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Options for Developing the Regulatory Basis for Streamlining Non-Power Reactor License Renewal and Non-Power Reactor Emergency Preparedness

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) will conduct a public meeting with affected stakeholders to discuss the proposed options for developing the regulatory basis for streamlining non-power reactor license renewal and non-power reactor emergency preparedness. This meeting is a follow-up to the NRC's public meeting held September 13, 2011 in Idaho Falls, Idaho, to discuss establishing the technical basis for proposing rulemaking to streamline the non-power reactor license renewal process, options for reorganizing the structure of regulations that pertain to non-power reactors, and potential enhancements to emergency preparedness requirements. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: Date and Time for Open Session: Monday, December 19, 2011, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time).

ADDRESSES: Public meeting: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, One White Flint North Building, Room O13–B4, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Duane Hardesty, Project Manager, Research and Test Reactors Licensing Branch, Division of Policy and Rulemaking, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. Telephone: (301) 415–3724; fax number: (301) 415–1032; email: Duane.Hardesty@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 6, 2011, (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML113400015) the NRC published a notice of public meeting (Category 2 Public Meeting to Discuss the Regulatory Basis for Streamlining the Non-power Reactor License Renewal) to be held December 19, 2011. Options being considered in the regulatory basis were provided as an attachment to the meeting notice.

I. Background

In Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) SRM–SECY–08–0161 (ADAMS Accession No. ML090850159) the Commission directed the staff to develop and submit for Commission review a long-term plan for an enhanced Research and Test reactor (RTR) license renewal process. The Commission advised that this long term plan should consider elements of the generic analysis approach, generic siting analysis, and the extended license term described in SECY–08–0161 (ADAMS Accession No. ML082550140) to establish a stable and predictable regulatory regime for RTRs.

Based on the Commission's direction and the comments received during the public meeting held on September 13, 2011, (ADAMS Accession No. ML112710285), the staff is hosting the December 19, 2011 meeting to discuss the proposed options being considered in development of the regulatory basis for streamlining the non-power license renewal process. The NRC staff will also discuss possible changes to EP requirements for non-power reactors. The NRC notes that the public, licensees, certificate holders, and other stakeholders will have a future opportunity to comment on the regulatory basis document when it is published in the **Federal Register**.

II. Availability of Documents

You can access publicly available documents related to this notice using the methods below.

Please include Docket ID NRC–2011–0087 in the subject line of your comments. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be posted on the NRC Web site and on the Federal rulemaking Web site, <http://www.regulations.gov>. Because your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information, the NRC cautions you against including any information in your submission that you do not want to be publicly disclosed.

The NRC requests that any party soliciting or aggregating comments received from other persons for submission to the NRC inform those persons that the NRC will not edit their comments to remove any identifying or contact information, and therefore, they should not include any information in their comments that they do not want publicly disclosed. You may submit comments by any one of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Web Site:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for documents filed under Docket ID

NRC–2011–0087. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher, telephone: (301) 492–3668; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.

- **Mail comments to:** Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch (RADB), Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWB–05–B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.

- **Fax comments to:** RADB at (301) 492–3446.

You can access publicly available documents related to this notice using the following methods:

- **NRC's Public Document Room (PDR):** The public may examine and have copied, for a fee, publicly available documents at the NRC's PDR, O1–F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

- **NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):** Publicly available documents created or received at the NRC are available online in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this page, the public can gain entry into ADAMS, which provides text and image files of the NRC's public documents. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC's PDR reference staff at 1–(800) 397–4209, (301) 415–4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov.

- **Federal Rulemaking Web Site:** Public comments and supporting materials related to this notice can be found at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching on Docket ID NRC–2011–0087.

III. Availability of Services

The NRC provides reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting (e.g., sign language), or need this meeting notice or other information from the meeting in another format, please notify the NRC meeting contact, Duane Hardesty at (301) 415–3724 by December 16, 2011, so arrangements can be made.

All expected attendees must register with the NRC meeting contact by close of business on December 16, 2011. All attendees are to use the main One White Flint visitor entrance. The NRC is accessible to the White Flint Metro Station. Visitor parking near the NRC buildings is limited.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of December, 2011.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Division of Policy and Rulemaking, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket Number EERE-2011-BT-NOA-0067]

RIN 1904-AC52

Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure and Energy Conservation Standard for Set-Top Boxes and Network Equipment

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Request for information (RFI) and request for comments; notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is initiating a rulemaking and data collection process to develop a potential test procedure and energy conservation standard for set-top boxes (STB) and network equipment. To facilitate this process, DOE has gathered data, identifying several issues associated with currently available industry test procedures, efficiency standards and energy use data for STBs on which DOE is particularly interested in receiving comment. DOE welcomes written comments from the public on any subject within the scope of this rulemaking (including topics not raised in this RFI). DOE will hold a public meeting as part of this RFI.

DATES: DOE will hold a public meeting on January 26, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Washington, DC. The meeting will also be broadcast as a webinar. See section III, "Public Participation," for webinar information, participation instructions, and information about the capabilities available to webinar participants.

DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding the RFI before and after the public meeting, but no later than February 14, 2012. For details, see section III, "Public Participation," of this RFI.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Energy Forrestal Building, Room 8E-089, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington DC 20585. Please note that foreign nationals visiting DOE Headquarters are subject to advance security screening procedures. Any foreign national

wishing to participate in the meeting should advise DOE as soon as possible by contacting Ms. Brenda Edwards at (202) 586-2945 to initiate the necessary procedures.

Interested persons are encouraged to submit comments using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Alternatively, interested persons may submit comments, identified by docket number EERE-2011-BT-NOA-0067, by any of the following methods:

- **Email:** to STB-RFI-2011-NOA-0067@ee.doe.gov. Include EERE-2011-BT-NOA-0067 in the subject line of the message.

- **Mail:** Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, Mailstop EE-2J, Request for Information for Set-top boxes and Network Equipment, EERE-2011-BT-NOA-0067, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Phone: (202) 586-2945. Please submit one signed paper original.

- **Hand Delivery/Courier:** Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, 6th Floor, 950 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20024. Phone: (202) 586-2945. Please submit one signed paper original.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number or RIN for this rulemaking.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents, or comments received, go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information may be sent to:

Mr. Jeremy Domm, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Building Technologies Program, EE-2J, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-9870. Email: Jeremy.Domm@ee.doe.gov.

In the office of the General Counsel, contact Ms. Celia Sher, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, GC-71, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 287-6122. Email: Celia.Sher@hq.doe.gov.

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I. Introduction

Title III of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 6291 *et seq.*), sets forth various provisions designed to improve energy efficiency. Part A of Title III of EPCA (42 U.S.C. 6291-6309) established the Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products Other Than Automobiles," which covers consumer products and certain commercial products (referred to as "covered products").¹ In addition to specifying a list of covered residential and commercial products, EPCA contains provisions that enable the Secretary of Energy to classify additional types of consumer products as covered products.

DOE recently published a Notice of Proposed Determination (76 FR 34914, June 15, 2011) (hereafter referred to as "proposed determination") that preliminarily determined that STBs and network equipment meet the criteria for covered products because classifying products of such type as covered products is necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of EPCA, and the average U.S. household energy use for STBs and network equipment is likely to exceed 100 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per year.

DOE may prescribe test procedures for any product it classifies as a "covered product." (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)) Further, DOE may consider prescribing energy conservation standards for a type of consumer product it classifies as covered if the product meets certain additional criteria, such as "average per household energy use within the United States" in excess of 150 kWh and "aggregate household energy use" in excess of 4.2 billion kWh, for any prior 12-month period. (42 U.S.C. 6295(l)(1))

DOE is initiating the rulemaking and data collection process for a test procedure and potential establishment of an energy conservation standard for

¹ For editorial reasons, upon codification in the U.S. Code, Part B was re-designated Part A.