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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT NO.208 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-49 - DUANE
ARNOLD ENERGY CENTER (TAC NO. M90911)

Dear Mr. Liu:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No.208 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-49 for the Duane Arnold Energy Center. This amendment consists of changes to the Operating License in response to your application dated October 28, 1994.

The amendment revises the license by deleting the "Plan for the Integrated Scheduling of Plant Modifications for the Duane Arnold Energy Center," as a condition of the license.

A copy of the related Safety Evaluation is also enclosed. Notice of issuance will be included in the Commission's next biweekly Federal Register notice.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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Docket No. 50-331

Enclosures: 1. Amendment No.208 to
License No. DPR-49
2. Safety Evaluation

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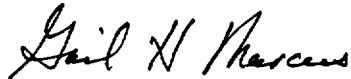
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DUANE ARNOLD ENERGY CENTER
AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 208
License No. DPR-49

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment by IES Utilities Inc., et al., dated October 28, 1994, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.
2. Accordingly, the license is amended by deleting conditions 2.C(6) 1. and 2.C(6) 2.

3. The license amendment is effective as of the date of issuance and shall be implemented within 30 days of the date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Date of issuance: April 3, 1995



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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 208 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-49

IES UTILITIES INC.
CENTRAL IOWA POWER COOPERATIVE
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated October 28, 1994, IES Utilities Inc. (the licensee) submitted an application for amendment to Facility Operating License DPR-49 for the Duane Arnold Energy Center (DAEC). The amendment deletes the "Plan for the Integrated Scheduling of Plant Modifications for the Duane Arnold Energy Center" (the Plan) as a condition of the license. The original objective of the Plan was to enable the utility to better control and manage available resources and to perform required activities in a manner that would enhance plant safety by (1) improving control of safety-related modifications and (2) more promptly implementing these modifications.

Since the inception of the Plan, the number of major projects at DAEC has decreased significantly. Additionally, the methods of managing these projects have changed. Many of the projects in the Plan are already covered by separate correspondence to the NRC. There is redundancy in the tracking of these items between the DAEC commitment control system and the Plan. Organizational changes at DAEC have resulted in the formation of an outage group, a project engineering group, and a priority review board, all of which deal with work planning and setting priority.

2.0 EVALUATION

There are adequate internal processes in place at DAEC for controlling and managing work activities. The organizational structure is unchanged by this amendment. The appropriate level of technical review and management oversight should continue to be performed in accordance with existing procedures and practices and should ensure that activities are performed in a manner consistent with plant safety.

No changes to the physical design and/or operation of the facility will occur as a result of this amendment. The licensee asserts that additional tracking of work items via the Plan represents an unnecessary administrative burden that is no longer required and is redundant to existing procedures and practices. The staff agrees and finds this administrative change acceptable.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, the Iowa State official was notified of the proposed issuance of the amendment. The State official had no comments.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

This amendment changes recordkeeping, reporting, or administrative procedures or requirements. Accordingly, the amendment meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(10). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of the amendment.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The staff has concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and (3) the issuance of the amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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Date: April 3, 1995