

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD PANEL

Before the Licensing Board:

Stefan R. Wolfe, Chair
Dr. Sue H. Abreu
Dr. Gary S. Arnold

In the Matter of

NEXTERA ENERGY DUANE ARNOLD, LLC

(Duane Arnold Energy Center)

Docket No. 50-331-LA

ASLBP No. 26-994-02-LA-BD01

July 30, 2026

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER
(Scheduling Initial Prehearing Conference)

The Licensing Board will conduct a virtual initial prehearing conference in the above-captioned proceeding on August 13, 2026, beginning at 9:00 am Eastern Time (ET) to hear oral argument on the issues presented in the June 22, 2026 Petition to Intervene and Request for Adjudicatory Hearing by Physicians for Social Responsibility Iowa (PSR or Petitioner). The conference will conclude on or before 12:00 pm (EST).

The oral argument's primary purpose is to allow the Board to ask questions and obtain answers concerning contention admissibility under 10 C.F.R. § 2.309(f)(1). The Board will hear from counsel for Petitioner, applicant NextEra Energy Duane Arnold, LLC (NEDA), and NRC Staff. Prior to questions from the Board, each participant will have the opportunity to make a five-minute opening statement about the issues in the case. Oral argument will be generally limited to Contentions 1, 2, and 4; however, participants may address standing and Contentions 3 and 5 if necessary to provide context to their overall presentation. After the Board has completed its questioning, each participant will be allotted 5 minutes for a closing statement. Counsel for Petitioner may request to reserve a portion of its closing statement time for rebuttal.

The Board may provide specific questions to the participants not less than one week prior to argument. However, Petitioner, NEDA, and the NRC Staff should be prepared to answer the Board's questions about any aspect of their pleadings.

On or before noon ET on Thursday, August 6, 2026, each participant shall provide the Board's law clerk, Georgia Rock (georgia.rock@nrc.gov), with an email specifying the names of the individuals who will be arguing and whether that participant will require more than one video access link for participating attorneys.¹ Ms. Rock will email the participants to schedule a test session with the Licensing Board Panel's Information Technology staff to identify and mitigate any technical issues in advance and to provide information about accessing the conference. The Board will provide additional details, including a public listen-only telephone number, in a future order issued no later than one week before the conference.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY
AND LICENSING BOARD

/RA/

Stefan R. Wolfe, Chair
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland
July 30, 2026

¹ The Board recognizes that because the conference is being conducted virtually, a participant's counsel may not be in the presence of those individuals who might be able to provide information that would help frame the most accurate response to a Board inquiry, particularly regarding technical matters. If a participant believes it needs video only access to the argument for more than one representative for consultation purposes, by the Thursday deadline specified above it should provide a separate e-mail to the Board's law clerk, with a copy to all other participants, that identifies the additional individual(s) who should be given video only access and explains why such access is necessary. It should be noted that video only access will not provide participant's counsel with the ability to communicate directly with the designated individual(s). Accordingly, counsel should make other communications arrangements that will allow for prompt consultation in formulating a response to a Board question.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing **MEMORANDUM AND ORDER (Scheduling Initial Prehearing Conference)** have been served upon the following by Electronic Information Exchange.

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