participants are requested not to include copyrighted materials in their submission.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for license amendment dated June 15, 2018 (ADAMS Accession No. ML18169A222).

For technical questions, contact the individuals listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this document.

Mail comments to: May Ma, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN–7A60, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see “Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments” in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.


II. Additional Information

The NRC is issuing for public comment a DG in the NRC’s “Regulatory Guide” series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public information regarding methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC’s regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific issues or postulated events, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The Maintenance Rule (Part 50.65 of title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR)) requires each holder of an operating license for a nuclear power plant under 10 CFR part 50 and each holder of a combined license under 10 CFR part 52 (after the Commission makes certain findings) to monitor the performance of structures, systems, or components against licensee-established goals, in a manner sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that in-scope structures, systems, and components are associated with the storage, control, and maintenance of spent fuel in a safe condition, in a manner sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that these structures, systems, and components are
capable of fulfilling their intended functions. Last, an application for a combined license shall contain a final safety analysis report that provides a description of the program, and its implementation, for monitoring the effectiveness of maintenance necessary to meet the requirements of 10 CFR 50.65.

The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) is submit revision 4F of NUMARC 93–01, “Industry Guideline for Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants” for endorsement. NEI explained that NUMARC 93–01 was developed to establish an acceptable approach for licensees to meet the Maintenance Rule. Revision 4F of NUMARC 93–01 addresses the application of the Maintenance Rule to the use of diverse and flexible coping strategies (FLEX) support guidelines (FSGs) in plant emergency operating procedures (EOPs), as well as some other minor wording changes.

The DG, entitled, “Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants,” is a proposed revision temporarily identified by its task number, DG–1336. DG–1336 is proposed revision 4 of RG 1.160, “Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants.” The NRC’s proposed revision to RG 1.160 would endorse with clarification NUMARC 93–01 Revision 4F. The NRC finds that endorsement would be beneficial in that the agency positions with respect to FLEX equipment, the Maintenance Rule, and Revision 4F of NUMARC 93–01 would be readily understood.

III. Backfitting and Issue Finality

This DG describes methods acceptable to the staff of the NRC for demonstrating compliance with the provisions of 10 CFR 50.65, “Requirements for Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants,” of 10 CFR part 50, “Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities.” As discussed in Section D, “Implementation” of this DG, the NRC does not intend to impose this guide, if finalized, on applicants for, or holders of, licenses.

This DG may be applied to applications for combined licenses under 10 CFR part 52 docketed by the NRC as of the date of issuance of the final regulatory guide, as well as future applications submitted after the issuance of the regulatory guide. Such action would not constitute backfitting as defined in the 10 CFR 50.109 or be otherwise inconsistent with the applicable issue finality provision in 10 CFR part 52, inasmuch as such applicants or potential applicants, with certain exceptions, are not within the scope of entities that are the subject of the Backfit Rule or an issue finality provision in 10 CFR part 52. However, the scope of backfitting and issue finality extends only to the matters resolved in the license or regulatory approval. The matters addressed in this DG (concerning monitoring the effectiveness of maintenance at nuclear power plants) has not previously been proposed to be for a construction permit, design certification rule, or standard design approval. Therefore, the extent to which an applicant can rely on a backfitting or issue finality provision is limited to the extent that the applicant has addressed the matters in this regulatory guide during the review and approval of the construction permit, design certification rule, or standard design approval.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of June, 2018.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Edward O’Donnell,
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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION


New Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission’s consideration concerning negotiated service agreements. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: Comments are due: July 2, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission’s Filing Online system at http://www.prc.gov. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

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1. Docket No(s).: MC2018–186 and CP2018–260; Filing Title: Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Global Expedited Package Services—Non-Published Rates 14 (GEPS—NPR 14) to the Competitive Products List and Notice of Filing GEPS—NPR 14 Model Contract and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: June 22, 2018; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 et seq.;