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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
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Subject: Duane Arnold Energy Center
Docket No: 50-331
Op. License No: DPR-49
Interstate Energy Corporation Use Of Name, Alliant Corporation

Reference: (1) Letter dated August 28, 1997, From NRC to L. Liu (IES Utilities)
Order Approving Application Regarding Merger Agreement
Between IES Industries Inc., WPL Holdings, Inc., and Interstate
Power Corporation Affecting License No. DPR-49, Duane Arnold
Energy Center (TAC No. M96747)

(2) Letter dated April 27, 1998, NG-98-0765, K. Peveler (IES Utilities)
to Office of NRR, Notification of Completion of Merger

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Dear Sir(s):

In Reference 1, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission approved the application regarding the merger agreement between IES Industries Inc. (the parent company for IES Utilities Inc.), WPL Holdings, Inc., and Interstate Power Corporation. In Reference 2, IES Utilities notified the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation of the completion of the merger between IES industries Inc., WPL Holdings, Inc., and Interstate Power Corporation which resulted in the formation of a new holding company, Interstate Energy Corporation, for IES Utilities Inc. As indicated in

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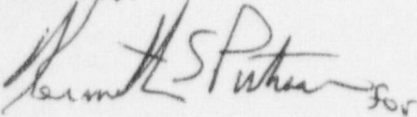
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Reference 2, the completion of the merger to form Interstate Energy Corporation occurred on April 20, 1998. The merger became effective on April 21, 1998. Although the legal name of the corporation remains Interstate Energy Corporation, it is doing business as Alliant Corporation. Following the resolution of certain pending legal issues, the stockholders are expected to be asked to vote on changing the name of the company from Interstate Energy Corporation to Alliant Corporation. There are no changes in organizational structure or ownership from that previously submitted. IES Utilities Inc. remains an owner and the operator of the Duane Arnold Energy Center.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ken E. Peveler", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kenneth E. Peveler
Manager, Regulatory Performance

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