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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Parts 2, 7, and 10

[NRC–2025–1139]

RIN 3150–AL46

NRC Modernization: Rulemaking Procedure, Federal Advisory Committee Act Alignment, Access, and Security; Correction and Confirmation of Effective Date

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Direct final rule; correction and confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is correcting a notice that was published in the **Federal Register** on August 11, 2026. The NRC published a direct final rule amending its regulations by streamlining procedural provisions related to information withholding and post-promulgation comment periods; aligning the NRC’s regulations with Committee Management Secretariat Federal Advisory Committee Act standards; and updating national security eligibility criteria. The corrections on the companion proposed rule document are necessary to replace an incorrect citation and incorrect citation date. The NRC is also confirming the effective date of October 26, 2026, for this direct final rule.

DATES: The effective date of October 26, 2026, for the direct final rule published August 11, 2026 (91 FR 51555), is confirmed.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2025–1139 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Electronically at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for Docket

ID NRC–2025–1139. Address questions about NRC dockets to Helen Chang; telephone: 301–415–3228; email: Helen.Chang@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 11, 2026 (91 FR 51555), the NRC published in the **Federal Register** (FR) a direct final rule amending its regulations in parts 2, 7, and 10 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* to streamline procedural provisions related to information withholding and post-promulgation comment periods; align the NRC’s regulations with Committee Management Secretariat (CMS) Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) standards; and update national security eligibility criteria. In the direct final rule, the NRC stated that if no significant adverse comments were received, the direct final rule would become effective on October 26, 2026.

The NRC received and docketed 16 comment submissions on the companion proposed rule (91 FR 51600; August 11, 2026). Electronic copies of

the comments can be obtained from the Federal Rulemaking website at www.regulations.gov under Docket ID NRC–2025–1139 and are also available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML26268A096.

The NRC evaluated the submissions against the criteria described in the direct final rule and determined that the comments were not significant and adverse or were outside the scope of the direct final rule. Therefore, this direct final rule will become effective as scheduled.

The NRC is also correcting the companion proposed rule associated with this direct final rule to correct a citation and citation date. In section IV, “Background,” of the companion proposed rule, the citation date of December 16, 2026, for the General Services Administration’s final rule at 90 FR 58408, is incorrect. In addition, in section V, “Plain Writing,” of the companion proposed rule, the citation of 63 FR 31883 to the “Plain Language in Government Writing” document that was published on June 10, 1998, is incorrect.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of August 11, 2026, in FR Doc. 2026–16373, on page 51601:

a. In the second column, in section IV, “Background,” correct the second sentence of the last full paragraph to read as follows:

“On December 16, 2025, GSA issued a final rule (90 FR 58408) modernizing FACA regulations by updating definitions, improving reporting requirements, and incorporating contemporary practices for advisory committee operations and technology.”; and

b. In the third column, in section V, “Plain Writing,” correct the second sentence to read as follows:

“The NRC has written this document to be consistent with the Plain Writing Act as well as the Presidential Memorandum, “Plain Language in Government Writing,” published June 10, 1998 (63 FR 31885).”

Dated: September 25, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

12 CFR Part 201

[Docket No. R–1901]

RIN 7100–AH31

Regulation A: Extensions of Credit by Federal Reserve Banks

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the
Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (“Board”) has adopted final amendments to its Regulation A to reflect the Board’s approval of an increase in the rate for primary credit at each Federal Reserve Bank. The secondary credit rate at each Reserve Bank automatically increased by formula as a result of the Board’s primary credit rate action.

DATES:

Effective date: This rule (amendments to part 201 (Regulation A)) is effective September 30, 2026.

Applicability date: The rate changes for primary and secondary credit were applicable on September 17, 2026.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Reserve Banks make primary and secondary credit available to depository institutions as a backup source of funding on a short-term basis, usually overnight. The primary and secondary credit rates are the interest rates that the twelve Federal Reserve Banks charge for extensions of credit under these programs. In accordance with the Federal Reserve Act, the primary and secondary credit rates are established by the boards of directors of

the Federal Reserve Banks, subject to review and determination of the Board.

On September 16, 2026, the Board voted to approve a 0.25 percentage point increase in the primary credit rate, thereby increasing the primary credit rate from 3.75 percent to 4.00 percent. In addition, the Board had previously approved the renewal of the secondary credit rate formula, the primary credit rate plus 50 basis points. Under the formula, the secondary credit rate increased by 0.25 percentage points as a result of the Board’s primary credit rate action, thereby increasing the secondary credit rate from 4.25 percent to 4.50 percent. The amendments to Regulation A reflect these rate changes.

The 0.25 percentage point increase in the primary credit rate was associated with a 0.25 percentage point increase in the target range for the federal funds rate (from a target range of 3½ percent to 3¾ percent to a target range of 3¾ percent to 4 percent) announced by the Federal Open Market Committee on September 16, 2026, as described in the Board’s amendment of its Regulation D published elsewhere in today’s **Federal Register**.

Administrative Procedure Act

In general, the Administrative Procedure Act (“APA”) ¹ imposes three principal requirements when an agency promulgates legislative rules (rules made pursuant to Congressionally delegated authority): (1) publication with adequate notice of a proposed rule; (2) followed by a meaningful opportunity for the public to comment on the rule’s content; and (3) publication of the final rule not less than 30 days before its effective date. The APA provides that notice and comment procedures do not apply if the agency for good cause finds them to be “unnecessary, impracticable, or contrary to the public interest.” ² Section 553(d) of the APA also provides that publication at least 30 days prior to a rule’s effective date is not required for (1) a substantive rule which grants or recognizes an exemption or relieves a restriction; (2) interpretive rules and statements of policy; or (3) a rule for which the agency finds good cause for shortened notice and publishes its reasoning with the rule. ³ The APA further provides that the notice, public comment, and delayed effective date requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553 do not apply “to the extent that there is involved . . . a matter relating to agency management or personnel or to public

property, loans, grants, benefits, or contracts.” ⁴

Regulation A establishes the interest rates that the twelve Reserve Banks charge for extensions of primary credit and secondary credit. The Board has determined that the notice, public comment, and delayed effective date requirements of the APA do not apply to these final amendments to Regulation A. The amendments involve a matter relating to loans and are therefore exempt under the terms of the APA. Furthermore, because delay would undermine the Board’s action in responding to economic data and conditions, the Board has determined that “good cause” exists within the meaning of the APA to dispense with the notice, public comment, and delayed effective date procedures of the APA with respect to the final amendments to Regulation A.

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (“RFA”) does not apply to a rulemaking where a general notice of proposed rulemaking is not required. ⁵ As noted previously, a general notice of proposed rulemaking is not required if the final rule involves a matter relating to loans. Furthermore, the Board has determined that it is unnecessary and contrary to the public interest to publish a general notice of proposed rulemaking for this final rule. Accordingly, the RFA’s requirements relating to an initial and final regulatory flexibility analysis do not apply.

Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (“PRA”) of 1995, ⁶ the Board reviewed the final rule under the authority delegated to the Board by the Office of Management and Budget. The final rule contains no requirements subject to the PRA.

List of Subjects in 12 CFR Part 201

Banks, banking, Federal Reserve System, Reporting and recordkeeping.

Authority and Issuance

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Board is amending 12 CFR chapter II as follows:

PART 201—EXTENSIONS OF CREDIT BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS (REGULATION A)

■ 1. The authority citation for part 201 continues to read as follows:

⁴ 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2).

⁵ 5 U.S.C. 603, 604.

⁶ 44 U.S.C. 3506; see 5 CFR part 1320, appendix A.1.

¹ 5 U.S.C. 551 *et seq.*

² 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(A).

³ 5 U.S.C. 553(d).