

natural hazards at nuclear power plants in a manner consistent with R2.2. As noted in Enclosure 2, while R2.2 focused on seismic and flooding hazards, the proposed framework is intended to accommodate a range of natural hazards including earthquakes, flooding, and extreme weather, such as high winds. In the SRM associated with SECY-16-0144, dated May 3, 2017 (ADAMS Accession No. ML17123A453), the Commission approved the staff's recommendations for the development of these process enhancements.

The staff is implementing the process enhancements described in Enclosure 2 of SECY-16-0144 via a process that the staff subsequently identified as the "Process for Ongoing Assessment of Natural Hazard Information" (POANHI). The staff's implementation of these process enhancements is ongoing. A cross-agency team has been formed to implement the POANHI. The team is developing procedures and has begun testing and populating the Natural Hazards Information Digest. The completion and implementation date for POANHI is October 2019.

In summary, the NRC is denying the petition because the staff is addressing the issue raised in the petition through the enhancement of existing NRC processes and the development of associated staff procedures to ensure that the staff proactively and routinely aggregates and assesses new information related to natural hazards (including, but not limited to, seismic and flooding hazards). The Commission-approved approach for ensuring the ongoing, routine, proactive, and systematic assessment of natural hazards information is described in SECY-15-0137 and SECY-16-0144 and associated staff requirements memorandums dated February 8, 2016, and May 3, 2017.

### III. Stakeholder Interactions

The NRC held several public meetings to solicit input from stakeholders during the development of SECY-15-0137. This included a public meeting held on October 6, 2015, in which the NRC staff provided the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) Subcommittee on Fukushima with an overview of the staff's plans to resolve all open Near-Term Task Force Tier 2 and 3 recommendations. The staff also discussed these plans with the ACRS Full Committee on November 5, 2015. In addition, the staff provided an overview of its proposed resolution plans for all of the open Tier 2 and 3 recommendations during a Category 2 public meeting held on October 20, 2015. Further, the staff briefed the Commission on the status of Tier 2 and

3 activities during public meetings held on November 17, 2015, and May 17, 2016.

In addition to the meetings discussed above, the NRC held a public meeting of the Fukushima Joint Steering Committee on August 25, 2016, where the NRC discussed the framework for the ongoing assessment of natural hazards information, described in Enclosure 2 of SECY-16-0144, with external stakeholders (ADAMS Accession No. ML16252A221).

On September 22, 2016, the NRC issued a document titled, "White Paper for Staff Assessment of Fukushima Lessons Learned Associated with Other Natural Hazards, Periodic Confirmation of Natural Hazards, and Real-Time Radiation Monitoring" (ADAMS Accession No. ML16230A384). The NRC staff briefed the ACRS Subcommittee on Fukushima on October 19, 2016, and the ACRS Full Committee on November 30, 2016, on the topics covered in the white paper.

### IV. Conclusion

For the reasons cited in this document, the NRC is denying PRM-50-99. As explained above, the petition relied upon R2.2 of the NRC's post-Fukushima Near-Term Task Force report. PRM-50-99 did not present any significant new information or arguments.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of January, 2019.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Annette L. Vietti-Cook,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

### 11 CFR Part 100

[Notice 2019-02]

#### Definition of Contribution; Extension of Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Federal Election Commission.

**ACTION:** Extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On January 31, 2019, the Federal Election Commission extended the comment period on the Notification of Availability for the Rulemaking Petition: Definition of Contribution ("NOA"), which sought comment on whether to begin a rulemaking to revise its regulations defining the term "contribution" in light of a recent district court decision in *Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington v. Federal Election Commission*. The

Commission has decided to extend the comment period in light of the recent partial government shutdown.

**DATES:** The comment period for the NOA published December 3, 2018 (83 FR 62282) is extended. Comments must be received on or before March 4, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments must be in writing. Commenters are encouraged to submit comments electronically via the Commission's website at <http://www.fec.gov/fosers>, reference REG 2018-03. Alternatively, commenters may submit comments in paper form, addressed to the Federal Election Commission, Attn.: Robert M. Knop, Assistant General Counsel, 1050 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20463.

Each commenter must provide, at a minimum, his or her first name, last name, city, and state. All properly submitted comments, including attachments, will become part of the public record, and the Commission will make comments available for public viewing on the Commission's website and in the Commission's Public Records Office. Accordingly, commenters should not provide in their comments any information that they do not wish to make public, such as a home street address, personal email address, date of birth, phone number, social security number, driver's license number, or any information that is restricted from disclosure, such as trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert M. Knop, Assistant General Counsel, or Mr. Kevin M. Paulsen, Attorney, 1050 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20463, (202) 694-1650 or (800) 424-9530.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 3, 2018, the Federal Election Commission opened the comment period on the NOA published in the **Federal Register** seeking comment on whether to begin a rulemaking to revise its regulations at 11 CFR 100.52 defining the term "contribution" in light of a recent district court decision in *Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington v. Federal Election Commission*.<sup>1</sup> The comment period was scheduled to close at 11:59 p.m. on February 1, 2019; however, due to the recent partial government shutdown, the Commission has determined to extend the comment period for thirty days, to close at 11:59 p.m. on March 4, 2019.

On behalf of the Commission.

<sup>1</sup> See Rulemaking Petition: Definition of Contribution, 83 FR 62282 (Dec. 3, 2018).

Dated: January 31, 2019.

**Ellen L. Weintraub,**

*Chair, Federal Election Commission.*

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## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

### 11 CFR Part 112

[Notice 2019-01]

#### Rulemaking Petition: Advisory Opinion Procedures; Extension of Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Federal Election Commission.

**ACTION:** Extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On January 31, 2019, the Federal Election Commission extended the comment period on the Notification of Availability for the Rulemaking Petition: Advisory Opinion Procedures, which sought comment on whether to begin a rulemaking to establish specific time periods for the submission of public comments on drafts of advisory opinions. The Commission has decided to extend the comment period in light of the recent partial government shutdown.

**DATES:** The comment period for the NOA published December 3, 2018 (83 FR 62283) is extended. Comments must be received on or before March 4, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments must be in writing. Commenters are encouraged to submit comments electronically via the Commission's website at [www.fec.gov/netdisclaimers](http://www.fec.gov/netdisclaimers) or at <http://www.fec.gov/fosers>, reference REG 2016-01.

Alternatively, commenters may submit comments in paper form, addressed to the Federal Election Commission, Attn.: Robert M. Knop, Assistant General Counsel, 1050 1st Street NE, Washington, DC 20463.

Each commenter must provide, at a minimum, his or her first name, last name, city and state. All properly submitted comments, including attachments, will become part of the public record, and the Commission will make comments available for public viewing on the Commission's website and in the Commission's Public Records Office. Accordingly, commenters should not provide in their comments any information that they do not wish to make public, such as a home street address, personal email address, date of birth, phone number, social security number, driver's license number, or any information that is restricted from disclosure, such as trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert M. Knop, Assistant General Counsel, or Ms. Cheryl Hemsley, Attorney, at 1050 1st Street NE, Washington, DC 20463, (202) 694-1650 or (800) 424-9530.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 3, 2018, the Commission opened the comment period on a Notification of Availability published in the **Federal Register** seeking comment on whether to revise the rules at 11 CFR part 112 to establish specific time periods for the submission of public comments on drafts of advisory opinions. The comment period was scheduled to close at 11:59 p.m. on February 1, 2019, however, in light of the partial government shutdown, the Commission has determined to extend the comment period to close at 11:59 p.m. on March 4, 2019.

Dated: January 31, 2019.

On behalf of the Commission,

**Ellen L. Weintraub,**

*Chair, Federal Election Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### 23 CFR Part 658

[Docket No. FHWA-2018-0042]

**RIN 2125-AF86**

#### FAST Act Section 5516 "Additional State Authority" Implementation

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM); request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA requests comments on implementation of Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act Section 5516 "Additional State Authority," which provides the State of South Dakota the opportunity to update and revise its routes for Longer Combination Vehicles (LCVs), and commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) with 2 or more cargo-carrying units.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 8, 2019. Late comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251;
- *Mail:* U.S. Department of

Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room

W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590;

• *Hand Delivery:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays; or

• *Electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the agency name, docket name, and docket number (FHWA-2018-0042) or Regulatory Identification Number (RIN) for this rulemaking (2125-AF86). Note that all comments received will be posted without change to: <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John Berg, Office of Freight Management and Operations (HOFM), (202) 740-4602, or via email at [John.Berg@dot.gov](mailto:John.Berg@dot.gov), or Mr. William Winne, Office of the Chief Counsel (HCC-40), (202) 366-1397, or via email at [William.Winne@dot.gov](mailto:William.Winne@dot.gov). Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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