

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
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NextEra Energy Duane Arnold, LLC)	
Central Iowa Power Cooperative)	
Corn Belt Power Cooperative)	
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(Duane Arnold Energy Center and)	
the Associated Independent Spent Fuel)	Docket Nos. 50-331 and 72-32
Storage Installation))	Renewed License No. DPR-49

ORDER APPROVING DIRECT TRANSFER OF LICENSES AND
CONFORMING AMENDMENT

I.

NextEra Energy Duane Arnold, LLC (NEDA), Central Iowa Power Cooperative (CIPCO), and Corn Belt Power Cooperative (Corn Belt) are the owners of the Duane Arnold Energy Center (DAEC). With respect to their ownerships, they are co-holders of U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) Renewed Facility License No. DPR-49 for the DAEC and of the associated general license for the DAEC independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI). NEDA, the current operator licensee, holds 70 percent ownership of the DAEC, CIPCO holds 20 percent ownership of the DAEC, and Corn Belt holds 10 percent ownership of the DAEC. The DAEC is located in Linn County, Iowa.

II.

By application dated November 25, 2025 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML25330A015), as supplemented by letter dated February 23, 2026 (ML26055A092), NEDA, CIPCO, and Corn Belt requested, pursuant to

Section 184, "Inalienability of Licenses," of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (AEA), and title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 50.80, "Transfer of licenses," that the NRC consent to the direct transfer of CIPCO's 20-percent ownership interest and Corn Belt's 10-percent ownership interest of Renewed Facility License No. DPR-49 for the DAEC and of the associated general license for the DAEC ISFSI to NEDA. NEDA also requested, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.90, "Application for amendment of license, construction permit, or early site permit," that the NRC approve an administrative amendment to Renewed Facility License No. DPR-49 to reflect the transfer, to be issued and made effective at the time the transfer occurs.

On January 29, 2026, the NRC published a notice of consideration of approval of the license transfer application in the *Federal Register* (91 FR 3930). This notice provided an opportunity to comment, request a hearing, and petition for leave to intervene on the license transfer application. The NRC did not receive any hearing requests in response to the notice. The NRC did receive comments in response to the notice, which the NRC staff considered and addressed in the safety evaluation supporting this transfer order.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80, no license for a utilization facility, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, either voluntarily or involuntarily, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license to any person, unless the NRC gives its consent in writing. Upon review of the information in the license transfer application and other information before the Commission, and relying upon the representations contained in the application, the NRC staff has determined that NEDA is qualified to be the holder of the licenses to the extent proposed and that the transfer of the licenses, as described in the application, is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission pursuant thereto.

Upon review of the request in the license transfer application for approval of a conforming administrative amendment to reflect the transfer, the NRC staff has determined that

the application for amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the AEA and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I; the facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the AEA, and the rules and regulations of the Commission; there is reasonable assurance that the activities authorized by the amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public and that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations; the issuance of the amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and the issuance of the amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51, "Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions," of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

The findings set forth above are supported by an NRC staff safety evaluation dated the same date as this order, which is available at ADAMS Accession No. ML26068A226.

III.

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 161b, 161i, and 184 of the AEA, Title 42 of the *United States Code* Sections 2201(b), 2201(i), and 2234, and 10 CFR 50.80 and 10 CFR 50.90, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the license transfer application, as described herein, is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, consistent with 10 CFR 2.1315(b), the license amendment that makes changes, as indicated in Enclosure 2 to the cover letter forwarding this order, to reflect the subject direct transfer is approved. The amendment shall be issued and made effective at the time the proposed direct transfer action is completed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that after receipt of all required regulatory approvals of the proposed direct transfer action, NEDA shall inform the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor

Regulation in writing of such receipt no later than 2 business days prior to the date of the closing of the direct transfer. Should the proposed direct transfer not be completed within 1 year of the date of this order, this order shall become null and void; provided, however, that upon written application and for good cause shown, such date may be extended by order.

This order is effective upon issuance.

For further details with respect to this order, see the license transfer application dated November 25, 2025, as supplemented by letter dated February 23, 2026, and the associated NRC staff safety evaluation dated the same date as this order. Publicly available documents created or received at the NRC are accessible electronically through ADAMS in the NRC Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC Public Document Room reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov.

Dated: March 30, 2026.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION.

Jamie Pelton, Acting Deputy Director,
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