

Revision 2, "An Approach for Using Probabilistic Risk Assessment in Risk-Informed Decisions on Plant-Specific Changes to the Licensing Basis."

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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 that submit risk information (whether on their own initiative or at the request of the staff) should address each of the principles of risk-informed regulation discussed in this regulatory guide. Licensees should identify how their chosen approaches and methods (whether quantitative or qualitative, deterministic or probabilistic), data, and criteria for considering risk are appropriate for the decision to be made.

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 principles, 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/>.

In addition, regulatory guides are available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) located at Room O-1F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738. The PDR's mailing address is USNRC PDR, Washington, DC 20555-0001. The PDR can also be reached by telephone at (301) 415-4737 or (800) 397-4209, by fax at (301) 415-3548, and by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of May, 2011.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. A2011-15; Order No. 726]

Post Office Closing

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document informs the public that an appeal of the closing of the Gwynedd, Pennsylvania 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820 (case-related information) or DocketAdmins@prc.gov (electronic filing assistance).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 404(d), on May 3, 2011, the Commission received a petition for review of the closing of the Gwynedd, Pennsylvania post office. The petition, which was filed by Christina Surowiec (Petitioner), is postmarked May 2, 2011, and was 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. A2011-15 to consider Petitioner's appeal. If Petitioner would like to further explain her position with **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** or facts, Petitioner may either file a Participant Statement on PRC Form 61 or file a brief with the Commission no later than June 7, 2011.

Categories of issues apparently raised. Preliminarily, Petitioner raises several issues, including failure to consider the effect on the community (*see* 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(2)(A)(i)), and failure to observe procedures required by law (*see* 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5)(B)). In addition, Petitioner contends that the Postal Service failed to consider relevant facts, and that its determination to close the Gwynedd post office is arbitrary and capricious.

After the Postal Service files the administrative record and the Commission reviews it, the Commission may find that there are more legal issues than those set forth above, or that the Postal Service's determination disposes of one or more of those issues. The

deadline for the Postal Service to file the administrative record with the Commission is May 18, 2011. *See* 39 CFR 3001.113. In addition, the due date for any responsive pleading by the Postal Service to this Notice is May 18, 2011.

Availability; Web site posting. The Commission has posted the appeal and supporting material on its Web site at <http://www.prc.gov>. Additional filings in this case and participant's submissions will also be posted on the Commission's Web site, if provided in electronic format or amenable to conversion, and not subject to a valid protective order. Information on how to use the Commission's Web site is available online or by contacting the Commission's webmaster via telephone at 202-789-6873 or via electronic mail at prc-webmaster@prc.gov.

The appeal and all related documents are also available for public inspection in the Commission's docket section. Docket section hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal government holidays. Docket section personnel may be contacted via electronic mail at prc-dockets@prc.gov or via telephone at 202-789-6846.

Filing of documents. All filings of documents in this case shall be made using the Internet (Filing Online) pursuant to Commission rules 9(a) and 10(a) at the Commission's Web site, <http://www.prc.gov>, unless a waiver is obtained. *See* 39 CFR 3001.9(a) and 3001.10(a). Instructions for obtaining an account to file documents online may be found on the Commission's Web site or by contacting the Commission's docket section at prc-dockets@prc.gov or via telephone at 202-789-6846.

The Commission reserves the right to redact personal information which may infringe on an individual's privacy rights from documents filed in this proceeding.

Intervention. Those, other than the Petitioner and respondent, wishing to be heard in this matter are directed to file a notice of intervention. *See* 39 CFR 3001.111(b). Notices of intervention in this case must be filed on or before June 3, 2011. A notice of intervention shall be filed using the Internet (Filing Online) at the Commission's Web site unless a waiver is obtained for hardcopy filing. *See* 39 CFR 3001.9(a) and 3001.10(a).

Further procedures. By statute, the Commission is required to issue its

decision within 120 days from the date it receives the appeal. *See* 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5). A procedural schedule has been developed to accommodate this statutory deadline. In the interest of expedition, in light of the 120-day decision schedule, the Commission may request the Postal Service or other participants to submit information or memoranda of law on any appropriate issue. As required by the Commission rules, if any motions are filed, responses are due 7 days after any such motion is filed. *See* 39 CFR 3001.21.

It is ordered:

1. The Postal Service shall file the administrative record regarding this appeal no later than May 18, 2011.
2. Any responsive pleading by the Postal Service to this notice is due no later than May 18, 2011.
3. The procedural schedule listed below is hereby adopted.
4. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Richard A. Oliver is designated officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public.
5. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this notice and order in the **Federal Register**.

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

May 3, 2011	Filing of Appeal.
May 18, 2011	Deadline for the Postal Service to file the administrative record in this appeal.
May 18, 2011	Deadline for the Postal Service to file any responsive pleading.
June 3, 2011	Deadline for notices to intervene (<i>see</i> 39 CFR 3001.111(b)).
June 7, 2011	Deadline for Petitioner's Form 61 or initial brief in support of petition (<i>see</i> 39 CFR 3001.115(a) and (b)).
June 27, 2011	Deadline for answering brief in support of Postal Service (<i>see</i> 39 CFR 3001.115(c)).
July 12, 2011	Deadline for reply briefs in response to answering briefs (<i>see</i> 39 CFR 3001.115(d)).
July 19, 2011	Deadline for motions by any party requesting oral argument; the Commission will schedule oral argument only when it is a necessary addition to the written filings (<i>see</i> 39 CFR 3001.116).
August 30, 2011	Expiration of the Commission's 120-day decisional schedule (<i>see</i> 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5) and (6)).

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove,

Secretary.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. A2011-14; Order No. 725]

Post Office Closing

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

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.

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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 are 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,