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Petitions for leave to intervene must be filed no later than 20 days from the date of publication of this notice. Non-timely filings will not be entertained absent a determination by the presiding officer that the petition or request should be granted or the contentions should be admitted, based on a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.309(c)(1)(i)-(viii).

The Commission will issue a notice or order granting or denying a hearing request or intervention petition, designating the issues for any hearing that will be held and designating the Presiding Officer. A notice granting a hearing will be published in the **Federal Register** and served on the parties to the hearing.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 15th day of February 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2011-0097]

Thermal Overload Protection for Electric Motors on Motor-Operated Valves

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Regulatory guide; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) is issuing a revision to Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.106, "Thermal Overload Protection for Electric Motors on Motor-Operated Valves." This regulatory guide describes a method acceptable to NRC's staff for complying with NRC requirements for the application of thermal overload protection devices that are integral with the motor starter for electric motors on motor-operated valves.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2011-0097 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access information related to this document, which the NRC possesses and is publicly-available, using the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2011-0097. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-492-3668; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.

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- *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, Maryland 20852.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edward O'Donnell, Regulatory Guide Development Branch, Division of Engineering, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone: 301-251-7455; email: Edward.ODonnell@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The NRC is issuing a revision to an existing guide in the NRC'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 RG 1.106 was issued with a temporary identification as Draft Regulatory Guide, DG-1264. This regulatory guide describes a method acceptable to the NRC staff regarding the application of thermal overload protection devices. This method would ensure that the thermal overload protection devices will not needlessly prevent the motor from performing its safety-related function.

II. Further Information

DG-1264, was published in the **Federal Register** on May 02, 2011 (76 FR 24538) for a 60-day public comment period. The public comment period closed on June 28, 2011. The NRC staff's responses to the public comments on DG-1264 are available under ADAMS Accession Number ML112580363.

III. Backfitting and Issue Finality

Issuance of this final regulatory guide does not constitute backfitting as defined in 10 CFR 50.109 (the Backfit Rule) and is not otherwise inconsistent with the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR Part 52. As discussed in the "Implementation" discussion of this regulatory guide, the NRC has no current intention to impose this regulatory guide on holders of current operating licenses or combined licenses. Accordingly, the issuance of this regulatory guide does not constitute "backfitting" as defined in 10 CFR 50.109(a)(1) or is otherwise inconsistent with the applicable issue finality provisions in 10 CFR Part 52.

This regulatory guide may be applied to applications for operating licenses

and combined licenses docketed by the NRC as of the date of issuance of the final regulatory guide, as well as future applications for operating licenses and combined licenses submitted after the issuance of the regulatory guide. Such action does not constitute backfitting as defined in 10 CFR 50.109(a)(1) or is otherwise inconsistent with the applicable issue finality provision in 10 CFR Part 52, inasmuch as such applicants or potential applicants are not within the scope of entities protected by the Backfit Rule or the relevant issue finality provisions in 10 CFR Part 52.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of February 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT**

January 2012 Pay Schedules

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The President has signed an Executive order containing the 2012 pay schedules for certain Federal civilian employees. The rates of pay for these employees will not be increased in 2012 and remain at 2010/2011 levels, except for employees in nonforeign areas. This notice serves as documentation for the public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Dismond, Pay and Leave, Employee Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management; (202) 606-2858; Fax (202) 606-0824; or email to pay-leave-policy@opm.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 19, 2011, the President signed Executive Order 13594 (76 FR 80191), which documented the January 2012 pay schedules. Pursuant to Public Law 111-242, as amended by Public Law 111-322 (December 22, 2010), the Executive order provides that the 2012 pay rates for most civilian employee pay schedules covered by the order are not adjusted and remain at 2010/2011 levels. Schedule 1 of Executive Order 13594 provides the rates for the 2012 General Schedule (GS) and reflects no increase from 2010/2011. Executive Order 13594 also includes the percentage amounts of the 2012 locality

payments, which remain at 2010/2011 levels except for employees in nonforeign areas. (See Section 5 and Schedule 9 of Executive Order 13594.)

The publication of this notice satisfies the requirement in section 5(b) of Executive Order 13594 that the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) publish appropriate notice of the 2012 locality payments in the **Federal Register**.

GS employees receive locality payments under 5 U.S.C. 5304. Locality payments apply in the United States (as defined in 5 U.S.C. 5921(4)) and its territories and possessions. In 2012, locality payments ranging from 14.16 percent to 35.15 percent apply to GS employees in the 34 locality pay areas. The 2012 locality pay area definitions can be found at <http://www.opm.gov/oca/12tables/locdef.asp>.

The 2012 locality pay percentages became effective on the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2012 (January 1, 2012). An employee's locality rate of pay is computed by increasing his or her scheduled annual rate of pay (as defined in 5 CFR 531.602) by the applicable locality pay percentage. (See 5 CFR 531.604 and 531.609.) As provided under the Nonforeign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act of 2009 (subtitle B of title XIX of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Pub. L. 111-84, October 28, 2009)), the locality rate for each nonforeign area will be set at the full applicable locality rate in January 2012. Employees in nonforeign areas entitled to cost-of-living allowances (COLAs) (i.e., Alaska, Hawaii, and other nonforeign areas as defined in 5 CFR 591.207) have corresponding reductions in their COLAs when locality rates increase.

Executive Order 13594 documents that the Executive Schedule rates of pay remain at the 2010/2011 levels. By law, Executive Schedule officials are not authorized to receive locality payments.

Executive Order 13594 documents the 2012 range of rates of basic pay for members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) under 5 U.S.C. 5382. The minimum rate of basic pay for the SES remains at \$119,554 in 2012. The maximum rate of the SES rate range continues to be \$179,700 (level II of the Executive Schedule) for SES members covered by a certified SES performance appraisal system and \$165,300 (level III of the Executive Schedule) for SES members covered by an SES performance appraisal system that has not been certified.

The minimum rate of basic pay for the senior-level (SL) and scientific and professional (ST) rate range remains at