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SUBJECT: DUANE ARNOLD ENERGY CENTER - WITHDRAWAL OF AN AMENDMENT REQUEST (TAC NO. M94584)

Dear Mr. Liu:

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The Commission has filed the enclosed Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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