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Neal Brown Department Manager Environmental Operations Arizona Public Service Company 400 North 5th Street, M.S. 9303 Phoenix, AZ 85004-3902

Re: Re-Issuance of NPDES NN0000019; APS Four Corners Power Plant.

Dear Mr. Brown:

Enclosed is the final re-issuance of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the APS Four Corners Power Plant, along with the accompanying fact sheet and response to comments document. EPA issued a public notice of proposed action in the *Navajo Times* and the *Farmington Daily News* on April 30, 2019. All comments received during the public comment period are addressed in the attached Response to Comments document.

Within 33 days of this notice, any person who filed comments on the proposed permit conditions may petition the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) to review the conditions of the permit. The petition shall include a statement of the reasons supporting that review, including a demonstration that any issues being raised were raised during the public comment period and a showing that the condition in question is based on: (1) a finding of fact or conclusion of law which is clearly erroneous, or (2) an exercise of discretion or an important policy consideration which the EAB should, in its discretion, review. See 40 C.F.R. §§124.19 (a) and 124.20 (d).

40 C.F.R. § 124.60 (b)(1) states that, as provided in 40 C.F.R. § 124.16 (a), if an appeal of an initial permit decision is filed under Section 124.19 of this Part, the force and effect of the contested conditions of the final permit shall be stayed until final agency action under 40 C.F.R. § 124.19 (f). In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 124.16 (a)(1), "[i]f the permit involves a...new source, new discharger or a recommencing discharger, the applicant shall be without a permit for the proposed new...source or discharger pending final agency action." Please review 40 C.F.R. § 124 and the revisions at 65 Fed. Reg. 30886 for a complete description of the requirements regarding appeal of NPDES permits.

If you have any questions regarding the procedures outlined above, or if you would like to review or request any documents from the Administrative Record, please contact Gary Sheth in my office at (415) 972-3516 or e-mail at <u>Sheth.Gary@epa.gov.</u>

Sincerely,

Tomás Torres, Director September 30;2019 Water Division

Enclosures:

Final Permit Final Fact Sheet Response to Comments

cc:

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