**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**Methodology for Low Power/Shutdown Fire PRA**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Draft NUREG/CR–extension for public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On December 29, 2011 (76 FR 81998), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published in the *Federal Register* a request for public comment on Draft NUREG/CR–7114, Revision 0, “Methodology for Low Power/Shutdown Fire PRA.” In response to request from members of the public, the NRC is extending the public comment period until April 18, 2012.

**DATES:** The comment period has been extended and expires on April 18, 2012. Comments received after this date will not be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC staff is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** Please include Docket ID NRC–2011–0295 in the subject line of your comments. For additional instructions on submitting comments and instructions on accessing documents related to this action, see “Submitting Comments and Accessing Information” in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Mail comments to: 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, or by fax to RADB at (301) 492–3446.
- Fax comments to: RADB at (301) 492–3446.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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 to be publicly disclosed.

You can access publicly available documents related to this document 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 Agency-wide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS): Publicly available document 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. The draft NUREG is available electronically under ADAMS Accession No. ML11353A377. The draft NUREG will also be accessible through the NRC’s public site under draft NUREGs for comment.
- 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–2011–0295.

**Discussion**

The draft NUREG presents a probabilistic risk assessment (PRA) method for quantitatively analyzing fire risk in commercial nuclear power plants during low power operation and shutdown (LPSD) conditions, including the determination of core damage.
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I. Introduction

On February 13, 2012, the Postal Service filed a notice announcing that it has entered into an additional International Business Reply Service (IBRS) contract. The Postal Service asserts that the instant contract is functionally equivalent to the IBRS 3 baseline contract originally filed in Docket Nos. MC2009–14 and CP2009–20 and supported by Governors’ Decision No. 08–24 attached to the Notice (IBRS 3 baseline contract). Id. Attachment 3. The Notice explains that Order No. 684, which established IBRS Competitive Contracts 3 as a product, also authorized functionally equivalent agreements to be included within the product, provided that they meet the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3633. Id. at 1–2. Additionally, the Postal Service claims that the instant contract is the successor to the instrument that the Commission found to be eligible for inclusion in the IBRS Competitive Contract 3 product in Docket Nos. MC2011–21 and CP2011–59, on behalf of the same customer as in Docket No. CP2011–59. Id. at 3.

The instant contract. The Postal Service filed the instant contract pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.5. The Postal Service also contends that the instant contract is in compliance with Order No. 178. The instant contract is intended to be a successor to the IBRS Contract submitted in Docket Nos. MC2011–21 and CP2011–59, which is scheduled to expire on February 29, 2012. Id. at 2. The instant contract will remain in effect until March 1, 2014, unless termination of the agreement occurs earlier. Id. It may, however, be terminated by either party upon 30 days’ written notice. Id. Attachment 1 at 10.

In support of its Notice, the Postal Service filed four attachments as follows:

- Attachment 1—a redacted copy of the contract and applicable annexes;
- Attachment 2—a certified statement required by 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2);
- Attachment 3—a redacted copy of Governors’ Decision No. 08–24, which establishes prices and classifications for IBRS contracts, a description of applicable IBRS contracts, formulas for prices, an analysis of the formulas, a certification as to the formulas for prices offered under applicable IBRS contracts, and certification of the Governors’ vote;
- Attachment 4—an application for non–public treatment of materials to maintain redacted portions of the contract and file supporting documents under seal.

The Notice enumerates the reasons why the instant IBRS Competitive Contract allegedly fits within the Mail Classification Schedule language for IBRS Competitive Contract 3. The Postal Service identifies general contract terms that distinguish the instant contract from the IBRS 3 baseline contract, such as: An additional sentence in Article 15 stating that the Postal Service may be required to file information in connection with the contract in other Commission dockets; and an additional Article 30 concerning Intellectual Property, Co-Branding, and Licensing. Id. at 5. The Postal Service states that the differences affect neither the fundamental structure of the Postal Service is offering nor the fundamental structure of the contract. Id.

The Postal Service concludes that its filing demonstrates that the new IBRS contract complies with the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3633 and is functionally equivalent to the IBRS 3 baseline contract filed in Docket Nos. MC2011–21 and CP2011–59. Id. at 6. Therefore, it requests that the instant contract be included within the IBRS Competitive Contract 3 (MC2011–21) product. Id.

II. Notice of Filing


III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2012–16 for consideration of matters raised by the Postal Service’s Notice.

2. Comments by interested persons in this proceeding are due no later than February 22, 2012.