regulatory guidance regarding the use of LTAs. Therefore, the NRC has drafted this letter to clarify its positions regarding the use of LTAs. These positions would affect light-water reactor licensees who wish to irradiate LTAs. The public comment period closed on June 27, 2018. The NRC has decided to reopen the public comment period on this document until July 23, 2018, to allow more time for members of the public to submit their comments.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of June 2018.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Director, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Revised Notice of Meeting: Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards

In accordance with the purposes of Sections 29 and 182b of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232b), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) will hold meetings on July 11–14, 2018, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Wednesday, July 11, 2018, Conference Room T–2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852

8:30 a.m.–8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:35 a.m.–10:00 a.m.: Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Units 1 and 2 MELLLA+ Application (Open/Closed)—The Committee will have briefings by and discussion with representatives of the NRC staff and Duke Energy Progress regarding the safety evaluation associated with the Maximum Extended Load Line Limit Analysis Plus (MELLLA+) license amendment request. [Note: A portion of this session may be closed in order to discuss and protect information designated as proprietary, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)]

10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.: Digital Instrumentation & Controls Interim Staff Guidance-06, “Licensing Process,” Draft Revision 2, and Overview of the Integrated Action Plan for Modernization of the NRC’s DI6C Regulatory Infrastructure (Open)—The Committee will have briefings by and discussion with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the subject topics.

1:45 p.m.–4:45 p.m.: APR1400: Selected Safety Evaluations Associated with Reactor Design Application (Open/Closed)—The Committee will have briefings by and discussion with representatives of the NRC staff and Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power (KINHP) regarding safety evaluations associated with the APR1400. [Note: This session may be closed in order to discuss and protect information designated as proprietary, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)]

5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open/Closed)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports. [Note: A portion of this session may be closed in order to discuss and protect information designated as proprietary, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)]

Thursday, July 12, 2018, Conference Room T–2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852

8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.: Future ACRS Activities/Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee and Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations (Open/Closed)—The Committee will hear discussion of the recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee regarding items proposed for consideration by the Full Committee during future ACRS meetings. [Note: A portion of this meeting may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of the ACRS, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy]

10:15 a.m.–11:30 a.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open/Closed)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports. [Note: A portion of this session may be closed in order to discuss and protect information designated as proprietary, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)]

4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open/Closed)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports. [Note: A portion of this session may be closed in order to discuss and protect information designated as proprietary, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)]

Friday, July 13, 2018, Conference Room T–2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852

8:30 p.m.–12:00 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open/Closed)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports. [Note: A portion of this session may be closed in order to discuss and protect information designated as proprietary, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)]

Saturday, July 14, 2018, Conference Room T–2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852

8:30 p.m.–12:00 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports/Retreat (Open/Closed)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports and potential retreat items. [Note: A portion of this session may be closed in order to discuss and protect information designated as proprietary, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)].

Note: A portion of this meeting may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of the ACRS, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the Federal Register on October 4, 2017 (82 FR 46312). In accordance with those procedures, oral or written views may be presented by members of the public, including representatives of the nuclear industry. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Quynh Nguyen, Cognizant ACRS Staff (Telephone: 301–415–5844, Email: Quynh.Nguyen@nrc.gov), 5 days before the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow necessary time during the meeting for such statements. 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 the Cognizant ACRS staff if such rescheduling would result in major inconvenience. The bridgeline number for the meeting is 866–822–3032, passcode 8272423#.

Thirty-five hard copies of each presentation or handout should be provided 30 minutes before the meeting. In addition, one electronic copy of each presentation should be emailed to the Cognizant ACRS Staff one day before meeting. If an electronic copy cannot be provided within this timeframe, presenters should provide the Cognizant ACRS Staff with a CD containing each
SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) is changing how it announces relief from filing deadlines and penalties when a disaster occurs. Under an Announcement made today, PBGC’s disaster relief will be available at the same time the Internal Revenue Service issues disaster relief for taxpayers that includes filing extensions for the Form 5500 series. Filers will not have to wait for PBGC to issue a separate announcement. For premium filings, PBGC is changing its practice so that in addition to no late penalty, penalty charges, no late payment interest charges will be assessed for the disaster relief period.

DATES: The Disaster Relief Announcement in this notice is effective for disasters for which the Internal Revenue Service has issued a disaster relief news release on or after July 2, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Cibinic, Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20005–4026; cibinic.stephanie@pbgc.gov; 202–326–4400 extension 6352. TTY users may call the Federal relay service toll-free at 800–877–8339 and ask to be connected to 202–326–4400 extension 6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

When there is a disaster covered by Internal Revenue Code section 1033(h)(3), Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) section 4002(i) gives the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) authority to extend deadlines by notice or otherwise. PBGC has followed a practice of posting a disaster relief announcement on its website each time the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) posts a disaster relief news release that includes filing extensions for the Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan Form 5500 Series. Each PBGC disaster relief announcement copies the disaster, disaster area, and relief period from the IRS news release on which it is based. Except for these types of fields, the text in PBGC disaster relief announcements is boilerplate that is repeated in every announcement. IRS issues a separate disaster relief news release for each state affected by a disaster. Each news release lists the names of counties in the state that are covered by the relief. IRS may add newly affected or newly existing news release. PBGC filers have to rely on a statement in each PBGC announcement that the corresponding IRS news release should be checked for other counties that IRS might have added. Because PBGC’s announcements rely on data from IRS news releases, PBGC’s announcements are always issued later than IRS’ news releases.

PBGC filers have to wait for PBGC to respond to each IRS disaster relief news release before they can be certain that PBGC is providing disaster relief. PBGC is changing its practice to simplify how it announces disaster relief by referring PBGC filers directly to IRS’ disaster relief news releases. Filers will no longer have to wait for PBGC to act, because PBGC’s disaster relief will be keyed to IRS’ news releases. Instead of multiple disaster relief announcements, all explaining disaster relief in the same repetitive language, PBGC will have one simple announcement that clearly explains how PBGC disaster relief is keyed to IRS relief, what circumstances generally lead to relief, and the nature of relief generally granted.

The qualifications for disaster relief and relief granted will be simpler and easier to apply. Formerly, relief was described separately for premiums, single-employer plan terminations, reportable events notices, annual employer reporting, administrative review, and multiemployer plan filings. This detail is unnecessary because, no matter the type of PBGC filing or whether the plan is a multiemployer or single-employer plan, the deadline extension is simply the end of the IRS relief period for due dates that fall within that period.

As with the current practice, there are exceptions to this general “IRS-based” relief, which are listed in the Announcement. Filers would still be able to request relief on a case-by-case basis for the excepted filings or other actions not covered by the general relief. PBGC also makes the following changes and clarifications in the Announcement, which are designed to be helpful to plan sponsors:

• Formerly, a late premium payment eligible for disaster relief and paid by the end of the relief period was treated as timely for purposes of assessing the late payment penalty, but not the applicable interest charge. Under PBGC’s new practice, the premium payment due date is extended so that no late payment penalty or interest charges will be assessed for the disaster relief period.

• Formerly, premium filers had to submit the premium form and payment owed (“the premium filing”) by the end of the relief period for disaster relief to apply. Under PBGC’s new practice,