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FROM:

Iowa Elect Light & Power Co.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Lee Liu

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Advising NRC's request of 08/08/77

ENCLOSURE
for submittal of an application for amendment
to license to change the techs for safety relief
valves and ADS valves cannot be met at this and
will be submitted by Nov. 09, 1977....

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PLANT NAME: DUANE ARNOLD

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VICE PRESIDENT - ENGINEERING

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Mr. George Lear, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch 3
Division of Operating Reactors
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Lear:

Your letter of August 8, 1977 requested that we submit an application for amendment to our license to change the Technical Specifications for safety relief valves and ADS valves within 30 days of receipt of your letter.

Upon evaluation of your request, we find that we cannot comply within the above time constraints. Of particular concern to us is the requirement to test the valves at nominal operating pressure. Amendment 34, approved in May, 1977, to the Duane Arnold Energy Center Operating License modified the plant Technical Specifications to require testing of these valves in a similar manner, however, the requirement was only that pressure be greater than, or equal to, 100 psig. We are concerned with the increased test requirements and test conditions seriously degrading the reliability of the plant. With the exception of the increased pressure requirements, we believe our present practices address your concerns.

Iowa Electric proposes to submit Technical Specifications concerning the safety relief valves or to provide justification for alternate Technical Specifications by November 9, 1977. If you desire further discussion, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Lee Liu".

Lee Liu
Vice President, Engineering

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cc: K. Meyer
D. Arnold
R. Lowenstein
R. Clark (NRC)
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