2011 DUANE ARNOLD ENERGY CENTER INITIAL EXAMINATION

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June 17, 2011

Mr. Christopher R. Costanzo Vice President NextEra Energy Duane Arnold, LLC 3277 DAEC Road Palo. IA 52324-9785

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Dear Mr. Costanzo:

In a telephone conversation on January 19, 2011, between Mr. Charles Zoia, Operations Engineer, and Mr. Curtis Hansen, Senior Operations Training Instructor, arrangements were made for the administration of licensing examinations at the Duane Arnold Energy Center during the weeks of June 27 and July 4, 2011. In addition, the NRC will make an examination validation visit to your facility the week of June 6, 2011.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will prepare the examinations based on the guidelines in Revision 9, Supplement 1, of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." The NRC's regional office will discuss with your staff any changes that might be necessary before the examinations are administered.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the examination outlines by April 13, 2011. The written examinations, operating tests, and supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 3 to ES-201 will be due by May 13, 2011. Pursuant to Title 10, Section 55.40(b)(3), of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 55..40(b)(3)), an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the outlines, examinations, and tests before they are submitted to the NRC for review and approval. All materials shall be complete and ready to use. We request that any personal, proprietary, sensitive unclassified, or safeguards information in your response be contained in a separate enclosure and appropriately marked. Any delay in receiving the required examination and reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examinations to be rescheduled.

In order to conduct the requested written examinations and operating tests, it will be necessary for your staff to provide adequate space and accommodations in accordance with ES-402, and to make the simulation facility available on the dates noted above. In accordance with ES-302, your staff should retain the original simulator performance data (e.g., system pressures, temperatures, and levels) generated during the dynamic operating tests until the examination results are final.

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June 27, 2011 Operator Licensing Examinations

Currently the Duane Arnold Energy Center is scheduled to have an Initial License Operator (ILO) examination for the 2010 ILO class beginning the week of June 27, 2011. Due to various factors, the composition of the 2010 class as previously reported to the NRC has changed. For the examination scheduled to begin the week of June 27, 2011, there are a total of 13 candidates (5 Reactor Operator (RO), 2 Senior Reactor Operator (SRO)-Upgrade, and 6 SRO-Initial). The NRC Website currently has the 2011 exam being administered to 12 candidates (8 RO, 2 SRO-U, and 2 SRO-I). The purpose of this letter is to document the requested change in resources that will be necessary to implement the subject examination.

If you have any questions, please call Bill Simmons, Training Manager at (319) 851-7181.

This letter contains no new commitments.

Christopher R. Costanzo

Vice President, Duane Arnold Energy Center

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Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations

As requested by your staff, the enclosure to this letter provides FPL Energy Duane Arnold's proposed schedule of examinations that we intend to prepare and the estimated number of applicants to be tested in our site examinations and generic fundamentals examinations in calendar years 2011 through 2013.

If you have any questions, please call Jeffery Morris, Training Manager at (319) 851-7565.

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Richard L. Anderson

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Enclosure

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Preparation and Scheduling of Operator Licensing Examinations

As requested by your staff, the enclosure to this letter provides FPL Energy Duane Arnold's proposed schedule of examinations that we intend to prepare and the estimated number of applicants to be tested in our site examinations and generic fundamentals examinations in calendar years 2010 through 2011.

If you have any questions, please call Jeffery Morris, Training Manager at (319) 851-7565.

This letter contains no new commitments.

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