The following MCC compacts are closed and, therefore, do not have any quarterly disbursements: Benin, Cape Verde I, Honduras, Madagascar, Nicaragua and Vanuatu.
• NRC’s PDR: You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC’s PDR, Room O1–F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The staff issues DC/COL–ISGs to facilitate staff activities associated with its review of ESP, DC, and COL applications. This ISG supplements the guidance contained in RG 1.206, Revision 0, “Combined License Applications for Nuclear Power Plants, (LWR Edition)” (ML070630003). In addition, this ISG supplements the guidance provided for staff review of ESP, DC, and COL applications contained in NUREG–0800, Standard Review Plan (SRP), dated March 2007 (ML070630003). On October 22, 2012 (77 FR 64564), the staff issued the proposed DC/COL–ISG–024 “Interim Staff Guidance Implementation of Regulatory Guide 1.221 on Design-Basis Hurricane and Hurricane Missiles.” ADAMS Accession No. ML12132A508. The staff received questions and editorial comments from three commenters which were considered in the development of the final ISG–024. The questions, comments, and staff answers and resolutions of those questions and comments are contained in “ISG–024 Comment Resolution” which can be found in ADAMS under Accession No. ML13015A696.

The NRC posts all final ISGs on the NRC’s public Web page at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/isg/, which is where the public may easily obtain access to ISG DC/COL–ISG–024.

Backfitting and Issue Finality

Issuance of this final ISG does not constitute backfitting as defined in Section 50.109 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) (the Backfit Rule), and is not otherwise inconsistent with the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR Part 52, with respect to current and future applicants other than COL applicants referencing one of the four current final design certification rules. The NRC staff’s position is based upon the following considerations:

• The ISG positions do not constitute backfitting, inasmuch as the ISG is internal guidance directed at the NRC staff with respect to their regulatory responsibilities.

• Backfitting and issue finality do not protect these current or future applicants.

Issuance of this final ISG may be viewed as constituting backfitting as defined in 10 CFR 50.109 (the Backfit Rule) and may be considered to be inconsistent with the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR Part 52, with respect to current and future COL applicants referencing the ABWR design certification rule (10 CFR Part 52, Appendix A), or the AP1000 design certification rule (10 CFR Part 52, Appendix D). Backfitting and issue finality concerns are limited to the ISG discussion of consideration of hurricane winds and hurricanes. The NRC staff has determined that the guidance in the ISG with respect to consideration of hurricane winds and hurricanes, when imposed on COL applicants referencing these two design certification rules, would be necessary to provide adequate protection to public health and safety with respect to hurricane winds and missiles. In addition, the imposition would correct an omission where two approved design certifications do not have site parameters for hurricane winds and hurricane missiles, which are needed to provide compliance with General Design Criterion (GDC) 2 and GDC 4 in 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix A. If a nuclear power plant using these certified designs is located at a site where the hurricane loads and/or the hurricane-generated missile spectra are not bounded by tornado loads and tornado missile spectra, then safety-related structures required to withstand hurricane loads and hurricane-generated missiles may not be adequate and therefore would be in non-compliance with GDC 2 and GDC 4, and would not provide adequate protection to public health and safety against hurricanes of credible intensity that might impact the site. Therefore, any future action to impose this ISG on current and future COL applicants referencing the ABWR design certification rule (10 CFR Part 52, Appendix A), or the AP1000 design certification rule (10 CFR Part 52, Appendix D) would meet the Backfit Rule and would be permitted under the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR 52.63(a).

Congressional Review Act

This interim staff guidance is a rule as defined in the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801–808). However, OMB has not found it to be a major rule as designated in the Congressional Review Act.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agency posts its issued staff guidance in the agency external Web page (http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/isg/).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of May 2013.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94–409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold a Closed Meeting on Thursday, May 30, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the Closed Meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters also may be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or her designee, has certified that, in her opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(c)(3), (5), (7), (9)(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (5), (7), (9)(f) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the Closed Meeting.

Commissioner Paredes, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the Closed Meeting in a closed session.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting will be:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;