

**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[Docket Nos. 50-528, 50-529, 50-530; NRC-2014-0053]**

**Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** License amendment application; withdrawal by applicant.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has granted the request of Arizona Public Service Company (the licensee) to withdraw its application dated March 8, 2012, for a proposed amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-41, NPF-51, and NPF-74. The proposed amendment would have revised the Technical Specifications (TS) to eliminate the use of the term CORE ALTERATIONS throughout the TS.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The NRC has granted the request of Arizona Public Service Company (the licensee) to withdraw its March 8, 2012, application (ADAMS Accession No. ML12076A045), for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-41, NPF-51, and NPF-74, for the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, respectively, located in Maricopa County, Arizona.

The proposed amendment would have revised the Technical Specifications (TS) to eliminate the use of the term CORE ALTERATIONS throughout the TS. The proposed amendment incorporated changes reflected in Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF) Traveler 471-A, Revision 1, “Eliminate use of term CORE ALTERATIONS in ACTIONS and Notes.”

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the *Federal Register* on June 12, 2012 (77 FR 35071). The licensee supplemented their original application by letters dated October 11, 2012; January 31, 2013; and July 25, 2013; respectively (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML12286A330, ML13039A013, and ML13210A238). However, by letter dated February 13, 2014 (ADAMS Accession No. ML14051A103), the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2014.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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