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SUBJECT: Withdraws 910424 request for waiver of compliance from
 Surveillance Requirement 4.0.3 to permit Unit 3 to operate
 in Modes 5 & 6 while continuing to test snubbers beyond
 allowed surveillance interval.

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Reference: Letter from W. F. Conway (APS) to J. B. Martin (USNRC), dated April 24, 1991; Subject: Request for a Temporary Waiver of Compliance for Surveillance Requirement 4.0.3

Dear Mr. Martin:

Subject: Withdrawal of Request for Waiver of Compliance
File: 91-056-026

The reference letter submitted a request for a Waiver of Compliance from Specification 4.0.3. The waiver would have allowed PVNGS Unit 3 to operate in MODEs 5 and 6 while continuing to test snubbers beyond the allowed surveillance interval.

Surveillance testing, in accordance with Specification 4.7.9e was successfully completed on April 25, 1991, within the allowed surveillance interval. Therefore, APS withdraws its request for the Waiver of Compliance submitted in the reference letter.

During the snubber surveillance testing, 164 snubbers were functionally tested. Seven of them failed to pass the functional test. The reference letter stated that the test population was 166 snubbers. This number was derived from rounding up each calculation for determining the number of additional snubbers to be tested. The actual number required to be tested by Surveillance Requirement 4.7.9e was 164.

Three of the snubbers which failed were adjacent snubbers attached to the auxiliary steam admission line to the steam driven auxiliary feedwater pump. APS is performing a root cause of failure analysis for these snubbers, and will complete the analysis prior to entry into MODE 4.

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If you should have any questions, please call Michael E. Powell of my staff at
(602) 340-4981.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. E. Powell", written in a cursive style.

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