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This email documents a phone call to you on May 25, 2011. I left contact information with the person who answered your phone for you.

Pursuant to 10CFR50.91(b), "State Consultation", I am notifying you that the NRC is currently processing an amendment (internally identified at this time as TAC Number ME4940) for the Duane Arnold Energy Center (DAEC). The NRC staff has determined that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration. The analysis on the issue of no significant hazards consideration is published in the *Federal Register* on page 76 FR 9825 (dated February 22, 2011)

The current amendment is in response to an application dated October 15, 2010 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML103020036)

NextEra Energy Duane Arnold requested deletion of the parent company guarantee, as an amendment to Appendix B, "Additional Conditions," page 2, attached to the Renewed Operating License for the Duane Arnold Energy Center (DAEC). The amendment followed correspondence with the licensee whereby NextEra submitted a site-specific Decommissioning Cost Estimate for DAEC to the NRC (ML093130065), which included a site-specific cost estimate for the decommissioning of DAEC using the safe storage (SAFSTOR) decommissioning method. Using the site-specific cost estimate and the additional time SAFSTOR allows for decommissioning, NextEra concluded that the prepaid DAEC decommissioning trust fund balances were sufficient to demonstrate reasonable assurance of its share of decommissioning funding without the need for any additional form of assurance. The revised site-specific Decommissioning Cost Estimate that DAEC sent the NRC in 2010 did not materially change NextEra's ability to demonstrate decommissioning funding assurance. Therefore, on March 25, 2010, the NRC concluded that the decommissioning plan relying on the SAFSTOR method, "provides reasonable assurance of adequate decommissioning funding at the time permanent termination of operations is expected" (ML100770235).

You may contact me if you have any comments on this amendment.

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