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Reference: Letter No. 102-03794, dated October 4, 1996, "License Amendment Request for Conversion to the Improved Standard Technical Specifications (ITS)"

Dear Sirs:

**Subject: Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS)
Units 1, 2, and 3
Docket No. STN 50-528/529/530
Improved Standard Technical Specifications**

The referenced letter transmitted the License Amendment Request for the PVNGS conversion to the Improved Standard Technical Specifications (ITS) and included a commitment to provide a scheduled date for ITS implementation.

Subsequent to the ITS submittal, PVNGS has performed a sitewide impact review and developed an ITS implementation plan. The implementation plan is based upon several factors which include, but are not limited to:

- NRC approval of the ITS prior to August 15, 1997
- Completion of the ITS procedure changes prior to ITS implementation
- Completion of the ITS programs prior to ITS implementation
- Training of site personnel prior to ITS implementation
- Implementation between refueling outages, when all three PVNGS units are operating

The ITS implementation window for PVNGS based upon the above factors is July 1, 1998 to September 15, 1998.

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

Sincerely,

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