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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Introduction

The NRC is issuing a revision to an existing guide in the NRC’s “Regulatory Guide” series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public information regarding methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the agency’s regulations, techniques that the NRC staff uses in evaluating specific issues or postulated events, and data that the NRC staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

Revision 3 to RG 1.27 was issued with a temporary identification of Draft Regulatory Guide, DG–1275. Regulatory Guide 1.27 addresses revisions in regulations and lessons learned from operating experience since the guide was last revised in January 1976, including system design considerations, natural phenomena and site hazards design criteria, and periodic inspection and maintenance considerations. This revised guide contains information applicable to both current operating plants and new plants being licensed under both parts 50 and 52 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR).

### II. Additional Information

The DG–1275 was published in the **Federal Register** on September 9, 2013 (78 FR 55117), for a 60-day public comment period. The public comment period closed on November 8, 2013. Public comments on DG–1275 and the NRC staff responses to the public comments are available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML14107A410.

### III. Congressional Review Act

This regulatory guide is a rule as defined in the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801–808). However, the Office of Management and Budget has not found it to be a major rule as defined in the Congressional Review Act.

### IV. Backfitting and Issue Finality

Regulatory Guide 1.27 provides guidance on one possible means for meeting the NRC’s regulatory requirements of the GDC in appendix A, “General Design Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants,” to 10 CFR part 50, which are applicable to the ultimate heat sink features of nuclear power plant systems. This regulatory guide does not constitute backfitting as defined in 10 CFR 50.109 (the Backfit Rule) and is not otherwise inconsistent with the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR part 52, “Licenses, Certifications and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants.” The NRC’s position is based upon the following considerations.

Regulatory Guide 1.27 may be applied to current applications for operating licenses, combined licenses, early site permits, and certified design rules docketed by the NRC as of the date of issuance of the final regulatory guide, as well as future applications submitted after the issuance of the regulatory guide. Such action would not constitute backfitting as defined in 10 CFR 50.109(a)(1) or be otherwise inconsistent with the applicable issue finality provision in 10 CFR part 52. Neither the Backfit Rule nor the issue finality provisions under 10 CFR part 52, with certain exclusions discussed below, were intended to apply to every NRC action which substantially changes the expectations of current and future applicants.

The exceptions to the general principle are applicable whenever a combined license applicant references a 10 CFR part 52 license (e.g., an early site permit) or NRC regulatory approval (e.g., a design certification rule) with specified issue finality provisions. The NRC does not, at this time, intend to impose the positions represented in RG 1.27 on combined license applicants in

a manner that is inconsistent with any issue finality provisions. If, in the future, the NRC seeks to impose a position in RG 1.27 in a manner which does not provide issue finality as described in the applicable issue finality provision, then the NRC must address the criteria for avoiding issue finality as described in the applicable issue finality provision.

Existing 10 CFR part 50 construction permit holders and 10 CFR part 50 operating license holders would not be required to comply with the positions set forth in RG 1.27, unless the construction permit or operating license holder makes a voluntary change to its licensing basis with respect to the UHS features of plant systems and the NRC determines that the safety review must include consideration of the UHS features of plant systems.

Existing design certification rules would not be required to be amended to comply with the positions set forth in RG 1.27, unless the NRC addresses the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR 52.63(a).

Existing combined license holders (referencing the AP1000 design certification rule in 10 CFR part 52, appendix D), would not be required to comply with the positions set forth in RG 1.27, unless the NRC addresses the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR 52.63(a).

Further information on the NRC staff’s use of the regulatory guidance is contained in Section D., “Implementation,” of RG 1.27.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of November 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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*Chief, Regulatory Guidance and Generic Issues Branch, Division of Engineering, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting of The ACRS Subcommittee on Power Uprates; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Power Uprates will hold a meeting on December 2, 2015, Room T–2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting will be open to public attendance with the exception of a portion that may be closed to protect information that is proprietary pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4). The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

**Wednesday, December 2, 2015—8:30 a.m. Until 12:00 p.m.**

The Subcommittee will review the Peach Bottom Maximum Extended Load Line Limit Analysis Plus License Amendment Request and the associated safety evaluation report. The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with Exelon Corporation, the NRC staff, and other interested persons regarding this matter. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the Full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official (DFO), Weidong Wang (Telephone 301-415-6279 or Email: [Weidong.Wang@nrc.gov](mailto:Weidong.Wang@nrc.gov)) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Thirty-five hard copies of each presentation or handout should be provided to the DFO thirty minutes before the meeting. In addition, one electronic copy of each presentation should be emailed to the DFO one day before the meeting. If an electronic copy cannot be provided within this timeframe, presenters should provide the DFO with a CD containing each presentation at least thirty minutes before the meeting. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public. Detailed procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 21, 2015 (80 FR 63846).

Detailed meeting agendas and meeting transcripts are available on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/acrs>. Information regarding topics to be discussed, changes to the agenda, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the time allotted to present oral statements can be obtained from the Web site cited above or by contacting the identified DFO. Moreover, in view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with these references if such rescheduling would result in a major inconvenience.

If attending this meeting, please enter through the One White Flint North building, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. After registering with security, please contact Mr. Theron

Brown (Telephone 240-888-9835) to be escorted to the meeting room.

Dated: November 13, 2015.

**Michael Snodderly,**

*Acting Chief, Technical Support Branch, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

**[Docket Nos. MC2016-15 and CP2016-20; Order No. 2823]**

### New Postal Product

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing concerning the addition of Global Expedited Package Services 5 Contracts to the competitive product list. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* November 24, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

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#### I. Introduction

In accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.*, the Postal Service filed a formal request and associated supporting information to add Global Expedited Package Services 5 Contracts to the competitive product list.<sup>1</sup>

The Postal Service contemporaneously filed a redacted contract related to the proposed new product under 39 U.S.C. 3632(b)(3) and 39 CFR 3015.5. *Id.*, Attachment 4.

<sup>1</sup> Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Global Expedited Package Services 5 Contracts to the Competitive Products List, and Notice of Filing (Under Seal) of Contract and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, November 16, 2015 (Request).

To support its Request, the Postal Service filed a copy of the contract, a copy of the Governors' Decision authorizing the product, proposed changes to the Mail Classification Schedule, a Statement of Supporting Justification, a certification of compliance with 39 U.S.C. 3633(a), and an application for non-public treatment of certain materials. It also filed supporting financial workpapers. Request at 2.

#### II. Notice of Commission Action

The Commission establishes Docket Nos. MC2016-15 and CP2016-20 to consider the Request pertaining to the proposed Global Expedited Package Services 5 Contracts product and the related contract, respectively.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's filing is consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642, 39 CFR part 3015, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. Comments are due no later than November 24, 2015. The public portions of the filing can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints Lyudmila Y. Bzhilyanskaya to serve as Public Representative in these dockets.

#### III. Ordering Paragraphs

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket Nos. MC2016-15 and CP2016-20 for consideration of the matters raised by the Postal Service's Request.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Lyudmila Y. Bzhilyanskaya is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in these proceeding (Public Representative).

3. Comments are due no later than November 24, 2015.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

**Stacy L. Ruble,**  
*Secretary.*

Commissioner Goldway, abstaining.

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## RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data