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 to revise TS LCO 3.6.1.3.b of TS 3/4.6.1.3, "Containment
 Air Locks," Bases 3/4.6.1.4, "Internal Pressure" &
 3/4.6.1.6, "Containment Structural Integrity."

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Dear Sirs:

**Subject: Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS)
Units 1, 2, and 3
Docket No. STN 50-528/529/530
Proposed Amendment to Technical Specifications
3/4.6.1.3, Bases 3/4.6.1.4, Bases 3/4.6.1.6, and 6.16**

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.90, Arizona Public Service Company (APS) submits herewith a request to amend Facility Operating Licenses NPF-41, NPF-51, and NPF-74 for PVNGS Units 1, 2, and 3. The proposed amendment would revise Technical Specification Limiting Condition for Operation 3.6.1.3.b of Technical Specification 3/4.6.1.3, Containment Air Locks; Bases 3/4.6.1.4, Internal Pressure; Bases 3/4.6.1.6, Containment Structural Integrity; and Section 6.16, Containment Leakage Rate Testing Program. During the Improved Technical Specification submittal development, an APS engineer discovered that the assumptions used in the calculation of peak containment pressure for a design basis loss of coolant accident (LOCA) did not use the maximum allowable primary containment internal pressure in Technical Specification 3/4.6.1.4, Internal Pressure. These revised Technical Specifications provide the new value for the peak calculated containment internal pressure for the design basis LOCA.

Provided in Enclosure 1 to this letter are the following sections which support the proposed Technical Specification amendment:

- A. Description of the Proposed Technical Specification Amendment Request
- B. Purpose of the Technical Specification
- C. Need for the Technical Specification Amendment
- D. Safety Analysis for the Proposed Technical Specification Amendment Request
- E. No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination
- F. Environmental Impact Determination
- G. Revised Technical Specification Pages

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Enclosure 2 provides the marked-up Technical Specification pages to support the proposed amendment.

The changes requested in this submittal have been incorporated into letter 102-03794-JML/AKK/SAB, "License Amendment Request for Conversion to the Improved Technical Specifications (ITS)," dated October 4, 1996. Therefore, it is requested that the review of this amendment request be coordinated with the Technical Specification conversion.

In accordance with Technical Specification Section 6.5, the Plant Review Board and Offsite Safety Review Committee have reviewed and concurred with this request. By copy of this letter and its enclosures, the Arizona Radiation Regulatory Agency is being notified of this Technical Specification amendment request pursuant to 10 CFR 50.91(b)(1).

Should you have any questions, please contact Scott A. Bauer at (602) 393-5978.

Sincerely,

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I, G. R. Overbeck, represent that I am Vice President - Nuclear Production, that the foregoing document has been signed by me on behalf of Arizona Public Service Company with full authority to do so, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made therein are true and correct.



G. R. Overbeck

Sworn To Before Me This 27 Day Of December, 1996.



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