530  
Response to Regulatory Issues Summary (RIS) 2012-07, Preparation  
and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations**

This letter is Arizona Public Service Company's (APS) voluntary response to RIS 2012-07, Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations. Attached to this letter is NRC Form 536 which provides Palo Verde's proposed schedule of examinations for calendar years 2014 through 2017.

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

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Mark McGhee, Operations Support Manager, Regulatory Affairs, at (623) 393-4972.

Sincerely,

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Attachment – NRC Form 536

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<b>NRC FORM 536</b> <small>(9-2011)</small>		<b>U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION</b>		<b>APPROVED BY OMB: NO. 3150-0131</b>  <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 Information Services Branch (T-5 F33), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20553-0001, or by internal e-mail to <a href="mailto:InfoCollections.Resource@nrc.gov">InfoCollections.Resource@nrc.gov</a>, 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>		<b>EXPIRES: 09/30/2014</b>		
<b>OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION DATA</b>								
<b>FACILITY</b> Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station 50-528, 50-529, 50-530						<b>NRC REGION</b> IV		
<b>A. PROPOSED EXAMINATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE</b>								
<b>PROPOSED NUMBER</b>	<u>CY 2014</u>	<u>CY 2015</u>	<u>CY 2016</u>	<u>CY 2017</u>				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LICENSEE-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS	1	1	2	0				
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NRC-PREPARED EXAMINATIONS								
<b>B. INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS</b>								
<b>PROPOSED NUMBER</b>	<u>CY 2014</u>	<u>CY 2015</u>	<u>CY 2016</u>	<u>CY 2017</u>				
NUMBER OF REACTOR OPERATORS		12	12					
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - INSTANT		5	5					
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - UPGRADE		6	5					
NUMBER OF SENIOR REACTOR OPERATORS - LIMITED	12		12*					
<b>PROPOSED DATES</b>								
PRIMARY DATE	02/03/2014	04/13/2015	10/24/2016					
ALTERNATE DATE			02/01/2016*					
<b>C. PROPOSED GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION (GFE) SCHEDULE</b>								
<b>PROPOSED NUMBER</b>	<u>CY 2014</u>				<u>CY 2017</u>			
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH	JUNE	SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	30				24			

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\*Limited Senior Reactor Operator Exam is identified in the alternate block