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SUBJECT: DUANE ARNOLD ENERGY CENTER - ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT
 RE: REVISED THE SAFETY LIMIT MINIMUM CRITICAL POWER RATIO
 (TAC NO. MA5545)

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A copy of the Safety Evaluation is also enclosed. Notice of Issuance will be included in the Commission's next biweekly *Federal Register* notice.

Sincerely,

/s/

Brenda L. Mozafari, Project Manager, Section 1
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Docket No. 50-331

Enclosures: 1. Amendment No 229 to License No. DPR-49
 2. Safety Evaluation

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