issuance of the regulatory guide. Such action does not constitute backfitting as defined in 10 CFR 50.109(a)(1) or is otherwise inconsistent with the applicable issue finality provision in 10 CFR part 52, inasmuch as such applicants or potential applicants are not within the scope of entities protected by the Backfit Rule or the relevant issue finality provisions in part 52.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of January 2013.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Thomas H. Boyce,
Chief, Regulatory Guide Development Branch, Division of Engineering, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has granted the request of NextEra Energy Duane Arnold, LLC (the licensee) to withdraw its March 22, 2012, application (ADAMS Accession No. ML12082A105) for proposed amendment to Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR–49 for the Duane Arnold Energy Center, located in Iowa, Linn County.

The proposed amendment would have revised the technical specifications regarding the battery terminal and charger voltages and amperage provided in surveillance requirements (SR) SR 3.8.4.1 and SR 3.8.4.6. The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the Federal Register on October 30, 2012 (77 FR 65724). However, by letter dated November 16, 2012, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated March 22, 2012, and the licensee’s letter dated November 16, 2012, which withdrew the application for the license amendment (ADAMS Accession No. ML12321A435).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of January 2013.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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