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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

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

Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 1.174, “An Approach For Using Probabilistic Risk Assessment In Risk-Informed Decisions on Plant-Specific Changes to the Licensing Basis,” was issued with a temporary identification as Draft Regulatory Guide, DG–1226. This regulatory guide describes an acceptable method for the licensee and NRC staff to use in assessing the nature and impact of licensing basis (LB) changes when the licensee chooses to support, or is requested by the staff to support, the changes with risk information. The NRC staff will review these LB changes by considering engineering issues and applying risk insights. Licensees should submit risk information (whether on their own initiative or at the request of the staff) to address each of the principles of risk-informed regulation discussed in this regulatory guide.

The guidance provided in this regulatory guide does not preclude other approaches for requesting changes to the LB. Rather, the staff intends for this regulatory guide to improve consistency in regulatory decisions in areas in which the results of risk analyses are used to help justify regulatory action. As such, the process, and approach discussed herein also provide useful guidance for the application of risk information to a broader set of activities than plant-specific changes to a plant’s LB (i.e., generic activities), and licensees are encouraged to use this guidance in that regard.

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II. Further Information

In April 2009, DG–1226 was published with a public comment period of 60 days from the issuance of the guide. The public comment period closed on November 03, 2009. Electronic copies of Regulatory Guide 1.174, Revision 2 are available through the NRC’s public Web site under “Regulatory Guides” at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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SUMMARY: This document informs the public that an appeal of the closing of the Tateville, Kentucky post office has been filed. It identifies preliminary steps and provides a procedural schedule. Publication of this document will allow the Postal Service, petitioner, and others to take appropriate action.

DATES: Administrative record due (from Postal Service): May 18, 2011; deadline for notices to intervene: June 3, 2011. See the Procedural Schedule in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for other dates of interest.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically by accessing the “Filing Online” link in the banner at the top of the Commission’s Web site (http://www.prc.gov) or by directly accessing the Commission’s Filing Online system at https://www.prc.gov/prc-pages/filing-online/login.aspx. Commenters who cannot submit their views electronically should contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section as the source for case-related information for advice on alternatives to electronic filing.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 404(d), on May 3, 2011, the Commission received three petitions for review of the closing of the Tateville, Kentucky post office. Petitions were filed by Rebecca Kroell, Glenn Walker, and Nancy Walker (Petitioners). All three petitions were postmarked April 28, 2011, and were posted on the Commission’s Web site May 4, 2011. The Commission hereby institutes a proceeding under 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5) and designates the case as Docket No. A2011–14 to consider the three appeals. If Petitioners would like to further explain their positions with supplemental information or facts,