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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

10 CFR Parts 429 and 430

[EERE-2022-BT-TP-0028]

RIN 1904-AF49

Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Final rule; delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: This document delays the effective date of a recently published final rule amending the test procedures for central air conditioners and heat pumps. DOE also seeks comment on any further delay of the effective date, including the impacts of such delay, as well as comment on the legal, factual, or policy issues raised by the rule.

DATES: The effective date of the rule amending 10 CFR parts 429 and 430 published at 90 FR 1224 on January 7, 2025, are delayed until March 21, 2025. Written comments and information will be accepted on or before March 7, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 20, 2025, the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff (“Chief of Staff”) issued a memorandum outlining the President’s plan for managing the

Federal regulatory process at the outset of the new Administration. In implementation of one of the measures directed by that memorandum, the United States Department of Energy (“DOE”) hereby temporarily postpones the effective date of its final rule amending the test procedures for central air conditioners and heat pumps published in the **Federal Register** on January 7, 2025 (90 FR 1224). The January 7, 2025, rule amends the test procedures for measuring the energy efficiency of central air conditioners and heat pumps by incorporating the latest version of the applicable industry standards and adopting a new industry standard that would apply to future energy conservation standards based on two new energy efficiency metrics. Consistent with the Chief of Staff’s memorandum of January 20, 2025, DOE is temporarily postponing the effective date of the final rule to March 21, 2025. The temporary delay in effective date is necessary to give DOE officials the opportunity for further review and consideration of new regulations, consistent with the President’s memorandum of January 20, 2025.

To the extent that 5 U.S.C. 553 applies to this action, it is exempt from notice and comment because it constitutes a rule of procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A) and for which no notice of hearing is required by statute. The delay of the effective date to March 21, 2025, does not affect the compliance date for this rule, which remains July 7, 2025. DOE is, however, seeking comment on any further delay of the effective date, including the impacts of such delay, as well as comment on the legal, factual, or policy issues raised by the rule.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

10 CFR Part 430

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RIN 1904-AB99

Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for General Service Lamps

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Final rule; delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: This document delays the effective date of a recently published final rule adopting several clarifications to the test procedures for general service lamps. DOE also seeks comment on any further delay of the effective date, including the impacts of such delay, as well as comment on the legal, factual, or policy issues raised by the rule.

DATES: The effective date of the rule amending 10 CFR part 430 published at 90 FR 4589 on January 16, 2025, is delayed until March 21, 2025. Written comments and information will be accepted on or before March 7, 2025.

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President and Chief of Staff (“Chief of Staff”) issued a memorandum outlining the President’s plan for managing the Federal regulatory process at the outset of the new Administration. In implementation of one of the measures directed by that memorandum, the United States Department of Energy (“DOE”) hereby temporarily postpones the effective date of its final rule clarifying the test procedures for general service lamps published in the **Federal Register** on January 16, 2025 (90 FR 4589). The January 16, 2025, rule adopted clarifications to the test procedures for general service lamps (“GSLs”) located in appendix W, appendix BB and appendix DD. Specifically, DOE clarified instructions that GSLs must not be tested as colored lamps and that lamps with additional components that do not affect light output must be turned off during testing. The clarifications also specified that non-integrated lamps be tested with a fluorescent lamp ballast, high intensity discharge (“HID”) lamp ballast or external light-emitting diode (“LED”) driver selected based on compatibility lists and availability; and provided specifications regarding the starting method, ballast factor, and number of lamps. Consistent with the Chief of Staff’s memorandum of January 20, 2025, DOE is temporarily postponing the effective date of the final rule to March 21, 2025. The temporary delay in effective date is necessary to give DOE officials the opportunity for further review and consideration of new regulations, consistent with the Chief of Staff’s memorandum of January 20, 2025.

To the extent that 5 U.S.C. 553 applies to this action, it is exempt from notice and comment because it constitutes a rule of procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A) and for which no notice or hearing is required by statute. The delay of the effective date to March 21, 2025, does not affect the compliance date for this rule, which remains July 15, 2025. DOE is, however, seeking comment on any further delay of the effective date, including the impacts of such delay, as well as comment on the legal, factual, or policy issues raised by the rule.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

10 CFR Part 430

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RIN 1904–AF68

Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Residential and Commercial Clothes Washers and Consumer Clothes Dryers

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Final rule; delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: This document delays the effective date of a recently published final rule amending the test procedures for residential and commercial clothes washers and consumer clothes dryers. DOE also seeks comment on any further delay of the effective date, including the impacts of such delay, as well as comment on the legal, factual, or policy issues raised by the rule.

DATES: The effective date of the rule amending 10 CFR part 430 published at 90 FR 5519 on January 17, 2025, is delayed until March 21, 2025. Written comments and information will be accepted on or before March 7, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 20, 2025, the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff (“Chief of Staff”) issued a memorandum outlining the President’s plan for managing the Federal regulatory process at the outset of the new Administration. In implementation of one of the measures directed by that memorandum, the United States Department of Energy (“DOE”) hereby temporarily postpones the effective date of its final rule amending the test procedures for residential and commercial clothes washers and consumer clothes dryers published in the **Federal Register** on January 17, 2025 (90 FR 5519). The January 17, 2025, rule amended the test procedures for residential and commercial clothes washers and consumer clothes dryers to: (1) update the test cloth specifications and allow for an alternate test cloth; and (2) reorganize the test procedures for improved readability. Consistent with the Chief of Staff’s memorandum of January 20, 2025, DOE is temporarily postponing the effective date of the final rule to March 21, 2025. The temporary delay in effective date is necessary to give DOE officials the opportunity for further review and consideration of new regulations, consistent with the Chief of Staff’s memorandum of January 20, 2025.

To the extent that 5 U.S.C. 553 applies to this action, it is exempt from notice and comment because it constitutes a rule of procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A) and for which no notice or hearing is required by statute. The delay of the effective date to March 21, 2025, does not affect the compliance date for this rule, which remains July 16, 2025. DOE is, however, seeking comment on any further delay of the effective date, including the impacts of such delay, as well as comment on the legal, factual, or policy issues raised by the rule.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 25

[Docket No. FAA-2024-2570; Special Conditions No. 25-875-SC]

Special Conditions: Airbus Model A321neo ACF and A321neo XLR Series Airplanes; Dynamic Test Requirements for Single Occupant Oblique Seats at an Installation Angle of 49 Degrees With Airbags and 3-Point Restraint or Pretensioner Restraint Systems

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final special conditions.

SUMMARY: These special conditions are issued for the Airbus Model A321neo ACF and A321neo XLR airplanes. These airplanes will have a novel or unusual design feature when compared to the state of technology envisioned in the airworthiness standards for transport category airplanes. This design feature is a single-occupant oblique seat with an airbag and 3-point or pretensioner restraint system positioned at a 49-degree angle from the cabin centerline. The applicable airworthiness regulations do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for this design feature. These special conditions contain the additional safety standards that the Administrator considers necessary to establish a level of safety equivalent to that established by the existing airworthiness standards.

DATES: Effective February 5, 2025.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 6, 2022, Airbus SAS applied for an amendment to Type Certificate (TC) No. A28NM for the installation of a single-occupant oblique seat with an airbag and 3-point or pretensioner restraint system, positioned at a 49-degree angle from the cabin centerline in new Airbus Model A321neo ACF and A321neo XLR airplanes. Airbus Model A321neo ACF and A321neo XLR airplanes, which are derivatives of the Model A321 currently approved under TC No. A28NM, are twin-engine, transport category airplanes with a maximum passenger capacity of 244. The maximum takeoff weight of the Airbus Model A321neo ACF is approximately 213,848 pounds, while the Airbus Model A321neo XLR has a maximum takeoff weight of approximately 222,667 pounds.

Type Certification Basis

Under the provisions of 14 CFR 21.101, Airbus SAS must show that the Model A321neo ACF and A321neo XLR airplanes, as changed, continue to meet the applicable provisions of the regulations listed in TC No. A28NM or the applicable regulations in effect on the date of application for the change, except for earlier amendments as agreed upon by the FAA.

If the Administrator finds that the applicable airworthiness regulations (e.g., 14 CFR part 25) do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for Airbus Model A321neo ACF and A321neo XLR airplanes because of a novel or unusual design feature, special conditions are prescribed under the provisions of § 21.16.

Special conditions are initially applicable to the model for which they are issued. Should the type certificate for that model be amended later to include any other model that incorporates the same novel or unusual design feature, or should any other model already included on the same type certificate be modified to incorporate the same novel or unusual design feature, these special conditions would also apply to the other model under § 21.101.

In addition to the applicable airworthiness regulations and special conditions, Airbus Model A321neo ACF and A321neo XLR airplanes must comply with the exhaust-emission requirements of 14 CFR part 34 and the noise-certification requirements of 14 CFR part 36.

The FAA issues special conditions, as defined in 14 CFR 11.19, in accordance with § 11.38, and they become part of the type certification basis under § 21.101.

Novel or Unusual Design Features

Airbus Model A321neo ACF and A321neo XLR airplanes will incorporate the following novel or unusual design feature: single-occupant oblique seats with airbag devices and 3-point restraints or a pretensioner restraint system installed at 49 degrees relative to the aircraft cabin centerline.

Discussion

Title 14 of the CFR, § 25.785(d), requires that each occupant of a seat installed at an angle of more than 18 degrees relative to airplane cabin centerline, must be protected from head injury using a seatbelt and an energy-absorbing rest that supports the arms, shoulders, head, and spine, or using a seatbelt and shoulder harness designed to prevent the head from contacting any injurious object.

The Airbus Model A321neo ACF and A321neo XLR airplane's single occupant oblique seat installation with airbag devices and 3-point restraint or pretensioner restraint system is novel such that the current requirements do not adequately address airbag or pretensioner devices and protection of the occupant's neck, spine, torso, and legs for seating configurations that are positioned at an angle of 49 degrees from the airplane centerline. The seating configuration installation angle is beyond the installation-design limits of current special conditions issued for seat positions at angles between 18 degrees and 45 degrees. At angles greater than 45 degrees, lateral neck bending and other injury mechanisms prevalent from a fully side-facing installation become a concern, given the addition of oblique seat properties. To address these potential injury mechanisms, these special conditions are based on FAA Policy Statement PS-AIR-25-27, "Technical Criteria for Approving Obliques Seats" as well as Policy Statement PS-ANM-25-03-R1, "Technical Criteria for Approving Side-Facing Seats."

To provide a level of safety equivalent to that afforded to the occupants of forward and aft-facing seats, new special conditions containing additional airworthiness standards for dynamic testing requirements, including both the injury criteria limits from the oblique-seat policy and the fully side-facing seat policy, are necessary.

FAA-sponsored research found that an un-restrained flailing of the upper torso, even when the pelvis and torso are nearly aligned, can produce serious spinal and torso injuries. At lower impact severities, even with significant misalignment between the torso and

pelvis, these injuries did not occur. Tests with an FAA H-III anthropomorphic test device (ATD) have identified a level of lumbar spinal tension corresponding to the no-injury impact severity. The FAA has implemented this spinal tension limit in special conditions for oblique seats. The spine tension limit selected by the FAA is conservative with respect to other aviation injury criteria since it corresponds to a no-injury loading condition.

Other restraint systems, in lieu of single lap belt restraint systems, have been used to comply with the occupant injury criteria of § 25.562(c)(5). For instance, shoulder harnesses have been widely used on flight-attendant seats, flight-deck seats, in business jets, and in general-aviation airplanes to reduce occupant head injury in the event of an emergency landing. Special conditions, pertinent regulations, and published guidance exist that relate to other restraint systems. However, the use of pretensioners in the restraint system on transport category airplane seats to comply with the occupant injury criteria of § 25.562(c)(5) is a novel design.

Pretensioner technology involves a step-change in loading experienced by the occupant for impacts below and above that at which the device deploys, because activation of the shoulder harness, at the point at which the pretensioner engages, interrupts upper-torso excursion. Such an excursion could result in the head-injury criteria (HIC) being higher at an intermediate impact condition than that resulting from the maximum impact condition corresponding to the test conditions specified in § 25.562. See condition (a)(3) in these special conditions.

The ideal triangular maximum-severity pulse is defined in Advisory Circular (AC) 25.562-1B, "Dynamic Evaluation of Seat Restraint Systems and Occupant Protection on Transport Airplanes." For the evaluation and testing of less-severe pulses for purposes of assessing the effectiveness of the pretensioner setting, a similar triangular pulse should be used with acceleration, rise time, and velocity change scaled accordingly. The magnitude of the required pulse should not deviate below the ideal pulse by more than 0.5g until $1.33 t_1$ is reached, where t_1 represents the time interval between 0 and t_1 on the referenced pulse shape, as shown in AC 25.562-1B. This is an acceptable method of compliance with the test requirements of the special conditions.

Additionally, the pretensioner might not provide protection, after actuation, during secondary impacts. Therefore, the case where a small impact is

followed by a large impact should be addressed. If the minimum deceleration severity at which the pretensioner is set to deploy is unnecessarily low, the protection offered by the pretensioner may be lost by the time a second, larger impact occurs.

Conditions (a) through (g) address occupant protection in consideration of the oblique-facing seats. Condition (h) addresses airbag systems. Conditions (i)(1) through (i)(3) ensure that the pretensioner system activates when intended and protects a range of occupants under various accident conditions. Conditions (i)(4) through (9) address the maintenance and reliability of the pretensioner system, including any outside influences on the mechanism, to ensure it functions as intended. Condition (j) addresses general instructions that supplement these special conditions when tests are required to assist with test set-ups and appropriate ATD selection.

The special conditions contain the additional safety standards that the Administrator considers necessary to establish a level of safety equivalent to that established by the existing airworthiness standards.

Discussion of Comments

The FAA issued Notice of Proposed Special Conditions No. 25-24-05-SC for the Airbus Model A321neo ACF and A321neo XLR airplanes, which was published in the **Federal Register** on December 23, 2024 (89 FR 104455).

The FAA received responses from two commenters: Airbus Commercial Aircraft (Airbus) and The Boeing Company (Boeing).

Airbus, the applicant, requested that the FAA update paragraph (j)(1) of this special condition to include cross-references to the conditions in paragraphs (c)(5), (d)(3), and (e)(3). These conditions may necessitate additional tests using the ES-2re ATD.

The FAA concurs with the comment and added the cross-references to paragraph (j)(1).

Boeing requested that the FAA add a new condition to paragraph (i) of this special condition to ensure pretensioner exhaust is not hazardous to passengers, similar to the corresponding condition required for airbag systems.

The FAA concurs with the comment. Certain pretensioner restraint systems, like airbag systems, incorporate firing mechanisms that may exhaust small amounts of gas and particulate when activated. The FAA has previously published special conditions (see Special Condition No. 25-375-SC) to address this concern for airbags and has added a condition to paragraph (i)(8)(ii)

to address the need to similarly ensure that pretensioner activation exhaust and particulate are not hazardous to passengers.

Except as discussed above, the special conditions are adopted as proposed.

Applicability

As discussed above, these special conditions are applicable to the Airbus Model A321neo ACF and A321neo XLR airplanes. Should Airbus apply at a later date for a change to the type certificate to include another model incorporating the same novel or unusual design feature, these special conditions would apply to that model as well.

Under standard practice, the effective date of final special conditions would be 30 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. However, as the certification date for the Airbus Model A321neo ACF and A321neo XLR airplanes is imminent, the FAA finds that good cause exists to make these special conditions effective upon publication.

Conclusion

This action affects only a certain novel or unusual design feature on one model series of airplane. It is not a rule of general applicability.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 25

Aircraft, Aviation safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Authority Citation

The authority citation for these special conditions is as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g), 40113, 44701, 44702, 44704.

The Special Conditions

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the following special conditions are issued as part of the type certification basis for the Airbus Model A321neo ACF and A321neo XLR airplanes.

In addition to the requirements of §§ 25.562 and 25.785, passenger seats with airbag devices and 3-point restraints or pretensioner restraints installed at an angle 49 degrees from the aircraft centerline must meet the following conditions:

(a) Head Injury Criteria (HIC)

HIC assessments are required only for head contact with the seat and other structures.

(1) Compliance with § 25.562(c)(5) is required, except when an airbag device is present in addition to the 3-point restraint system and the anthropomorphic test dummy (ATD)

has no apparent contact with the seat and other structure but has contact with the airbag. An HIC score in excess of 1,000 is acceptable, provided the HIC15 score (calculated in accordance with 49 CFR 571.208) for that contact is less than 700.

(2) ATD head contact with the seat or other structure, through the airbag (if installed), or contact subsequent to contact with the airbag requires an HIC value not exceeding 1,000.

(3) The HIC value must not exceed 1,000 in any condition in which the airbag or pretensioner (if installed) does or does not deploy up to the maximum severity pulse specified by the existing requirements.

(4) To accommodate a range of occupant heights (5th percentile female to 95th percentile male), any surface, airbag or otherwise, that provides support for the occupant's head must provide that support in a consistent manner regardless of occupant stature. Otherwise, additional HIC assessment tests may be needed.

(b) Body-to-Wall/Furnishing Contact

If a seat is installed aft of a structure, such as an interior wall or furnishing that does not provide a homogenous contact surface for the expected range of occupants and yaw angles, then additional analysis and tests may be required to demonstrate that the injury criteria are met for the area an occupant could contact. For example, different yaw angles could result in different injury considerations and airbag performance, and additional analysis or separate tests may be necessary to evaluate performance.

(c) Neck Injury Criteria

(1) The seating system must protect the occupant from experiencing serious neck injury. The assessment of neck injury must be conducted with the airbag device activated unless there is also reason to consider that the neck injury potential would be higher for impacts below the airbag device deployment threshold.

(2) Rotation of the head about its vertical axis, relative to the torso, is limited to 105 degrees in either direction from forward-facing.

(3) The neck must not impact any surface that would produce concentrated loading on the neck.

(4) Assess neck injury for fore and aft neck bending using an FAA Hybrid III ATD, as described in SAE International (SAE) Technical Paper 1999-01-1609, "A Lumbar Spine Modification to the Hybrid III ATD for Aircraft Seat Tests," applying the following criteria:

(i) The Nij, calculated in accordance with 49 CFR 571.208, must be below 1.0, where $Nij = Fz/Fzc + My/Myc$, and Nij critical values are:

$Fzc = 1,530$ lbs (6805 N) for tension
 $Fzc = 1,385$ lbs (6160 N) for compression
 $Myc = 229$ lb-ft (301 Nm) in flexion
 $Myc = 100$ lb-ft (136 Nm) in extension

(ii) In addition, peak upper-neck Fz must be below 937 lbs (4168 N) in tension and 899 lbs (3999 N) in compression.

(5) When lateral neck bending is present, assess it using an ES-2re ATD as defined by 49 CFR part 572, subpart U. The data must be filtered at channel frequency class 600 as defined in SAE Recommended Practice J211/11, "Instrumentation for Impact Test Part 1-Electronic Instrumentation."

(i) The upper-neck tension force at the occipital condyle (O.C.) location must be less than 405 lbs (1,800 N).

(ii) The upper-neck compression force at the O.C. location must be less than 405 lbs (1,800 N).

(iii) The upper-neck bending torque about the ATD x-axis at the O.C. location must be less than 1,018 in-lbs (115 Nm).

(iv) The upper-neck resultant shear force at the O.C. location must be less than 186 lbs (825 N).

(d) Spine and Torso Injury Criteria

(1) The seating system must protect the occupant from experiencing spine and torso injury. The assessment of spine and torso injury must be conducted with the airbag device activated unless it is necessary to also consider that the occupant-injury potential would be higher for impacts below the airbag-device deployment threshold.

(2) Assess spine and torso injury for oblique torso bending using an FAA Hybrid III ATD, applying the following criteria:

(i) The lumbar spine tension (Fz) cannot exceed 1,200 lbs (5338 N).

(ii) Significant concentrated loading on the occupant's spine, in the area between the pelvis and shoulders during impact, including rebound, is not acceptable. During this type of contact, the interval for any rearward (X direction) acceleration exceeding 20g must be less than 3 milliseconds, as measured by the thoracic instrumentation specified in 49 CFR part 572, subpart E, filtered in accordance with SAE Recommended Practice J211/1.

(3) When lateral torso bending is present, assess spine and torso injury using an ES-2re ATD, applying the following criteria:

(i) *Thoracic*: The deflection of any of the ES-2re ATD upper, middle, and lower ribs must not exceed 1.73 inches (44 mm). Process the data as defined in Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) 571.214, title 49 of the CFR.

(ii) *Abdominal*: The sum of the measured ES-2re ATD front, middle, and rear abdominal forces must not exceed 562 lbs (2,500 N). Process the data as defined in FMVSS 571.214.

(iii) *Upper-torso support*: The lateral flexion of the ATD torso must not exceed 40 degrees from the normal upright positions during impact.

(e) Pelvic Criteria

(1) The seating system must protect the occupant from experiencing pelvis injury.

(2) Any part of the load-bearing portion of the bottom of the ATD pelvis must not translate beyond the edges of the seat-bottom seat-cushion supporting structure.

(3) When pelvis contact with the armrest or surrounding interior components is present, assess it using an ES-2re ATD. The pubic symphysis force measured by the ES-2re ATD must not exceed 1,350 lbs (6,000 N). Process the data as defined in FMVSS 571.214.

(f) Femur Criteria

Limit axial rotations of the upper leg (about the z-axis of the femur, per SAE Recommended Practice J211/1) to 35 degrees from the nominal seated position. Evaluation during rebound does not need to be considered.

(g) ATD and Test Condition

(1) Perform longitudinal tests to measure the injury criteria above using the FAA Hybrid III ATD or the ES-2re ATD. Conduct the tests with the undeformed floor, at the most critical yaw cases for injury, and with all lateral structural supports (e.g., armrests or walls) installed.

(2) For longitudinal tests conducted in accordance with § 25.562(b)(2), show compliance with the seat-strength requirements of § 25.562(c)(7) and (8), and these special conditions, to ensure proper loading of the seat by the occupant, the ATD pelvis must remain supported by the seat pan, and the restraint system must remain on the pelvis of the ATD until rebound begins. No injury criteria evaluation is necessary for tests conducted only to assess seat-strength requirements.

(3) If a seat installation includes adjacent items that are within contact range of an occupant, assess the injury potential of that contact. To make this assessment, tests may be conducted to include the actual contact item, located

and attached in a representative fashion. Alternatively, the injury potential may be assessed through a combination of tests with contact items having the same geometry as the actual contact item but having stiffness characteristics that would create the worst case for injury, such as injuries due to both contact with the item and lack of support from the item.

(4) Conduct the combined horizontal and vertical test, required by § 25.562(b)(1) and these special conditions, with a Hybrid II ATD (49 CFR part 572, subpart B, as specified in § 25.562) or equivalent.

(5) The design and installation of seat belt buckles must prevent unbuckling due to applied inertial forces or impact from seat occupant hands and arms during an emergency landing.

(h) Inflatable Airbag-Restraint System Special Conditions (When Installed)

An inflatable airbag-restraint system must meet the requirements of Special Conditions No. 25–375–SC, “Airbus A318, A319, A320 and A321 Series Airplanes Inflatable Restraints.”

(i) Pretensioner System Special Conditions (When Installed)

(1) Protection During Secondary Impacts:

The pretensioner activation setting must be demonstrated to maximize the probability of the protection being available when needed, considering secondary impacts.

(2) Protection of Occupants Other than 50th Percentile:

Protection of occupants for a range of stature from a 2-year-old child to a 95th percentile male must be shown. For shoulder harnesses that include pretensioners, protection of occupants other than a 50th percentile male may be shown by test or analysis. In addition, the pretensioner must not introduce a hazard to passengers due to the following seating configurations:

- (i) The seat occupant is holding an infant.
- (ii) The seat occupant is a child in a child-restraint device.
- (iii) The seat occupant is a pregnant woman.

(3) Occupants Adopting the Brace Position:

Occupants in the traditional brace position, when the pretensioner activates, must not experience adverse effects from the pretensioner activation.

(4) Inadvertent Pretensioner Actuation:

(i) The probability of inadvertent pretensioner actuation must be shown to be extremely remote (*i.e.*, average probability per flight hour of less than 10^{-7}).

(ii) The system must be shown not susceptible to inadvertent pretensioner actuation due to wear and tear or inertia loads resulting from in-flight or ground maneuvers likely to be experienced in service.

(iii) The seated occupant must not be seriously injured due to inadvertent pretensioner actuation.

(iv) Inadvertent pretensioner activation must not cause a hazard to the airplane nor cause serious injury to anyone positioned close to the retractor or belt (*e.g.*, seated in an adjacent seat or standing adjacent to the seat).

(5) Availability of the Pretensioner Function Before Flight:

The design must provide means for a crewmember to verify the availability of the pretensioner function before each flight or the probability of failure of the pretensioner function must be demonstrated to be extremely remote (*i.e.*, average probability per flight hour of less than 10^{-7} between inspection intervals.)

(6) Incorrect Seat Belt Orientation:

The system design must ensure that any incorrect orientation (twisting) of the seat belt does not compromise the pretensioner protection function.

(7) Contamination Protection:

The pretensioner mechanisms and controls must be protected from external contamination that could occur on or around passenger seating.

(8) Prevention of Hazards:

(i) The pretensioner system must not induce a hazard to passengers in case of fire, nor create a fire hazard if activated.

(ii) The pretensioner system must not release hazardous quantities of gas or particulate matter into the cabin.

(9) Functionality After Loss of Power:

The system must function properly after the loss of normal airplane electrical power and after a transverse separation in the fuselage at the most critical location. A separation at the location of the system does not have to be considered.

(j) General Test Instructions

(1) The appropriate ATD to assess occupant injury (FAA Hybrid III or ES–2re) will be determined based on the occupant kinematics at the selected test angle. At the +10 degree yaw angle, the occupant kinematics show that occupant injury tests using both ATDs may be required. See the conditions in (c)(5), (d)(3), and (e)(3) when determining the necessity for additional tests using an ES–2re ATD.

(2) Conduct vertical tests with the Hybrid II ATD or equivalent, with existing pass/fail criteria.

(3) Conduct longitudinal structural tests with the Hybrid II ATD or

equivalent, deformed floor, with 10 degrees yaw, and with all lateral structural supports (*e.g.*, armrests or walls) required to support the occupant.

(4) Conduct longitudinal occupant injury tests, as necessary, with the Hybrid III ATD or ES–2re ATD, or both, undeformed floor, yaw, and with all lateral structural supports (*e.g.*, armrests or walls) critically represented which are within the contact range of the occupant.

(i) Pass/fail injury assessments:

(A) Perform HIC, fore/aft neck injury, spinal tension, and femur evaluations using an FAA Hybrid III ATD.

(B) Perform lateral neck injury, thoracic, abdominal, pelvis, and femur evaluations using an ES–2re ATD.

(ii) [Reserved]

(5) For injury assessments accomplished by testing with the ES–2re ATD for the longitudinal test(s) conducted in accordance with § 25.562(b)(2) and these special conditions, the ATDs must be positioned, clothed, and have lateral instrumentation configured as follows:

(i) ES–2re ATD Lateral Instrumentation:

The rib-module linear slides are directional (*i.e.*, deflection occurs in either a positive or negative ATD y-axis direction). Install the modules such that the moving end of the rib module is toward the front of the airplane. Install the three abdominal-force sensors so that they are on the side of the ATD and toward the front of the airplane.

(ii) ATD Clothing:

Clothe each ATD in form-fitting cotton stretch garments with short to full-length sleeves, mid-calf to full-length pants, and size 11E (45) shoes weighing about 2.5 lbs (1.1 kg) and having a heel height of about 1.5 inches (3.8 cm). The color of the clothing should be in contrast to the color of the restraint system and the background. The color of the clothing should be chosen to avoid overexposing the high-speed images taken during the test. The ES–2re jacket is sufficient for torso clothing, although a form-fitting shirt may be used if desired.

(iii) ATD Positioning:

(A) Lower the ATD vertically into the seat while simultaneously:

(1) Aligning the midsagittal plane (a vertical plane through the midline of the body; dividing the body into right and left halves) with approximately the middle of the seat place.

(2) Keeping the upper legs horizontal by supporting them just behind the knees.

(3) Applying a horizontal x-axis direction (in the ES–2re ATD coordinate system) force of about 20 lbs (89 N) to

the bottom rib of the ES-2re to compress the seat back cushion.

(B) After all lifting devices have been removed from the ATD:

(1) Rock it slightly to settle it in the seat.

(2) Bend the knees of the ATD.

(3) Separate the knees by about 4 inches (100 mm).

(4) Set the ATD's head at approximately the midpoint of the available range of z-axis rotation (to align the head and torso midsagittal planes).

(5) Position the ATD's arms at the joint's mechanical detent to position them to an approximately 20 to 40-degree angle with respect to the torso.

(6) Position the feet such that the centerlines of the lower legs are approximately parallel.

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Form PF; Reporting Requirements for All Filers and Large Hedge Fund Advisers; Extension of Compliance Date

AGENCIES: Commodity Futures Trading Commission and Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Joint final rule; extension of compliance date.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”) and the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) (collectively, “we” or “Commissions”) are extending the compliance date for the amendments to Form PF that were adopted on February 8, 2024, from March 12, 2025 to June 12, 2025. Form PF is the confidential reporting form for certain SEC-registered investment advisers to private funds, including those that also are registered

with the CFTC as a commodity pool operator (“CPO”) or commodity trading adviser (“CTA”).

DATES:

Effective date: The effective date for this release is February 5, 2025. The effective date for the amendments to Form PF adopted on February 8, 2024, remains March 12, 2025.

Compliance date: The compliance date for the amendments to Form PF adopted on February 8, 2024, is extended to June 12, 2025.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commissions are extending the compliance date of the Final Form PF under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (“Advisers Act”).¹

Agency	Reference	CFR citation
CFTC & SEC	Form PF ² ...
		17 CFR 279.9.

I. Discussion

On February 8, 2024, the Commissions adopted amendments to Form PF [17 CFR 279.9] under the Advisers Act (“Final Form PF”).³ Form

¹ 15 U.S.C. 80b. Unless otherwise noted, when we refer to the Advisers Act, or any section of the Advisers Act, we are referring to 15 U.S.C. 80b, in which the Advisers Act is codified, and when we refer to rules under the Advisers Act, or any section of these rules, we are referring to title 17, part 275 of the Code of Federal Regulations [17 CFR 275], in which these rules are published.

² Congress enacted Sections 404 and 406 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (“Dodd-Frank Act”), which require that private fund advisers file reports and specify certain types of information that should be subject to reporting and/or recordkeeping requirements. Public Law 111-203, 124 Stat. 1376 (2010). With respect to such reports, the Dodd-Frank Act authorizes the SEC to require that private fund advisers file such information “as necessary and appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors, or for the assessment of systemic risk.” The result of this enactment is Form PF, which is a joint form between the SEC and CFTC only with respect to sections 1 and 2 of the Form.

³ *Form PF; Reporting Requirements for All Filers and Large Hedge Fund Advisers*, Release No. IA-6546 (Feb. 8, 2024) [89 FR 17984 (Mar. 12, 2024)] (“2024 Adopting Release”). Any reference to the “Commissions” or “we,” as it relates to the

PF is the form that certain SEC-registered investment advisers, including those that also are registered with the CFTC as a CPO or CTA, use to report confidential information about the private funds⁴ that they advise. The Commissions established a single effective and compliance date for the Final Form PF: March 12, 2025, which was one year from its date of publication in the **Federal Register** (“Initial Compliance Date”). Until that date, the current version of Form PF remains in effect (“Current Form PF”).

Investment advisers to private funds file reports on Form PF at different times depending on the types of private funds they advise and their assets under management. Some file on an annual basis, some file on a quarterly basis, and some file on a quarterly basis for quarterly reporting funds and then subsequently amend that filing to report about their annual reporting funds. The Initial Compliance Date is after the fourth quarter of 2024 filing deadlines for many quarterly reporting funds (January 15, 2025, or March 1, 2025, depending on the type of private fund) but before the 2024 annual filing deadline for many annual reporting funds (April 30, 2025 for advisers with a December 31 fiscal year end).

The Commissions have become aware of various challenges associated with the timing of the Initial Compliance Date given the applicable reporting cycles for Form PF. In this regard, several industry groups submitted a letter that requested the Commissions

collection and use of Form PF data, are meant to refer to the agencies in their separate or collective capacities (as the context requires or permits), and such data from filings made pursuant to 17 CFR 275.204(b)-1, by and through Private Fund Reporting Depository, a subsystem of the Investment Adviser Registration Depository, and reports, analysis, and memoranda produced pursuant thereto.

⁴ See 17 CFR 275.204(b)-1. Advisers Act section 202(a)(29) defines the term “private fund” as an issuer that would be an investment company, as defined in section 3 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (“Investment Company Act”), but for section 3(c)(1) or 3(c)(7) of that Act. Section 3(c)(1) of the Investment Company Act provides an exclusion from the definition of “investment company” for any issuer whose outstanding securities (other than short-term paper) are beneficially owned by not more than one hundred persons (or, in the case of a qualifying venture capital fund, 250 persons) and which is not making and does not presently propose to make a public offering of its securities. Section 3(c)(7) of the Investment Company Act provides an exclusion from the definition of “investment company” for any issuer, the outstanding securities of which are owned exclusively by persons who, at the time of acquisition of such securities, are qualified purchasers, and which is not making and does not at that time propose to make a public offering of such securities. The term “qualified purchaser” is defined in section 2(a)(51) of the Investment Company Act.

extend the compliance date for the Final Form PF to September 12, 2025, or in the alternative, to June 12, 2025.⁵

First among these challenges, the Current Form PF and the Final Form PF include different questions and require reported data to be computed in different ways, which would create additional burdens for many private fund advisers if 2024 data is reported on both versions of the form. For example, as discussed in the Industry Letter, many private fund advisers with annual and quarterly filing obligations would have to submit 2024 data on the two different versions of Form PF—submitting an initial filing on the Current Form PF to report data for the fourth fiscal quarter of 2024 for their quarterly reporting funds, and then submitting an amendment on the Final Form PF for their annual reporting funds with 2024 fiscal year data.⁶ Filing on both forms to report data from the same year would result in technological challenges and additional administrative burdens for these advisers.

Additionally, most annual filers could choose to either submit their annual filing before the Initial Compliance Date on the Current Form PF or submit an annual filing after the Initial Compliance Date on the Final Form PF. While advisers could mitigate the burden associated with having to file on separate forms by filing before the Initial Compliance Date, doing so would have its own burdens associated with filing on a compressed time frame. The Commissions also may experience challenges in their ability to aggregate and compare the 2024 data filed on the Current Form PF and the Final Form PF given the substantial differences between the information required by each form and their instructions.

In addition, the Industry Letter discussed the compliance challenges associated with the scope and timing of technological changes necessary to be able to file on the Final Form PF by the Initial Compliance Date, as well as the challenges of simultaneously working on building systems for other new reporting obligations and fulfilling their other routine year-end regulatory and investor reporting obligations.⁷ We also understand some advisers have had challenges collecting the newly required

data in the Final Form PF for fiscal year 2024.

The Industry Letter requested that the Commissions extend the compliance date to September 12, 2025, or in the alternative, to June 12, 2025.⁸ After considering the request, the Commissions are extending the compliance date for the Final Form PF to June 12, 2025. The extension will mitigate the administrative and technological burdens and costs associated with the Initial Compliance Date discussed above. The extension also will provide more time for programming and testing for compliance with the Final Form PF's requirements and collecting the required data. In addition, June 12, 2025 falls after the filing deadline for annual filers to submit their 2024 annual filings. As a result, almost all Form PF data submitted to the Commissions for activity in 2024 will be submitted on the Current Form PF, enhancing the Commissions ability to aggregate the data and analyze trends for the calendar year.

Although extending the compliance date to September 12, 2025 would provide filers additional time to address compliance challenges, it would result in a six-month delay (rather than a three-month delay) for reporting the information and additional data that the Commissions identified as important for facilitating FSOC's ability to monitor potential systemic risk and furthering the Commissions' investor protection efforts.⁹ An extension of the compliance date to June 12, 2025 addresses the most significant challenges associated with the Form PF filing cycle while also ensuring that the Commissions obtain this important information beginning with the data for the second quarter of 2025.

II. Economic Analysis

The SEC is mindful of the economic effects, including the costs and benefits, of the compliance date extension. Section 202(c) of the Advisers Act provides that when the SEC is engaging in rulemaking under the Advisers Act and is required to consider or determine whether an action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, the SEC shall also consider whether the action will promote efficiency, competition, and capital formation, in addition to the protection of investors.

The baseline against which the costs, benefits, and the effects on efficiency, competition, and capital formation of the compliance date extension are

measured consists of the current state of the market, Form PF filers' current practices, and the current regulatory framework, including recently adopted rules. As discussed above, pursuant to the 2024 Adopting Release, the Current Form PF was to remain in effect until March 12, 2025.¹⁰

The changes to the Current Form PF represented in the Final Form PF will impact all categories of private fund advisers. These include, but are not limited to, advisers to hedge funds, private equity funds, real estate funds, securitized asset funds, liquidity funds, and venture capital funds.¹¹ The Final Form PF includes further amendments that are specifically for large hedge fund advisers, including specific revisions for large hedge fund advisers to qualifying hedge funds.¹²

This final rule will extend the compliance date for the Final Form PF to June 12, 2025. As discussed above, and as indicated by commenters, this compliance date extension will mitigate costs associated with certain advisers having to submit a filing on the Current Form PF to file fiscal quarter data for their quarterly reporting funds, and then filing an amendment on the Final Form PF for their annual reporting funds with fiscal year 2024 data.¹³ Absent extending the compliance date, many private fund advisers with annual and quarterly filing obligations would have to file 2024 data on the two different versions of Form PF. While those advisers could have mitigated the burden associated with having to file on separate forms by filing before the Initial Compliance Date, doing so would have had its own burdens associated with filing on a compressed time frame.

The benefit of extending the compliance date is therefore that it will mitigate the costs those private fund advisers will face relative to the baseline of the Initial Compliance Date.¹⁴ There

¹⁰ See *supra* section I.

¹¹ See 2024 Adopting Release.

¹² *Id.*

¹³ See *supra* section I; Industry Letter.

¹⁴ *Id.* Extending the compliance date will also mitigate the potential costs associated with overlap of the compliance date of the Final Form PF and rules that were adopted prior to the Final Form PF. See 2024 Adopting Release, at section IV.C.2. As explained in that Release, where overlap in compliance periods exists, the SEC acknowledges that there may be additional costs on those entities subject to one or more other rules, but spreading the compliance dates out over an extended period limits the number of implementation activities occurring simultaneously. *Id.* For the same reason, extending the compliance date will likely mitigate the potential costs associated with overlap of the compliance date and the compliance dates of rules that have been adopted since the Final Form PF. Specifically, the SEC has adopted one rule—Regulation NMS: Minimum Pricing Increments, Access Fees, and Transparency of Better Priced

⁵ See Comment Letter of Managed Funds Association, Alternative Investment Management Association, Investment Adviser Association, and SIFMA AMG (Dec. 13, 2024), <https://www.mfaalts.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Form-PF-Reporting-Extension-Request-As-submitted-on-12.13.24.pdf> ("Industry Letter").

⁶ See *id.*

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ See 2024 Adopting Release.

are 491 such advisers who must file both quarterly filings for the fourth quarter of 2024 and annual filings for all of 2024. However, this effect on filers' costs will be smaller for those advisers affected by this change who have already begun to build and modify systems to produce the required filings and may be minimal for those advisers who have already completed or nearly completed this work.

In addition, a June 12, 2025 compliance date will better facilitate the Commissions' analysis of 2024 data. Under the Initial Compliance Date, most annual filings for 2024 would be submitted on the Final Form PF, while quarterly filings for 2024, including fourth quarter filings, will be submitted on the Current Form PF. Applying a compliance date of June 12, 2025 will allow almost all investment advisers to shift from filing on the Current Form PF to the Final Form PF with respect to all of their private funds at the same time. Aligning these filings on the same time frame also may enhance how the data may be used by the Commissions.¹⁵

The cost of extending the compliance date to June 12, 2025 will impact the economic benefits associated with the Final Form PF. Specifically, the Final Form PF was designed to facilitate two primary goals the SEC sought to achieve with reporting on Form PF as articulated in the 2024 Adopting Release, namely: (1) facilitating FSOC's understanding and monitoring of potential systemic risk relating to activities in the private fund industry and assisting FSOC in determining whether and how to deploy its regulatory tools with respect to nonbank financial companies; and (2) enhancing the SEC's abilities to evaluate and develop regulatory policies and improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the SEC's efforts to protect investors and maintain fair, orderly, and efficient markets.¹⁶ The Final Form PF will (1) provide solutions to potential reporting errors and issues of data quality when analyzing Form PF filings across advisers and when analyzing multiple different regulatory filings; (2) help Form PF more completely and accurately capture information relevant to ongoing trends

Orders—since the Final Form PF in which it considered the overlap of compliance dates with the Final Form PF. *See* Release No. 34–101070 (Sept. 18, 2024) [89 FR 81620 (Oct. 8, 2024)].

¹⁵ While first quarter 2025 filings will be filed on the Current Form PF and 2025 annual filings will be filed on the Final Form PF, the benefits from aligning those filings on the same form are smaller. This is because by that time the quarterly filings that are incomparable to the annual filings will be almost a year out of date.

¹⁶ 2024 Adopting Release, at section IV.C.1.

in the private fund industry in terms of ownership, size, investment strategies, and exposures; and (3) take certain steps to streamline certain reporting and reduce certain reporting burdens without compromising investor protection efforts and systemic risk analysis.¹⁷ There may be a cost to the Commissions receiving this information later. For example, to the extent that there are significant market events in early 2025, extending the compliance date may result in forgone benefits from the Commissions not receiving enhanced Form PF data. More broadly, there will be a cost from delaying the accrual of any benefits of the enhanced data. However, the overall cost of the amendments is mitigated by the fact that extending the compliance date will not change what information will eventually get reported on Final Form PF after the compliance date, but rather only delays the reporting of it. The overall cost is also mitigated by the fact that the delay is only by three additional months.

The extension will likely not have any substantial effect on efficiency, competition, or capital formation because the extension simply provides additional time for all advisers to come into compliance with Form PF.

Lastly, the Commissions considered alternatives to the new compliance date, including the September 12, 2025 compliance date requested in the Industry Letter.¹⁸ As discussed above,¹⁹ while a longer compliance date extension may further mitigate compliance costs for advisers for the reasons discussed above, an extension to June 12, 2025 already mitigates the most significant costs, specifically those associated with filing fourth quarter of 2024 filings on the Current Form PF and annual 2024 filings on the Final Form PF. The incremental cost reductions with a further extension would therefore be minimal, and a further extension would further delay the accrual of the benefits associated with the Final Form PF.²⁰

III. Procedural and Other Matters

The Administrative Procedure Act (“APA”) generally requires an agency to publish notice of a rulemaking in the **Federal Register** and provide an opportunity for public comment. This requirement does not apply, however, if the agency “for good cause finds . . . that notice and public procedure are

impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.”²¹

For the reasons cited above, the Commissions, for good cause, find that notice and solicitation of public comment to extend the compliance date for the Final Form PF are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.²² This document does not impose any new substantive regulatory requirements on any person and merely reflects the extension of the compliance date for the Final Form PF. For the reasons discussed above an extension of the compliance date to June 12, 2025, is needed to alleviate various challenges associated with the Initial Compliance Date, which is only two months away, and will facilitate an orderly implementation of the Final Form PF. Given the time constraints, a notice and comment period could not be reasonably be completed prior to the Initial Compliance Date. Further, the Commissions recognize the importance of providing private fund advisers sufficient notice of the extended compliance date, and providing immediate effectiveness upon publication of this release will allow industry participants to adjust their implementation plans accordingly.

For similar reasons, although the APA generally requires publication of a rule at least 30 days before its effective date, the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 808(2) are satisfied (notwithstanding the requirement of 5 U.S.C. 801)²³ and the Commissions find there is good cause for the Final Form PF to take effect on February 5, 2025.²⁴

Pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has designated these amendments as not a “major rule,” as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

Note: Form PF will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

By the Commissions.

²¹ 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B).

²² *See* Section 553(b)(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B)) (stating that an agency may dispense with prior notice and comment when it finds, for good cause, that notice and comment are “impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest”).

²³ *See* 5 U.S.C. 808(2) (if a Federal agency finds that notice and public comment are impracticable, unnecessary or contrary to the public interest, a rule shall take effect at such time as the Federal agency promulgating the rule determines). This rule also do not require analysis under the Regulatory Flexibility Act. *See* 5 U.S.C. 604(a) (requiring a final regulatory flexibility analysis only for rules required by the APA or other law to undergo notice and comment). Finally, this rule does not contain any collection of information requirements as defined by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (“PRA”). 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* Accordingly, the PRA is not applicable.

²⁴ *See* 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3).

¹⁷ *Id.*

¹⁸ *See supra* section I.

¹⁹ *Id.*

²⁰ *Id.*

Dated: January 29, 2025.
Christopher J. Kirkpatrick,
Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission.

Note: The following Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) appendix will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

CFTC Appendix to Form PF; Reporting Requirements for All Filers and Large Hedge Fund Advisers; Extension of Compliance Date—CFTC Voting Summary

On this matter, Acting Chairman Pham and Commissioners Behnam, Johnson, Goldsmith Romero, and Mersinger voted in the affirmative. No Commissioner voted in the negative.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 261, 262, 266, and 372

[FRL-12583.1-02-OA]

Delay of Effective Date for 2 Final Regulations Published by the Environmental Protection Agency Between December 11, 2024, and January 6, 2025

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule; delay of effective dates.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the memorandum of January 20, 2025, from President Donald J. Trump, entitled “Regulatory Freeze Pending Review,” this action temporarily delays until March 21, 2025, the effective date of the regulations listed in the table below. EPA has identified two additional regulations that meet the criteria in the memo and may identify additional regulations in subsequent notices.

DATES: As of February 5, 2025, the effective dates of the rules published at 89 FR 99727 (December 11, 2024), and 90 FR 573 (January 6, 2025), are delayed to March 21, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Nickerson, Director, Office of Regulatory Policy and Management, Office of Policy, Mail code 1804, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20460; (202) 566-0326; *nickerson.william@epa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA is taking this action in response to the memorandum of January 20, 2025, from the President, entitled “Regulatory Freeze Pending Review.” The memorandum directed the heads of Executive Departments and Agencies to consider postponing for sixty days from the date of the memorandum the effective date for any rules that have been published in the **Federal Register** but had not yet taken effect for the purpose of reviewing any questions of fact, law, and policy that the rules may raise. EPA issued a final rule on January 28, 2025, to delay the effective date of 4 regulations (90 FR 8254). EPA has determined there are an additional 2

regulations, shown in the table below, that meet the criteria for delaying the respective effective dates. The new effective date for these two regulations is March 21, 2025.

The EPA is taking this action, without opportunity for public comment and effective immediately, based on the good cause exceptions in 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) and 553(d)(3), in that seeking public comment is impracticable, unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. The temporary delay in effective dates until March 21, 2025, is necessary to give Agency officials the opportunity for further review and consideration of new regulations, consistent with the memorandum of the President dated January 20, 2025. Given the imminence of the effective dates of these regulations, seeking prior public comment on this temporary delay is impractical, as well as contrary to the public interest in the orderly promulgation and implementation of regulations. In addition, to the extent any regulation below is an interpretive rule, general statement of policy, or rule of agency organization, procedure, or practice, it is exempt from notice and comment under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A).

For the foregoing reasons, the good cause exception in 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) also applies to EPA’s decision to make this action effectively immediately. Moreover, to the extent that extending the effective date of any of these rules would grant an exception or relieve a restriction, an exception also applies under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(1).

Federal Register citation	Title	Publication date	Original effective date	New effective date
89 FR 99727	Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements Rule, the Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals Rule, and the Definition of Solid Waste Rule; Technical Corrections.	12/11/2024	2/10/2025	3/21/2025
90 FR 573	Implementing Statutory Addition of Certain Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) to Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Beginning With Reporting Year 2025.	1/6/2025	2/5/2025	3/21/2025

Where appropriate, the Agency may consider further delaying the effective dates of the above-referenced regulations beyond March 21, 2025. If

the Agency were to do so, consistent with the memorandum of the President, the Agency would consider whether to

propose any later effective date for public comment.

Lee Zeldin,
Administrator.

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Proposed Rules

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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2025-0020; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00604-R]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Leonardo S.p.a. Helicopters

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Leonardo S.p.a. Model A109E, A109S, and AW109SP helicopters. This proposed AD was prompted by reports of incorrect installation of the motor (MTR) cables and the bonding braids connected to the engine fire extinguisher bottles. This proposed AD would require inspecting the cables and bonding braids installation and, depending on the results, accomplishing corrective action, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD, which is proposed for incorporation by reference. The FAA is proposing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: The FAA must receive comments on this NPRM by March 24, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, using the procedures found in 14 CFR 11.43 and 11.45, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* (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:* Deliver to Mail address above between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2025-0020; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this NPRM, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), any comments received, and other information. The street address for Docket Operations is listed above.

Material Incorporated by Reference:

- For EASA material identified in this proposed AD, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; phone: +49 221 8999 000; email: ADS@easa.europa.eu; website: easa.europa.eu. You may find this material on the EASA website at ad.easa.europa.eu.

- You may view this material at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Room 6N-321, Fort Worth, TX 76177. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222-5110. It is also available at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2025-0020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peter Schmitt, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; phone: (206) 231-3377; email: Peter.A.Schmitt@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

The FAA invites you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this proposal. Send your comments to an address listed under the **ADDRESSES** section. Include “Docket No. FAA-2025-0020; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00604-R” at the beginning of your comments. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the proposal, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. The FAA will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend this proposal because of those comments.

Except for Confidential Business Information (CBI) as described in the following paragraph, and other information as described in 14 CFR 11.35, the FAA will post all comments received, without change, to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information you provide. The agency will also post a report summarizing each

substantive verbal contact received about this NPRM.

Confidential Business Information

CBI is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to this NPRM contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to this NPRM, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Please mark each page of your submission containing CBI as “PROPIN.” The FAA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the FOIA, and they will not be placed in the public docket of this NPRM. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Peter Schmitt, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; phone: (206) 231-3377; email: Peter.A.Schmitt@faa.gov. Any commentary that the FAA receives which is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this rulemaking.

Background

EASA, which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union, has issued EASA AD 2024-0193, dated October 11, 2024 (EASA AD 2024-0193) (also referred to as the MCAI), to correct an unsafe condition on certain serial-numbered Leonardo S.p.a. Model A109E, A109LUH, A109S, and AW109SP helicopters. The MCAI states that reports were received of incorrect installation of the MTR cables and the bonding braids connected to the engine fire extinguisher bottles. This condition, if not detected and corrected, could lead to reduced performance of the engine fire extinguishing system during an engine fire and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter. The FAA is proposing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2025-0020.

Material Incorporated by Reference Under 1 CFR Part 51

The FAA reviewed EASA AD 2024-0193, which requires inspecting the left-

hand and right-hand side MTR cables and bonding braids for correct installation and, depending on the findings, accomplishing corrective action (disconnecting and properly reinstalling the affected MTR cable(s) and bonding braid(s)) in accordance with “the ASB” as defined within. This material is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course of business or by the means identified in the **ADDRESSES** section.

FAA’s Determination

These products have been approved by the aviation authority of another country and are approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to the FAA’s bilateral agreement with this State of Design Authority, it has notified the FAA of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI referenced above. The FAA is issuing this NPRM after determining that the unsafe condition described previously is likely to exist or develop on other products of these same type designs.

Proposed AD Requirements in This NPRM

This proposed AD would require accomplishing the actions specified in EASA AD 2024–0193, described previously, as incorporated by reference, except for any differences identified as exceptions in the regulatory text of this proposed AD and except as discussed under “Differences Between this Proposed AD and the MCAI.”

Explanation of Required Compliance Information

In the FAA’s ongoing efforts to improve the efficiency of the AD process, the FAA developed a process to use some civil aviation authority (CAA) ADs as the primary source of information for compliance with requirements for corresponding FAA ADs. The FAA has been coordinating this process with manufacturers and CAAs. As a result, the FAA proposes to incorporate EASA AD 2024–0193 by reference in the FAA final rule. This proposed AD would, therefore, require compliance with EASA AD 2024–0193 in its entirety through that incorporation, except for any differences identified as exceptions in the regulatory text of this proposed AD. Using common terms that are the same as the heading of a particular section in EASA AD 2024–0193 does not mean that operators need comply only with that section. For example, where the AD requirement refers to “all required actions and compliance times,”

compliance with this AD requirement is not limited to the section titled “Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s)” in EASA AD 2024–0193. Material referenced in EASA AD 2024–0193 for compliance will be available at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2025–0020 after the FAA final rule is published.

Differences Between This Proposed AD and the MCAI

EASA AD 2024–0193 applies to Model A109LUH helicopters; however, this proposed AD would not because that model is not FAA type-certificated.

Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD, if adopted as proposed, would affect 101 helicopters of U.S. registry. Labor rates are estimated at \$85 per work-hour. Based on these numbers, the FAA estimates the following costs to comply with the proposed AD.

Inspecting the engine fire extinguisher bottle electrical connections would take 1 work-hour for an estimated cost of \$85 per helicopter and \$8,585 for the U.S. fleet.

Disconnecting and reinstalling the MTR cable(s) and bonding braid(s) would take up to 1 work-hour for an estimated cost of up to \$85 per helicopter.

Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA’s authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency’s authority.

The FAA is issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: General requirements. Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

Regulatory Findings

The FAA determined that this proposed AD would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This proposed AD would not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or

on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify this proposed regulation:

- (1) Is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Would not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and
- (3) Would not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

- 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

- 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

Leonardo S.p.a.: Docket No. FAA–2025–0020; Project Identifier MCAI–2024–00604–R.

(a) Comments Due Date

The FAA must receive comments on this airworthiness directive (AD) by March 24, 2025.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to Leonardo S.p.a. Model A109E, A109S, and AW109SP helicopters, certificated in any category, as identified in European Union Aviation Safety Agency AD 2024–0193, dated October 11, 2024 (EASA AD 2024–0193).

(d) Subject

Joint Aircraft System Component (JASC) Code 2620, Extinguishing System.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by reports of incorrect installation of the motor (MTR) cables and the bonding braids connected to the engine fire extinguisher bottles. The FAA is issuing this AD to detect and correct incorrect installation of the MTR cables and the bonding braids to the engine fire extinguisher bottles, which could lead to reduced performance of the engine fire extinguishing system during an engine fire and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter.

(f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(g) Requirements

Except as specified in paragraphs (h) and (i) of this AD: Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, EASA AD 2024–0193.

(h) Exceptions to EASA AD 2024–0193

(1) Where EASA AD 2024–0193 requires compliance in terms of flight hours, this AD requires using hours time-in-service.

(2) Where EASA AD 2024–0193 refers to its effective date, this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.

(3) Where paragraph (2) of EASA AD 2024–0193 states “any discrepancy,” this AD requires replacing that text with “an improper installation.”

(4) This AD does not adopt the “Remarks” section of EASA AD 2024–0193.

(i) No Reporting Requirement

Although the material referenced in EASA AD 2024–0193 specifies to submit certain information to the manufacturer, this AD does not require that action.

(j) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the International Validation Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (k) of this AD and email to: AMOC@faa.gov.

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

(k) Related Information

For more information about this AD, contact Peter Schmitt, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; phone: (206) 231–3377; email: Peter.A.Schmitt@faa.gov.

(l) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of the material listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this material as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.

(i) European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2024–0193, dated October 11, 2024.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For EASA material identified in this AD, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; phone: +49 221 8999 000; email: ADS@easa.europa.eu; website: easa.europa.eu. You may find the

EASA material on the EASA website at ad.easa.europa.eu.

(4) You may view this material at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Room 6N–321, Fort Worth, TX 76177. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222–5110.

(5) You may view this material at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, visit www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations or email fr.inspection@nara.gov.

Issued on January 30, 2025.

Victor Wicklund,

Deputy Director, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Internal Revenue Service****26 CFR Part 1**

[REG–116017–24]

RIN 1545–BR36

Administrative Requirements for an Election To Exclude Applicable Unincorporated Organizations From the Application of Subchapter K; Hearing Cancellation

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Cancellation of a notice of public hearing on a proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: This document contains proposed regulations that would provide certain administrative requirements for unincorporated organizations taking advantage of modifications to the rules governing elections to be excluded from the application of partnership tax rules.

DATES: The public hearing scheduled for February 7, 2025, at 10 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) is cancelled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martina Greene of the Publications and Regulations Section, Associate Chief Counsel (Procedure and Administration) at (202) 317–6901 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A notice of proposed rulemaking and a notice of public hearing that appeared in the **Federal Register** on November 20, 2024 (89 FR 91617) announced that a public hearing being held in person and by teleconference was scheduled for February 7, 2025, at 10 a.m. EST. The

subject of the public hearing is under 26 CFR part 1.

The public comment period for these regulations expired on January 21, 2025. The notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing instructed those interested in testifying at the public hearing to submit a request to testify and an outline of the topics to be addressed. We did not receive a request to testify at the Public Hearing. Therefore, the public hearing scheduled for February 7, 2025, at 10 a.m. EST is cancelled.

Oluwafunmilayo A. Taylor,

Section Chief, Publications and Regulations Section, Associate Chief Counsel, (Procedure & Administration).

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POSTAL SERVICE**39 CFR Part 111****Optional 5-Digit/3-Digit/ADC Sortation**

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service is proposing to amend *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®) to change the standards for First Class Mail® and USPS Marketing Mail® flats from a “required” 5-digit, 3-digit, and ADC preparation to an “optional” preparation.

DATES: Submit comments on or before March 7, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Mail or deliver written comments to the Director, Product Classification, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L’Enfant Plaza SW, Room 4446, Washington, DC 20260–5015. If sending comments by email, include the name and address of the commenter and send to PCFederalRegister@usps.gov, with a subject line of “Optional 5-Digit/3-Digit/ADC Sortation”. Faxed comments are not accepted.

You may inspect and photocopy all written comments, by appointment only, at USPS® Headquarters Library, 475 L’Enfant Plaza SW, 11th Floor North, Washington, DC 20260. These records are available for review on Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., by calling 202–268–2906.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dale Kennedy at (202) 268–6592 or Doriane Harley at (202) 268–2537.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All submitted comments and attachments are part of the public record and subject to disclosure. Do not enclose any

material in your comments that you consider to be confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.

Currently, the standards in DMM sections 235 and 245 require mailers of First Class Mail and USPS Marketing Mail flats to make a 5-digit, 3-digit, and ADC bundle and tray preparation.

The Postal Service is proposing to amend the standards in DMM sections 235 and 245 to make the 5-digit, 3-digit, and ADC preparation "optional" when preparing bundles and trays of First Class Mail and USPS Marketing Mail flats.

The Postal Service is proposing to implement this change effective May 1, 2025.

We believe that the proposed revisions will encourage mailers to create full flat trays of flat mail and will reduce the volume of bundles entered into the mailstream.

Although exempt from the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553(b), (c)) regarding proposed rulemaking by 39 U.S.C. 410(a), the Postal Service invites public comment on the proposed revisions to *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM), incorporated by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations.

We will publish an appropriate amendment to 39 CFR part 111 to reflect these changes.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 111

Administrative practice and procedure, Postal Service.

Accordingly, the Postal Service proposes the following changes to Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM), incorporated by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations (see 39 CFR 111.1):

PART 111—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for 39 CFR part 111 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 13 U.S.C. 301–307; 18 U.S.C. 1692–1737; 39 U.S.C. 101, 401–404, 414, 416, 3001–3018, 3201–3220, 3401–3406, 3621, 3622, 3626, 3629, 3631–3633, 3641, 3681–3685, and 5001.

■ 2. Revise the *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) as follows:

Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM)

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200 Commercial Letters, Cards, Flats, and Parcels

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230 Commercial Mail First-Class Mail

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235 Mail Preparation

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7.0 Preparation of Nonautomation Flats

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7.4 Bundling and Labeling

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[Revise the text of items (a) through (c) to read as follows:]

a. 5-digit (optional); 10-piece minimum; red Label 5 or optional endorsement line (OEL).

b. 3-digit (optional); 10-piece minimum; green Label 3 or OEL.

c. ADC (optional); 10-piece minimum; pink Label A or OEL.

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7.5 Traying and Labeling

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[Revise the first paragraph of item (a) to read as follows:]

a. 5-digit (optional); full trays (no overflow); labeling: * * *

[Revise the first paragraph of item (b) to read as follows:]

b. 3-digit (optional); full trays (no overflow), except for one less-than-full tray for each origin 3-digit(s); labeling: * * *

c. ADC (optional); full trays (no overflow); labeling: * * *

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8.0 Preparation of Automation Flats

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8.5 First-Class Mail Required Bundle-Based Preparation

8.5.1 Bundling and Labeling

Preparation sequence, bundle size (except as allowed under 203.4.12), and labeling:

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[Revise the text of items (b) through (d) to read as follows:]

b. 5-digit (optional); 10-piece minimum; red Label 5 or optional endorsement line (OEL).

c. c. 3-digit (optional); 10-piece minimum; green Label 3 or OEL.

d. d. ADC (optional); 10-piece minimum; pink Label A or OEL.

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8.5.2 Traying and Labeling

Preparation sequence, tray size, and labeling:

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[Revise the first paragraph of item (a) to read as follows:]

a. 5-digit (optional); full trays (no overflow); labeling: * * *

[Revise the first paragraph of item (b) to read as follows:]

b. 3-digit (optional); full trays (no overflow); labeling: * * *

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[Revise the first paragraph of item (d) to read as follows:]

d. ADC (optional); full trays (no overflow); labeling: * * *

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8.6 First-Class Mail Optional Tray-Based Preparation

Tray size, preparation sequence, and Line 1 labeling:

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[Revise the text of item (a) to read as follows:]

a. 5-digit: optional (90-piece minimum); one less-than-full or overflow tray allowed; for Line 1, use city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code destination of pieces (for military mail see 4.0). (Preparation to qualify for 5-digit price is optional and need not be done for all 5-digit destinations.)

[Revise the text of item (b) to read as follows:]

b. 3-digit: optional (90-piece minimum); one less-than-full or overflow tray allowed; for Line 1, use L002, Column A for 3-digit destinations.

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[Revise the first sentence of item (d) to read as follows:]

d. ADC: optional (90-piece minimum); one less-than-full or overflow tray allowed; group pieces by 3-digit ZIP Code prefix; for Line 1, use L004. * * *

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240 Commercial Mail USPS Marketing Mail

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245 Mail Preparation

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8.0 Preparing Nonautomation Flats

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8.3 Bundling and Labeling

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[Revise the first paragraph of item (b) to read as follows:]

b. 5-digit (optional), see definition in 1.4j: * * *

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[Revise the text of items (d) and (e) to read as follows:]

d. 3-digit (optional), see definition in 1.4o; 10-piece minimum; green Label 3 or OEL.

e. ADC (optional); 10-piece minimum; pink Label A or OEL.

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8.6 Traying, Sacking, and Labeling

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[Revise the first paragraph of item (a) to read as follows:]

a. 5-digit/scheme; scheme sort required before 5-digit sort, 5-digit sort optional, only for pieces meeting the automation flats criteria in 201.6.0, see definition in 1.4j; full flat tray; 125-piece, or 15-pound minimum; labeling: * * *

[Revise the first paragraph of item (b) to read as follows:]

b. 3-digit (optional); full flat tray; 125-piece, or 15-pound minimum; labeling: * * *

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[Revise the first paragraph of item (d) to read as follows:]

d. ADC (optional); full flat tray; 125-piece, or 15-pound minimum; labeling:

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10.0 Preparing Automation Flats

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10.4 USPS Marketing Mail Bundle and Flat-Tray Preparation

10.4.1 Bundling and Labeling

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[Revise the first paragraph of item (b) b. 5-digit presort (optional); see definition in 1.4g: * * *

[Revise the text of items (d) and (e) to read as follows:]

d. 3-digit presort (optional); see definition in 1.4n; 10-piece minimum; green Label 3 or OEL.

e. ADC (optional); 10-piece minimum; pink Label A or OEL.

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10.4.3 Traying, Sacking, and Labeling

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[Revise the first paragraph of item (a) to read as follows:]

a. 5-digit/scheme; scheme sort required before 5-digit sort, 5-digit sort optional; see definition in 1.4g; full flat tray, 125-piece, or 15-pound minimum, labeling: * * *

[Revise the first paragraph of item (b) to read as follows:]

b. 3-digit (optional); full flat tray, 125-piece or 15-pound minimum; labeling: * * *

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[Revise the first paragraph of item (d) to read as follows:]

d. ADC (optional); full flat tray, 125-piece, or 15-pound minimum; labeling: * * *

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Kevin Rayburn,

Attorney, Ethics & Legal Compliance.

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Notices

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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Puerto Rico Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a meeting of the Puerto Rico Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by virtual web conference on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. Atlantic Time. The purpose is to continue discussion on their project on the civil rights impacts of the Insular Cases in Puerto Rico.

DATES: February 26, 2025, Wednesday, at 3:30 p.m. Atlantic Time (2:30 p.m. ET).

ADDRESSES: Meeting will be held via Zoom.

Registration Link (Audio/Visual):
<https://tinyurl.com/3f3yr94y>.

Join by Phone (Audio Only): 1-833 435 1820 USA Toll Free; Meeting ID: 161 865 4943 #.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Email Victoria Moreno, Designated Federal Officer at vmoreno@usccr.gov, or by phone at 434-515-0204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting will take place in Spanish with English interpretation. This committee meeting is available to the public through the registration link above. Any interested member of the public may listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. Per the Federal Advisory Committee Act, public minutes of the meeting will include a list of persons who are present at the meeting. If joining via phone, callers can

expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Closed captioning will be available for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or who have certain cognitive or learning impairments. To request additional accommodations, please email ebohor@usccr.gov at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Victoria Moreno at vmoreno@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at 1-312-353-8311.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Coordination Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meetings will be available via www.facadatabase.gov under the Commission on Civil Rights, Puerto Rico Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at ebohor@usccr.gov.

Agenda

1. Welcome & Roll Call
2. Committee Discussion on Project Regarding the Civil Rights Impacts of the Insular Cases in Puerto Rico
3. Next Steps
4. Public Comment
5. Other Business
6. Adjourn

Dated: January 31, 2025.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Wyoming Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that the Wyoming Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a virtual business meeting via Zoom at 1:00 p.m. MT on Thursday, March 13, 2025. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss post-report activity for the Committee's project, *Housing Discrimination and Fair Housing Practices in Wyoming*, and begin to discuss potential next topics.

DATES: Thursday, March 13, 2025, from 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Mountain Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via Zoom Webinar.

Registration Link (Audio/Visual):
https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_LmvQsSzISOOb7vnQXzwdKg.

Join by Phone (Audio Only): (833) 435-1820 USA Toll-Free; Meeting ID: 160 340 4384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kayla Fajota, Designated Federal Officer, at kfajota@usccr.gov or (434) 515-2395.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This committee meeting is available to the public through the registration link above. Any interested member of the public may listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. Per the Federal Advisory Committee Act, public minutes of the meeting will include a list of persons who are present at the meeting. If joining via phone, callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Closed captioning will be available for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or who have

certain cognitive or learning impairments. To request additional accommodations, please email Liliana Schiller, Support Services Specialist, at lschiller@usccr.gov at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Kayla Fajota at kfajota@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at (434) 515-2395.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Coordination Unit, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meeting will be available via the file sharing website, www.box.com. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, www.usccr.gov, or may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at the above phone number.

Agenda

- I. Welcome & Roll Call
- II. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
- III. Discussion: Post-Report Activity
- IV. Discussion: Potential Topics
- V. Next Steps
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Adjournment

Dated: January 31, 2025.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Azur Air, Office 29, Vzletnaya St. 57, Krasnoyarsk, Russia 660020; Modification of September 20, 2024 Renewal of Temporary Denial Order

Pursuant to section 766.24 of the Export Administration Regulations, 15 CFR parts 730-774 ("EAR" or "the Regulations"),¹ I hereby grant the

¹ On August 13, 2018, the President signed into law the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, which includes the Export Control Reform Act of 2018, 50 U.S.C. 4801-4852 ("ECRA"). While section 1766 of ECRA repeals the provisions of the Export Administration Act, 50 U.S.C. app. section 2401 *et seq.* ("EAA"), (except for three sections which are inapplicable here), section 1768 of ECRA provides, in pertinent part, that all orders, rules, regulations, and other forms of administrative action that were made or issued under the EAA, including as continued in effect pursuant to the International

request of the Office of Export Enforcement ("OEE") to modify the order issued on September 20, 2024 renewing the temporary denial order ("TDO") in this matter ("September 20, 2024 renewal order").² OEE has requested a modification of the existing TDO to update the address from Azur Air, Sharypovo Airport, 404/1 Kozhevnikheskiy Lane, Moscow, Russia

To

Azur Air, Office 29, Vzletnaya St. 57, Krasnoyarsk, Russia 660020

I. Procedural History

On April 7, 2022, Matthew S. Axelrod, the then-Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement, signed an order denying Azur export privileges for a period of 180 days on the ground that issuance of the order was necessary in the public interest to prevent an imminent violation of the Regulations. The order was issued *ex parte* pursuant to section 766.24(a) of the Regulations and was effective upon issuance.³ The temporary denial order was subsequently renewed on October 3, 2022,⁴ March 29, 2023,⁵ and September 23, 2023⁶ in accordance with section 766.24(d) of the Regulations.⁷

On August 27, 2024, BIS, through OEE, submitted a written request for a fourth renewal of the TDO. The written request was made more than 20 days before the TDO's scheduled expiration and, given the temporary suspension of international mail service to Russia, OEE has attempted to deliver a copy of the renewal request to Azur by

Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.* ("IEEPA"), and were in effect as of ECRA's date of enactment (August 13, 2018), shall continue in effect according to their terms until modified, superseded, set aside, or revoked through action undertaken pursuant to the authority provided under ECRA. Moreover, section 1761(a)(5) of ECRA authorizes the issuance of temporary denial orders. 50 U.S.C. 4820(a)(5).

² The September 20, 2024 renewal order was published on September 25, 2024 (89 FR 78280).

³ The TDO was published in the **Federal Register** on April 12, 2022 (87 FR 21614).

⁴ The October 3, 2022 renewal order was published in the **Federal Register** on October 7, 2022 (87 FR 60983).

⁵ The March 29, 2023 renewal order was published in the **Federal Register** on April 4, 2023 (88 FR 19908).

⁶ The September 23, 2023 renewal order was published in the **Federal Register** on September 28, 2023 (88 FR 66805).

⁷ Section 766.24(d) provides that BIS may seek renewal of a temporary denial order for additional 180-day renewal periods if it believes that renewal is necessary in the public interest to prevent an imminent violation. In cases demonstrating a pattern of repeated, ongoing and/or continuous apparent violations, BIS may request the renewal of a temporary denial order for an additional period not exceeding one year.

alternative means in accordance with sections 766.5 and 766.24(d) of the Regulations. No opposition to the renewal of the TDO has been received. On September 20, 2024, an order was issued renewing the Azur TDO based upon ongoing violations of the TDO and the Regulations, including the reexport of aircraft subject to the EAR on flights into Russia from Antalya, Turkey; Hurghada, Egypt; Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt; and Dalaman, Turkey. Based on additional investigation, OEE has since requested that the address of Azur Air be updated to Azur Air, Office 29, Vzletnaya St. 57, Krasnoyarsk, Russia 660020.

Having considered OEE's request, I find that the address of Azur Air should be modified to reflect this update.

II. Order

It is therefore ordered:

First, Azur Air, Office 29, Vzletnaya St. 57, Krasnoyarsk, Russia 660020, when acting for or on their behalf, any successors or assigns, agents, or employees may not, directly or indirectly, participate in any way in any transaction involving any commodity, software or technology (hereinafter collectively referred to as "item") exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the EAR, or in any other activity subject to the EAR including, but not limited to:

A. Applying for, obtaining, or using any license (except directly related to safety of flight), license exception, or export control document;

B. Carrying on negotiations concerning, or ordering, buying, receiving, using, selling, delivering, storing, disposing of, forwarding, transporting, financing, or otherwise servicing in any way, any transaction involving any item exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the EAR except directly related to safety of flight and authorized by BIS pursuant to section 764.3(a)(2) of the Regulations, or engaging in any other activity subject to the EAR except directly related to safety of flight and authorized by BIS pursuant to section 764.3(a)(2) of the Regulations; or

C. Benefitting in any way from any transaction involving any item exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the EAR, or from any other activity subject to the EAR except directly related to safety of flight and authorized by BIS pursuant to section 764.3(a)(2) of the Regulations.

Second, that no person may, directly or indirectly, do any of the following:

A. Export, reexport, or transfer (in-country) to or on behalf of Azur any item subject to the EAR except directly

related to safety of flight and authorized by BIS pursuant to section 764.3(a)(2) of the Regulations;

B. Take any action that facilitates the acquisition or attempted acquisition by Azur of the ownership, possession, or control of any item subject to the EAR that has been or will be exported from the United States, including financing or other support activities related to a transaction whereby Azur acquires or attempts to acquire such ownership, possession or control except directly related to safety of flight and authorized by BIS pursuant to section 764.3(a)(2) of the Regulations;

C. Take any action to acquire from or to facilitate the acquisition or attempted acquisition from Azur of any item subject to the EAR that has been exported from the United States except directly related to safety of flight and authorized by BIS pursuant to section 764.3(a)(2) of the Regulations;

D. Obtain from Azur in the United States any item subject to the EAR with knowledge or reason to know that the item will be, or is intended to be, exported from the United States except directly related to safety of flight and authorized by BIS pursuant to section 764.3(a)(2) of the Regulations; or

E. Engage in any transaction to service any item subject to the EAR that has been or will be exported from the United States and which is owned, possessed or controlled by Azur, or service any item, of whatever origin, that is owned, possessed or controlled by Azur if such service involves the use of any item subject to the EAR that has been or will be exported from the United States except directly related to safety of flight and authorized by BIS pursuant to section 764.3(a)(2) of the Regulations. For purposes of this paragraph, servicing means installation, maintenance, repair, modification, or testing.

Third, that, after notice and opportunity for comment as provided in section 766.23 of the EAR, any other person, firm, corporation, or business organization related to Azur by ownership, control, position of responsibility, affiliation, or other connection in the conduct of trade or business may also be made subject to the provisions of this Order.

In accordance with the provisions of sections 766.24(e) of the EAR, Azur may, at any time, appeal this Order by filing a full written statement in support of the appeal with the Office of the Administrative Law Judge, U.S. Coast Guard ALJ Docketing Center, 40 South Gay Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202-4022.

In accordance with the provisions of section 766.24(d) of the EAR, BIS may seek renewal of this Order by filing a written request not later than 20 days before the expiration date. A renewal request may be opposed by Azur as provided in section 766.24(d), by filing a written submission with the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement, which must be received not later than seven days before the expiration date of the Order.

A copy of this Order shall be provided to Azur, and shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until September 20, 2025, unless renewed in accordance with section 766.24(d) of the Regulations.

Dated: January 31, 2025.

Kevin J. Kurland,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

2024 LNG Export Study: Energy, Economic, and Environmental Assessment of U.S. LNG Exports; Extension of Comment Period

	Docket Nos.
Venture Global Calcasieu Pass, LLC.	13-69-LNG, 14-88-LNG, & 15-25-LNG
Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC.	16-28-LNG
Commonwealth LNG, LLC	19-134-LNG
Port Arthur LNG Phase II, LLC	20-23-LNG
Venture Global CP2 LNG, LLC	21-131-LNG
New Fortress Energy Louisiana FLNG LLC.	22-39-LNG
Mexico Pacific Limited LLC	22-167-LNG
Gulfstream LNG Development, LLC.	23-34-LNG
Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC; CCL Midscale 8-9, LLC; and Cheniere Marketing, LLC.	23-46-LNG
Lake Charles Exports, LLC	23-87-LNG
Southern LNG Company, L.L.C. ...	23-109-LNG
Magnolia LNG, LLC	23-137-LNG
Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC and Sabine Pass Liquefaction Stage V, LLC.	24-27-LNG
Gato Negro Permittium Dos, S.A.P.I. de C.V.	24-87-LNG

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy & Carbon Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is extending the public comment period for its Notice of Availability of the 2024 LNG Export Study and Request for Comments, which was published in the **Federal**

Register on December 20, 2024. The published Notice established a 60-day public comment period, from the date of publication through Tuesday, February 18, 2025. The purpose of the 2024 LNG Export Study (Study) is to provide an update to DOE's prior analyses and understanding of how varying levels of U.S. liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports impact and inform DOE's statutory public interest determination. DOE is extending the public comment period from 60 days to 90 days. Comments may now be submitted until Thursday, March 20, 2025.

DATES: The comment period announced in the Notice of Availability and Request for Comments, published on December 20, 2024 (89 FR 104132), is extended. Comments are to be filed pursuant to the procedures detailed in the Public Comment Procedures section of that **Federal Register** Notice no later than 4:30 p.m., Eastern time, March 20, 2025. DOE will not accept reply comments (*i.e.*, comments responding to the comments of other commenters).

ADDRESSES:

Electronic Filing of Comments Using Online Form (Strongly Encouraged): <https://fossil.energy.gov/app/docketindex/docket/index/30>.

Postal Mail, Hand Delivery, or Private Delivery Services (e.g., FedEx, UPS, etc.): U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, Forrestal Building, Room 3E-056, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

Due to potential delays in DOE's receipt and processing of mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service, we encourage respondents to submit comments electronically to ensure timely receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Beverly Howard, Docket Room Manager, U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, Office of Resource Sustainability, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, Forrestal Building, Room 3E-042, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9478, FERGAS@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 20, 2024, DOE published a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of its 2024 LNG Export Study. The Study is an update to earlier material that DOE used to inform its required public interest determinations, under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, for the export of liquefied natural gas to countries lacking a free trade agreement with the

United States. DOE stated that it would accept written comments through February 18, 2025. Within 30 days of publishing the Notice and opening the public comment period, DOE received tens of thousands of filed comments. DOE has considered the benefit to stakeholders in offering additional time to review the Study and provide the input that DOE is seeking. Accordingly, DOE has determined that extending the comment period is appropriate and will accept comments until March 20, 2025. Consistent with past practice over the previous decade, DOE has issued decisions on pending non-FTA applications during prior updates to our economic and environmental studies evaluating exports of LNG. Therefore, DOE continues to consider pending export applications and may issue decisions on pending applications prior to the close of the extended comment period.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on January 29, 2025, by Steven E. Winberg, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy & Carbon Management, pursuant to delegated authority from the Acting Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on January 31, 2025.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP25-388-000.

Applicants: Wyoming Interstate Company, L.L.C.

Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: Fuel_LU Quarterly Update Filing Eff March 2025 to be effective 3/1/2025.

Filed Date: 1/29/25.

Accession Number: 20250129-5196.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/10/25.

Docket Numbers: RP25-389-000.

Applicants: ETC Tiger Pipeline, LLC.

Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: Fuel Filing Out of Cycle on 1-29-25 to be effective 3/1/2025.

Filed Date: 1/29/25.

Accession Number: 20250129-5201.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/10/25.

Docket Numbers: RP25-390-000.

Applicants: MountainWest Overthrust Pipeline, LLC.

Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: Statement of Negotiated Rates Verison 20.0.0 to be effective 2/1/2025.

Filed Date: 1/29/25.

Accession Number: 20250129-5211.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/10/25.

Docket Numbers: RP25-391-000.

Applicants: KPC Pipeline, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: Order No. 587-AA Compliance to be effective 8/1/2025.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.

Accession Number: 20250130-5038.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.

Docket Numbers: RP25-392-000.

Applicants: MarkWest New Mexico, L.L.C.

Description: Compliance filing: Order No. 587-AA Compliance to be effective 8/1/2025.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.

Accession Number: 20250130-5040.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.

Docket Numbers: RP25-393-000.

Applicants: Scout V Hugoton Gathering, LP.

Description: Compliance filing: Order No. 587-AA Compliance to be effective 8/1/2025.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.

Accession Number: 20250130-5043.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.

Docket Numbers: RP25-394-000.

Applicants: Enable Gas Transmission, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: NAESB Version 4.0 Compliance Filing to be effective 8/1/2025.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.

Accession Number: 20250130-5054.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.

Docket Numbers: RP25-395-000.

Applicants: ANR Pipeline Company.

Description: Compliance filing: NAESB-4.0 Compliance to be effective 8/1/2025.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.

Accession Number: 20250130-5057.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.

Docket Numbers: RP25-396-000.

Applicants: Bison Pipeline LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: NAESB-4.0 Compliance to be effective 8/1/2025.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.

Accession Number: 20250130-5059.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.

Docket Numbers: RP25-397-000.

Applicants: ANR Storage Company.

Description: Compliance filing: NAESB-4.0 Compliance to be effective 8/1/2025.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.

Accession Number: 20250130-5061.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.

Docket Numbers: RP25-398-000.

Applicants: Blue Lake Gas Storage Company.

Description: Compliance filing: NAESB-4.0 Compliance to be effective 8/1/2025.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.

Accession Number: 20250130-5062.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.

Docket Numbers: RP25-399-000.

Applicants: Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership.

Description: Compliance filing: NAESB-4.0 Compliance to be effective 8/1/2025.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.

Accession Number: 20250130-5063.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.

Docket Numbers: RP25-400-000.

Applicants: Enable Mississippi River Transmission, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: NAESB Version 4.0 Compliance Filing to be effective 8/1/2025.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.

Accession Number: 20250130-5069.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.

Docket Numbers: RP25-401-000.

Applicants: Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: NAESB-4.0 Compliance to be effective 8/1/2025.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.

Accession Number: 20250130-5070.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.

Docket Numbers: RP25-402-000.

Applicants: MIGC LLC.

Description: Compliance filing:

NAESB V4.0 Compliance to be effective 8/1/2025.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.

Accession Number: 20250130-5071.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.

Docket Numbers: RP25-403-000.

Applicants: Gas Transmission Northwest LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: NAESB-4.0 Compliance to be effective 8/1/2025.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.
 Accession Number: 20250130–5072.
 Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.
 Docket Numbers: RP25–404–000.
 Applicants: Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC.
 Description: Compliance filing: NAESB—4.0 Compliance to be effective 8/1/2025.
 Filed Date: 1/30/25.
 Accession Number: 20250130–5073.
 Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.
 Docket Numbers: RP25–405–000.
 Applicants: North Baja Pipeline, LLC.
 Description: Compliance filing: NAESB—4.0 Compliance to be effective 8/1/2025.
 Filed Date: 1/30/25.
 Accession Number: 20250130–5074.
 Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.
 Docket Numbers: RP25–406–000.
 Applicants: NEXUS Gas Transmission, LLC.
 Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: Order 587–AA NAESB 4.0 Standards Compliance Filing to be effective 8/1/2025.
 Filed Date: 1/30/25.
 Accession Number: 20250130–5076.
 Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.
 Docket Numbers: RP25–407–000.
 Applicants: Tuscarora Gas Transmission Company.
 Description: Compliance filing: NAESB—4.0 Compliance to be effective 8/1/2025.
 Filed Date: 1/30/25.
 Accession Number: 20250130–5077.
 Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.
 Docket Numbers: RP25–408–000.
 Applicants: Crossroads Pipeline Company LLC.
 Description: Compliance filing: NAESB—4.0 Compliance to be effective 8/1/2025.
 Filed Date: 1/30/25.
 Accession Number: 20250130–5079.
 Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.
 Docket Numbers: RP25–409–000.
 Applicants: Portland Natural Gas Transmission System.
 Description: Compliance filing: NAESB—4.0 Compliance to be effective 8/1/2025.
 Filed Date: 1/30/25.
 Accession Number: 20250130–5080.
 Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.
 Docket Numbers: RP25–410–000.
 Applicants: Fayetteville Express Pipeline LLC.
 Description: Compliance filing: NAESB Version 4.0 Compliance Filing to be effective 8/1/2025.
 Filed Date: 1/30/25.
 Accession Number: 20250130–5083.
 Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.
 Docket Numbers: RP25–411–000.

Applicants: Texas Eastern Transmission, LP.
 Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: Order 587–AA NAESB 4.0 Standards Compliance Filing to be effective 8/1/2025.
 Filed Date: 1/30/25.
 Accession Number: 20250130–5087.
 Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.
 Docket Numbers: RP25–412–000.
 Applicants: Hardy Storage Company, LLC.
 Description: Compliance filing: NAESB—4.0 Compliance to be effective 8/1/2025.
 Filed Date: 1/30/25.
 Accession Number: 20250130–5092.
 Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.
 Docket Numbers: RP25–413–000.
 Applicants: Millennium Pipeline Company, LLC.
 Description: Compliance filing: NAESB—4.0 Compliance to be effective 8/1/2025.
 Filed Date: 1/30/25.
 Accession Number: 20250130–5100.
 Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.
 Docket Numbers: RP25–414–000.
 Applicants: Northern Border Pipeline Company.
 Description: Compliance filing: NAESB 4.0 Compliance to be effective 8/1/2025.
 Filed Date: 1/30/25.
 Accession Number: 20250130–5110.
 Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.
 Docket Numbers: RP25–415–000.
 Applicants: Big Sandy Pipeline, LLC.
 Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: Order 587–AA NAESB 4.0 Compliance Filing to be effective 8/1/2025.
 Filed Date: 1/30/25.
 Accession Number: 20250130–5113.
 Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.
 Docket Numbers: RP25–416–000.
 Applicants: Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc.
 Description: Compliance filing: Revised Tariff Records Under Order 587–AA to be effective 8/1/2025.
 Filed Date: 1/30/25.
 Accession Number: 20250130–5117.
 Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.
 Docket Numbers: RP25–417–000.
 Applicants: Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC.
 Description: Compliance filing: NAESB Version 4.0 Compliance Filing to be effective 8/1/2025.
 Filed Date: 1/30/25.
 Accession Number: 20250130–5119.
 Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.
 Docket Numbers: RP25–418–000.
 Applicants: El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.
 Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate Agreement Update

(Hartree Feb 25) to be effective 2/1/2025.
 Filed Date: 1/30/25.
 Accession Number: 20250130–5122.
 Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.
 Docket Numbers: RP25–419–000.
 Applicants: Gulf Run Transmission, LLC.
 Description: Compliance filing: NAESB Version 4.0 Compliance Filing to be effective 8/1/2025.
 Filed Date: 1/30/25.
 Accession Number: 20250130–5127.
 Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.
 Docket Numbers: RP25–420–000.
 Applicants: Rover Pipeline LLC.
 Description: Compliance filing: NAESB Version 4.0 Compliance to be effective 8/1/2025.
 Filed Date: 1/30/25.
 Accession Number: 20250130–5134.
 Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502–6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Dated: January 30, 2025.

Carlos D. Clay,
 Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Project No. 2392–041]****Ampersand Gilman Hydro, LP; Notice of Reasonable Period of Time for Water Quality Certification Application**

On January 24, 2025, the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (Vermont DEC) submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) notice that it received a request for a Clean Water Act section 401(a)(1) water quality certification as defined in 40 CFR 121.5, from Ampersand Gilman Hydro, LP, in conjunction with the above captioned project on January 24, 2025. Pursuant to section 4.34(b)(5) of the Commission's regulations,¹ we hereby notify Vermont DEC of the following:

Date of Receipt of the Certification Request: January 24, 2025.

Reasonable Period of Time to Act on the Certification Request: One year, January 24, 2026.

If Vermont DEC fails or refuses to act on the water quality certification request on or before the above date, then the certifying authority is deemed waived pursuant to section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341(a)(1).

Dated: January 29, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. AD10–12–016]****Increasing Market and Planning Efficiency Through Improved Software; Notice of Technical Conference: Increasing Real-Time and Day-Ahead Market and Planning Efficiency Through Improved Software**

Take notice that Commission staff will convene a technical conference on July 8, 9, and 10, 2025 to discuss opportunities for increasing real-time and day-ahead market and planning efficiency through improved software. A detailed agenda with the list of presentation dates and times for the selected speakers will be published on

the Commission's website¹ and in eLibrary after April 16, 2025.

This conference will bring together experts from diverse backgrounds including electric power system operators, software developers, government, research centers, and academia. The conference will bring these experts together for the purposes of stimulating discussion, sharing information, and identifying fruitful avenues for research on improving software for increased efficiency and reliability of the bulk power system.

This conference will build on discussions at prior conferences in this proceeding by focusing on topics identified as important to market efficiency in those conferences. Broadly, such topics fall into the following categories:

(1) Software for improving the resource adequacy process, including: software for improving computational tractability of resource adequacy and ease of use of resource adequacy tools, software for improving the fidelity of representing generators and loads in resource adequacy modeling, software for evaluating trade-offs between generation and transmission, software for implementing and evaluating new reliability metrics like expected unserved energy (EUE), software for implementing novel resource adequacy accreditation methods, and software for including climate change and extreme weather impacts on resource adequacy.

(2) Software for improving the efficiency of the interconnection process, including improved interconnection studies, software for automating parts of the interconnection process, software for expediting power flow analyses related to interconnection, etc.

(3) Software for implementing advanced computing methods such as artificial intelligence (AI) or machine learning into existing or novel applications for improving real-time and day-ahead market and planning efficiency.

(4) Software related to grid-enhancing technologies, such as those described in Docket Nos. AD19–19² and AD19–15,³ including optimal transmission switching, power flow controls, any software related to implementing the Commission's rulemaking regarding line

¹ <https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/electric/power-sales-and-markets/increasing-efficiency-through-improved-software>.

² *Grid-Enhancing Technologies*, Docket No. AD19–19–000.

³ *Managing Transmission Line Ratings*, Docket No. AD19–15–000.

ratings in Order No. 881,⁴ and any software related to dynamic line ratings as described in the Commission's Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on dynamic line ratings in Docket No. RM24–6–000.⁵

(5) Software for improving the performance of generating resources' ability and incentives to follow dispatch instructions and for eliminating unnecessary make-whole payments, including software for ensuring that product awards reflect prevailing transmission constraints and capabilities of resources to deliver awarded products.

(6) Software for better modeling and computation of resources with distinct operating characteristics such as storage resources, multi-stage/multi-configuration resources, hybrid resources, aggregations of Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) (including DER Management Systems, or DERMS), and others. Presentations on this topic should focus on alternative formulations and solution methods for market models.

(7) Approaches to addressing challenges, such as delays, associated with deploying software to implement market reforms or operational improvements to wholesale electricity markets.

(8) Other improvements in algorithms, model formulations, hardware advancements, or other related approaches that may allow for improvements to the bulk power system in market efficiency and enhanced reliability.

The conference will take place in a hybrid format, with presenters and attendees allowed to participate either in person or virtually. Further details on both in-person and virtual participation will be released prior to the conference.

Attendees must register through the Commission's website on or before June 10, 2025. Access to the conference (virtual or in-person) may not be available to those who do not register.

Speaker nominations must be submitted on or before March 21, 2025 through the Commission's website by providing the proposed speaker's contact information along with a title, abstract, and list of contributing authors for the proposed presentation. Proposed presentations should be related to the topics discussed above. Speakers and presentations will be selected to ensure relevance to those topics and to accommodate time constraints.

⁴ *Managing Transmission Line Ratings*, Order No. 881, 177 FERC ¶ 61,179 (2021).

⁵ *Implementation of Dynamic Line Ratings*, 187 FERC ¶ 61,201 (2024).

¹ 18 CFR 4.34(b)(5).

In previous years, the Commission has received nominations for more presentations than could be accommodated, and we anticipate that may be the case this year as well. Speakers are encouraged to submit new findings and novel work to ensure that the conference reflects the latest research. Presentation selections may prioritize nominations that cover topics beyond the research covered in previous years' conferences. If a nomination builds on previous years' presentation(s), authors are encouraged to explain in their abstract what new ground is being covered. Presentation proposals that involve many of the same co-authors and have similar contents may be combined into a single proposal for one presentation.

All presentation materials (*e.g.*, presentation slides) are due no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on June 30, 2025. Before 1:00 p.m. EDT on July 7, 2025, Commission staff will work with presenters to provide quality assurance that their presentation materials are prepared, formatted correctly, and ready for delivery during the conference. All presentation materials submitted before 1:00 p.m. on July 7, 2025 will be posted to the Commission website before the conference. Any updated presentation materials submitted after 1:00 p.m. on July 7, 2025 will be posted to the Commission website after the conference; however, the live conference may use presentation material versions submitted prior to the deadline rather than late submissions.

The Commission will accept comments following the conference, with a deadline of August 10, 2025.

There is an "eSubscription" link on the Commission's website that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

FERC conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an email to accessibility@ferc.gov or call toll free (866) 208-3372 (voice) or (202) 502-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to (202) 208-2106 with the required accommodations.

For further information about these conferences, please contact: Sarah McKinley (Logistical Information), Office of External Affairs, (202) 502-8004, Sarah.McKinley@ferc.gov Monica Ferrera (Technical Information), Office of Energy Policy and

Innovation, (202) 502-8687, Monica.Ferrera@ferc.gov

Dated: January 29, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2302-101]

Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Scoping Meetings, and Environmental Site Review; Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests; and Soliciting Scoping Comments

Take notice that the following application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* P-2302-101.

c. *Date filed:* August 28, 2024.

d. *Applicant:* Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Lewiston Falls Hydroelectric Project (project).

f. *Location:* On the Androscoggin River in the Cities of Lewiston and Auburn, and the Town of Durham, Androscoggin County, Maine.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Luke T. Anderson, Brookfield Renewable, 150 Main Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240; (207) 755-5613; email at Luke.Anderson@brookfieldrenewable.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Lauren Townson at (202) 502-8572, or Lauren.Townson@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments and motions to intervene and protests:* March 31, 2025.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file scoping comments and motions to intervene and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions

sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Lewiston Falls Project (P-2302-101).

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. This application has been accepted for filing, but is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Project Description:* The Lewiston Falls Project consists of: (1) a dam consisting of 5 distinct sections: (a) a 154-foot-long stone masonry section topped with a single rubber dam for a total elevation of 169.07 feet, (b) a 279-foot-long stone masonry section topped with a single rubber dam for a total elevation of 169.07 feet, (c) a 161-foot-long stone masonry section topped with a single rubber dam for a total elevation of 168.60 feet, (d) a 162-foot-long stone masonry section topped with a single rubber dam for a total elevation of 168.60 feet, and (e) a 57-foot-long concrete section topped with 1.34-foot-high flashboards for a total elevation of 168.17 feet; (2) a 2.5-mile-long, 169-acre impoundment at a full pond elevation of 168.17 feet; (3) an 85.16-foot-long, 60-foot-high reinforced concrete intake with 3.25-inch spaced trashracks; (4) four 16.8-foot wide intake tubes, each pair converging into one; (4) a reinforced concrete powerhouse containing two vertical Kaplan turbine generators for a total installed capacity of 28.44 megawatts; (5) a 400-foot-long, 75-foot-wide excavated tailrace; (6) a 111.6-foot-long, 26.3-foot-wide masonry canal gatehouse located at the southeast corner of the impoundment diverting flow to a canal system; (7) a 12.5 to 34.5-kilovolt (kV) transformer; (8) a 125-foot-long underground transmission line connected to Central Maine Power's distribution system; and (8) appurtenant facilities. The project average annual generation between 2013 and 2023 was 157,614 megawatt-hours (MWh).

Brookfield currently operates the project in a run-of-river mode by typically limiting impoundment drawdowns to no more than 1 foot below the normal elevation of 168.17 feet. However, the project is licensed to operate with up to four feet of impoundment drawdowns. The current license requires Brookfield to release a minimum flow of 1,430 cfs or inflow, whichever is less. Brookfield states that it meets this requirement by releasing 50 cfs from the impoundment to the Lewiston Canal System and 1,380 cfs to the river downstream of the project. The maximum hydraulic capacity of the project's generating units is 6,600 cfs and the minimum hydraulic capacity of a single unit is approximately 800 cfs.

The licensee is proposing to remove an existing building from the project boundary. The building is a non-project facility and is located near the Canal Gatehouse. The building is privately owned and serves no project purpose, according to Brookfield's application. In total, this change will remove 0.08 acre from the project boundary, resulting in a total of 237.88 acres remaining within the project boundary.

m. A copy of the application can be viewed on the Commission's website at <https://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support (see item j above).

You may also register at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCONline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support (see item j above).

n. Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

When the application is ready for environmental analysis, the Commission will issue a public notice requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the

applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

o. The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

p. The Commission's scoping process will help determine the required level of analysis and satisfy the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) scoping requirements, irrespective of whether the Commission issues an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement.

Scoping Meetings

In addition to written comments solicited by this notice, Commission staff will hold two public scoping meetings at the times and locations noted below. All interested individuals, resource agencies, Native American Tribes, and NGOs are invited to attend any of the meetings to assist Commission staff in identifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the NEPA document.

The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Daytime Scoping Meeting

Date: February 19, 2025.

Time: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. EST.

Location: Hampton Inn Lewiston/Auburn Hotel.

Address: 15 Lincoln Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240.

Evening Scoping Meeting

Date: February 19, 2025.

Time: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. EST.

Location: Hampton Inn Lewiston/Auburn Hotel.

Address: 15 Lincoln Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240.

Scoping Document 1 (SD1), which outlines the subject areas to be addressed in the environmental

document, was mailed to the individuals and entities on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of SD1 will be available at the scoping meetings, or may be viewed on the web at <https://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Follow the directions for accessing information in paragraph m.

Environmental Site Review

Brookfield White Pine and Commission staff will conduct an environmental site review of the project beginning at 8 a.m. on February 20, 2025. We recommend meeting at the Hampton Inn Lewiston/Auburn Hotel (located at 15 Lincoln Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240) to carpool to project.

All interested individuals, resource agencies, Native American Tribes, and NGOs are invited to attend the site review. Attendees should wear appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear. Persons planning on participating in the site visit must RSVP to Mr. Luke Anderson of Brookfield at luke.anderson@brookfieldrenewable.com or by phone at (207) 755-5613, no later than February 10, 2025, to register for the environmental site review.

Meeting Procedures

Individuals, NGOs, Native American Tribes, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the NEPA document. At the start of each meeting, Commission staff will provide a brief overview of the meeting format and objectives. Individual oral comments will be taken on a one-on-one basis with a court reporter (with Commission staff present). This format is designed to receive the maximum number of oral comments in a convenient way during the timeframe allotted. If you wish to speak, Commission staff will hand out numbers in the order of your arrival. If all individuals who wish to provide comments have had an opportunity to do so, Commission staff may conclude the meeting a half hour earlier than the scheduled time. Please see appendix 1 for additional information on the session format and conduct.¹

¹ The appendix referenced in this notice will not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of the appendix were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at <https://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

Scoping comments will be recorded by the court reporter and become part of the public record for this proceeding. Transcripts will be publicly available on FERC's eLibrary system. If a significant number of people are interested in providing oral comments in the one-on-one settings, a time limit of 5 minutes may be implemented for each commentor.

It is important to note that the Commission provides equal consideration to all comments received, whether filed in writing or provided orally at a scoping session. Although there will not be a formal presentation, Commission staff will be available throughout the scoping session to answer your questions about the environmental review process. Representatives from White Pine will also be present to answer project-specific questions.

q. *Procedural schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following anticipated processing schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate. The schedule for issuing draft and final NEPA documents is consistent with the Commission's Notice of Revised Schedule issued November 15, 2023: Scoping Document 1 Issued—January 2025

Acceptance and Scoping Notice Issued—January 2025

Scoping Document 1 Comments Due—March 2025

Issue Scoping Document 2 (if needed)—April 2025

Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis—August 2025

Comments, Recommendations and Agency Terms and Conditions/Prescriptions Due—October 2025

Applicant's Reply Comments Due—November 2025

Commission Issues Draft NEPA Document—April 2026

Commission Issues Final NEPA Document—October 2026

Dated: January 29, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:

Docket Numbers: EG25-82-000.

Applicants: VESI 38 LLC.
Description: VESI 38 LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 1/29/25.

Accession Number: 20250129-5228.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/19/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25-83-000.

Applicants: B&K Solar, LLC.

Description: B&K Solar, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.

Accession Number: 20250130-5000.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/20/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25-84-000.

Applicants: Barn Perch Solar, LLC.

Description: Barn Perch Solar, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.

Accession Number: 20250130-5012.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/20/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25-85-000.

Applicants: Juniper Solar, LLC.

Description: Juniper Solar, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.

Accession Number: 20250130-5014.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/20/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25-86-000.

Applicants: Melsam Solar, LLC.

Description: Melsam Solar, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.

Accession Number: 20250130-5021.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/20/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25-87-000.

Applicants: Rollins Solar, LLC.

Description: Rollins Solar, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.

Accession Number: 20250130-5026.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/20/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25-88-000.

Applicants: Ross Solar, LLC.

Description: Ross Solar, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.

Accession Number: 20250130-5028.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/20/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25-89-000.

Applicants: Shorthorn Solar, LLC.

Description: Shorthorn Solar, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.

Accession Number: 20250130-5029.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/20/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25-90-000.

Applicants: Ten Governors Solar, LLC.

Description: Ten Governors Solar, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.

Accession Number: 20250130-5030.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/20/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25-91-000.

Applicants: Wallace Solar I, LLC.

Description: Wallace Solar I, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.

Accession Number: 20250130-5031.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/20/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25-92-000.

Applicants: Culpepper Solar, LLC.

Description: Culpepper Solar, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.

Accession Number: 20250130-5032.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/20/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25-93-000.

Applicants: Five Circles Solar, LLC.

Description: Five Circles Solar, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.

Accession Number: 20250130-5034.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/20/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25-94-000.

Applicants: Aulander Holloman Solar, LLC.

Description: Aulander Holloman Solar, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.

Accession Number: 20250130-5203.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/20/25.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER18-128-001.

Applicants: 54KR 8ME LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance to 1 to be effective 1/31/2025.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.

Accession Number: 20250130-5131.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/20/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-2-001.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission.

Description: Compliance filing: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. submits tariff filing per 35: 2025-01-30 Compliance for MJMEUC Request for Approval of Capital Structure to be effective 1/1/2025.

Filed Date: 1/30/25.

Accession Number: 20250130-5039.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/20/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-590-001.

Applicants: Pome BESS LLC.

Description: Tariff Amendment: POME BESS Deficiency Filing ER25-590 to be effective 2/17/2025.

Filed Date: 1/29/25.
Accession Number: 20250129–5243.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/7/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–600–001.
Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.
Description: Tariff Amendment: Amendment of ER25–600–000, Amended ISA No. 7029, Queue No. AD2–047 to be effective 2/1/2025.
Filed Date: 1/29/25.
Accession Number: 20250129–5223.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/19/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1094–000.
Applicants: CPV Shore, LLC.
Description: CPV Shore, LLC requests prospective waiver of filing requirement under Schedule 2 to the PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. OATT re CPV Shores submittal of informational filing 90 days prior to planned transfer of indirect ownership interests.
Filed Date: 1/29/25.
Accession Number: 20250129–5170.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/19/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1095–000.
Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.
Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: Market Participation of Hybrid Resources Phase III Proposal to be effective 3/31/2025.
Filed Date: 1/29/25.
Accession Number: 20250129–5232.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/19/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1096–000.
Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.
Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to ISA Nos. 2712, 3069, 3070, 3641 & 4157 to be effective 4/1/2025.
Filed Date: 1/30/25.
Accession Number: 20250130–5051.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/20/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1097–000.
Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.
Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: 2491R13 Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. NITSA NOA to be effective 1/1/2025.
Filed Date: 1/30/25.
Accession Number: 20250130–5066.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/20/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1098–000.
Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.
Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: 2025–01–30 Schedule 31 Annual Update Filing to be effective 4/1/2025.
Filed Date: 1/30/25.
Accession Number: 20250130–5099.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/20/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1099–000.
Applicants: Ameren Illinois Company.
Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: 2025–01–30_SA 4440 Ameren Illinois-City of

Carmi-IMEA WCA to be effective 4/1/2025.
Filed Date: 1/30/25.
Accession Number: 20250130–5125.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/20/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1101–000.
Applicants: TrailStone Energy Marketing LLC, Trailstone Renewables, LLC.
Description: Notice of Cancellation of Market Based Rate Tariff of Trailstone Renewables LLC.
Filed Date: 1/28/25.
Accession Number: 20250128–5275.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/18/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1102–000.
Applicants: PacifiCorp.
Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: Amended Powerex Construction and Security Agreement (SA No. 1038) to be effective 1/31/2025.
Filed Date: 1/30/25.
Accession Number: 20250130–5149.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/20/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1103–000.
Applicants: Indianapolis Power & Light Company.
Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: 2025–01–30 IPL dba AES Transition to Forward Looking Formula Rate to be effective 4/1/2025.
Filed Date: 1/30/25.
Accession Number: 20250130–5199.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/20/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1104–000.
Applicants: Aulander Holloman Solar, LLC.
Description: Compliance filing: Notice of Succession, New eTariff Baseline, Tariff Revisions & Change in Status to be effective 1/31/2025.
Filed Date: 1/30/25.
Accession Number: 20250130–5223.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/20/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1105–000.
Applicants: Aulander Holloman Solar, LLC.
Description: Compliance filing: Notice of Succession and Revisions to Rate Schedule to be effective 1/31/2025.
Filed Date: 1/30/25.
Accession Number: 20250130–5229.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/20/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1106–000.
Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.
Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to ISA Nos. 2181, 3887 & 4227; Queue Nos. AB2–175, W2–014, NQ131 to be effective 4/1/2025.
Filed Date: 1/30/25.
Accession Number: 20250130–5236.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/20/25.
 The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

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For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502–6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Dated: January 30, 2025.

Carlos D. Clay,
Deputy Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreements Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreements under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties may submit comments, relevant information, or documents regarding the agreements to the Secretary by email at Secretary@fmc.gov, or by mail, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, Washington, DC 20573. Comments will be most helpful to the Commission if received within 12 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**, and the Commission requests that comments be submitted within 7 days on agreements that request expedited review. Copies of the agreements are available through the Commission's website (www.fmc.gov) or by contacting the Office of Agreements at (202)–523–5793 or tradeanalysis@fmc.gov.
Agreement No.: 201234–007.

Agreement Name: Agreement by Ocean Common Carriers to Participate on the Exchange Board.

Parties: CMA CGM SA; Hapag-Lloyd AG; COSCO Shipping Lines Co., Ltd.; COSCO Shipping Co., Ltd.; HMM Company Limited; Maersk A/S; and Ocean Network Express Pte. Ltd. (ONE).
Filing Party: Ashley Craig; Venable LLP.

Synopsis: The Amendment would authorize the Parties to participate in the New York Shipping Exchange, Inc. ("NYSHEX") index governing board, which shall discuss and agree on all aspects of the development, implementation, modification and auditing of container freight indices, as produced by NYSHEX. The Amendment would also remove COSCO Shipping Co., Ltd. and COSCO Shipping Lines Co., Ltd. and add Ocean Network Express Pte. Ltd. and ZIM Integrated Shipping Services Ltd. as Parties to the Agreement.

Proposed Effective Date: 03/12/2025.

Location: <https://www2.fmc.gov/FMC.Agreements.Web/Public/AgreementHistory/2064>.

Agreement No.: 201423-001.

Agreement Name: ONE to HMM AP1 Space Charter Agreement.

Parties: Hyundai Merchant Marine Co. Ltd.; Ocean Network Express Pte. Ltd.

Filing Party: Joshua Stein, Cozen O'Connor.

Synopsis: The Amendment revises Article 5.1(a) to increase the volume of TEUs sold from ONE to HMM from 250 to 850. Additionally, Article 8 has been revised to show an indefinite term arrangement.

Location: <https://www2.fmc.gov/FMC.Agreements.Web/Public/AgreementHistory/86558>.

Agreement No.: 201449.

Agreement Name: ONE to YML AT4 Slot Charter Agreement.

Parties: Ocean Network Express Pte. Ltd.; Yang Ming Joint Service Agreement.

Filing Party: Joshua Stein, Cozen O'Connor.

Synopsis: The agreement authorizes ONE to charter space to Yang Ming in the trades between ports in Italy and Spain on the one hand and ports on the U.S. East Coast/Gulf on the other hand.

Location: <https://www2.fmc.gov/FMC.Agreements.Web/Public/AgreementHistory/88599>.

Agreement No.: 201450.

Agreement Name: ONE to YML AT1, AT2 Slot Charter Agreement.

Parties: Ocean Network Express Pte. Ltd.; Yang Ming Joint Service Agreement.

Filing Party: Joshua Stein, Cozen O'Connor.

Synopsis: The agreement authorizes ONE to charter space to Yang Ming in the trades between ports in United Kingdom, Germany, France, The Netherlands, and Belgium on the one hand and ports on the U.S. East Coast/Gulf on the other hand.

Location: <https://www2.fmc.gov/FMC.Agreements.Web/Public/AgreementHistory/88600>.

Dated: January 31, 2025.

Alanna Beck,

Federal Register Alternate Liaison Officer.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency Information Collection Activities: Announcement of Board Approval under Delegated Authority and Submission to OMB

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) is adopting a proposal to extend for three years, without revision the Disclosure Requirements in Connection with Regulation H (Consumer Protection in Sales of Insurance) (FR H-7; OMB No. 7100-0298).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer—Nuha Elmaghrabi—Office of the Chief Data Officer, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, nuha.elmaghrabi@frb.gov, (202) 452-3884.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Desk Officer for the Federal Reserve Board, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395-6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 15, 1984, OMB delegated to the Board authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) to approve and assign OMB control numbers to collections of information conducted or sponsored by the Board. Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. The OMB inventory, as well as copies of the PRA Submission, supporting statements (which contain more detailed information about the information collections and burden estimates than this notice), and approved collection of information instrument(s) are available at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/>

PRAMain. These documents are also available on the Federal Reserve Board's public website at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/reportingforms/review> or may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears above. On the page displayed at the link above, you can find the supporting information by referencing the collection identifier, FR H-7.

Final Approval Under OMB Delegated Authority of the Extension for Three Years, Without Revision, of the Following Information Collection

Collection title: Disclosure Requirements in Connection with Regulation H (Consumer Protection in Sales of Insurance).

Collection identifier: FR H-7.

OMB control number: 7100-0298.

General description of collection: Subpart H of Regulation H—Membership of State Banking Institutions in the Federal Reserve System (12 CFR part 208) was adopted by the Board in 2000 (65 FR 75822 (December 4, 2000)) pursuant to section 305 of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999, which required the Board, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to issue joint regulations governing retail sales practices, solicitations, advertising, and offers of insurance by, on behalf of, or at the offices of depository institutions. Respondents are required to prepare and provide to consumers certain disclosures in insurance product advertisements before a consumer buys the insurance product and at the time a consumer applies for an extension of credit in connection with the solicitation, offer, or sale of an insurance product or annuity.

Frequency: Event-generated.

Respondents: State member banks or any other person who sells, solicits, advertises, or offers an insurance product or annuity to a consumer at an office of a bank or on behalf of a bank.

Total estimated number of respondents: 339.

Total estimated annual burden hours: 8,685.

Current actions: On July 31, 2024, the Board published a notice in the **Federal Register** (89 FR 61422) requesting public comment for 60 days on the extension, without revision, of the FR H-7. The comment period for this notice expired on September 30, 2024. The Board did not receive any comments. The revisions will be implemented as proposed.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 31, 2025.

Benjamin W. McDonough,

Deputy Secretary and Ombuds of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency Information Collection Activities: Announcement of Board Approval Under Delegated Authority and Submission to OMB

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) is adopting a proposal to extend for three years, with revision, the Procurement Solicitation Package (FR 1400; OMB No. 7100-0180).

DATES: The revisions are effective March 7, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer—Nuha Elmaghrabi—Office of the Chief Data Officer, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, nuha.elmaghrabi@frb.gov, (202) 452-3884.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Desk Officer for the Federal Reserve Board, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395-6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 15, 1984, OMB delegated to the Board authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) to approve and assign OMB control numbers to collections of information conducted or sponsored by the Board. Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. The OMB inventory, as well as copies of the PRA Submission, supporting statements (which contain more detailed information about the information collections and burden estimates than this notice), and approved collection of information instrument(s) are available at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. These documents are also available on the Federal Reserve Board's public website at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/reportingforms/review> or may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears above. On the page displayed at the link above, you can find the supporting information

by referencing the collection identifier, FR 1400.

Final Approval Under OMB Delegated Authority of the Extension for Three Years, With Revision, of the Following Information Collection

Collection title: Procurement Solicitation Package.

Collection identifier: FR 1400.

OMB control number: 7100-0180.

General description of collection: The Board uses the Procurement Solicitation Package, which includes a supplier database and solicitation documents as appropriate, to assist in the competitive process of soliciting proposals from suppliers of goods and services. The Procurement Solicitation Package includes the Supplier Registration System (FR 1400A), the Solicitation Package (Solicitation, Offer, and Award Form; Supplier Information Form; Past Performance Data Sheet; and Past Performance Questionnaire) (FR 1400B), the Supplier Risk Management Offeror Questionnaire (FR 1400C), and the Subcontracting Report (FR 1400D). The information collected through the Procurement Solicitation Package is necessary for Board staff to fairly and accurately evaluate the merits of suppliers' proposals, to select the proposal most advantageous to the Board, taking into account price and other key factors, and to award and administer contracts after a supplier has been selected.

Frequency: FR 1400A/FR 1400B/FR 1400C/FR 1400E, event-generated; FR 1400D, semiannual.

Respondents: Businesses and individuals.

Total estimated number of respondents: 550.

Estimated average hours per response: FR 1400A, 0.67; FR 1400B, 81; FR 1400C, 7.6; FR 1400D, 0.7; FR 1400E, 0.45.

Total estimated change in burden: 27 hours.

Total estimated annual burden hours: 24,979.

Current actions: On September 30, 2024, the Board published a notice in the **Federal Register** (89 FR 79590) requesting public comment for 60 days on the extension, with revision, of the FR 1400. The Board proposed to clear a new, event-generated form, the Contractor Conflict of Interest Screening (FR 1400E). The FR 1400E will be used to screen potential contractors that would be conducting research pertaining to the Board's mission (e.g., monetary policy, financial stability, or supervision and regulation) and/or have access to sensitive Board information such as confidential supervisory

information, in order to determine if they have any conflict of interests. The comment period for this notice expired on November 29, 2024. The Board did not receive any comments. The revisions will be implemented as proposed.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 31, 2025.

Benjamin W. McDonough,

Deputy Secretary and Ombuds of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency Information Collection Activities: Announcement of Board Approval Under Delegated Authority and Submission to OMB

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) is adopting a proposal to extend for three years, with revision, the Financial Statements of Foreign Subsidiaries of U.S. Banking Organizations, Financial Statements of U.S. Nonbank Subsidiaries of U.S. Holding Companies, (FR 2314/S, FR Y-11/S; OMB No. 7100-0073) and the Reports of Foreign Banking Organizations (FR Y-7N/NS/Q; OMB No. 7100-0125).

DATES: The revisions will take effect as of March 31, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer—Nuha Elmaghrabi—Office of the Chief Data Officer, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, nuha.elmaghrabi@frb.gov, (202) 452-3884.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Desk Officer for the Federal Reserve Board, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395-6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 15, 1984, OMB delegated to the Board authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) to approve and assign OMB control numbers to collections of information conducted or sponsored by the Board. Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. The OMB inventory, as well as copies of the PRA Submission, supporting statements (which contain more detailed information about the information

collections and burden estimates than this notice), and approved collection of information instrument(s) are available at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. These documents are also available on the Federal Reserve Board's public website at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/reportingforms/home/review> or may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears above. On the page displayed at the link above, you can find the supporting information by referencing the collection identifier, FR 2314/S, FR Y-11/S, and FR Y-7N/NS/Q.

Final Approval Under OMB Delegated Authority of the Extension for Three Years, With Revision, of the Following Information Collection

Collection title: Financial Statements of Foreign Subsidiaries of U.S. Banking Organizations, and Financial Statements of U.S. Nonbank Subsidiaries of U.S. Holding Companies.

Collection identifier: FR 2314/S and FR Y-11/S.

OMB control number: 7100-0073.¹

General description of collection: The FR 2314 reporting forms collect financial information for non-functionally regulated direct or indirect foreign subsidiaries of U.S. state member banks, Edge and agreement corporations, and holding companies (HCs) (*i.e.*, bank holding companies (BHCs), savings and loan holding companies (SLHCs), securities holding companies (SHCs), and intermediate holding companies (IHCs)). The data from the FR 2314 forms are used to identify current and potential problems at the foreign subsidiaries of U.S. parent companies, to monitor the activities of U.S. banking organizations in specific countries, and to develop a better understanding of activities within the industry, in general, and of individual institutions, in particular.

The FR Y-11 reporting forms collect financial information for individual non-functionally regulated U.S. nonbank subsidiaries of domestic HCs, which is essential for monitoring the subsidiaries' potential impact on the

condition of the HC or its subsidiary banks. HCs file the FR Y-11 on a quarterly or annual basis, or the FR Y-11S on an annual basis, predominantly based on whether the organization meets certain asset size thresholds. The data from the FR Y-11 forms are used with other HC data to assess the condition of HCs that are heavily engaged in nonbanking activities and to monitor the volume, nature, and condition of their nonbanking operations.

Frequency: Quarterly and annually.

Respondents: U.S. banking organizations and U.S. HCs.

Total estimated number of respondents: Reporting: FR 2314 (quarterly): 434; FR 2314 (annually): 223; FR 2314S: 295; FR Y-11 (quarterly): 386; FR Y-11 (annually): 211; FR Y-11S: 286. *Recordkeeping:* FR 2314 (quarterly): 434; FR 2314 (annually): 223; FR 2314S: 295; FR Y-11 (quarterly): 386; FR Y-11 (annually): 211; FR Y-11S: 286.

Estimated average hours per response: Reporting: FR 2314 (quarterly): 8.0; FR 2314 (annually): 7.9; FR 2314S: 1; FR Y-11 (quarterly): 8.3; FR Y-11 (annually): 8.3; FR Y-11S: 1. *Recordkeeping:* FR 2314 (quarterly): 0.2; FR 2314 (annually): 0.2; FR 2314S: 0.2; FR Y-11 (quarterly): 0.2; FR Y-11 (annually): 0.2; FR Y-11S: 0.2.

Total estimated change in burden: 3,632.

Total estimated annual burden hours: 31,656.

Collection title: Reports of Foreign Banking Organizations.

Collection identifier: FR Y-7N/NS/Q.

OMB control number: 7100-0125.

General description of collection: The FR Y-7N/NS collect financial information for certain non-functionally regulated U.S. nonbank subsidiaries held by foreign banking organizations (FBOs) other than through a U.S. BHC, financial holding company (FHC), or U.S. bank. For purposes of these reports, an FBO is a foreign bank that operates a branch, agency, or commercial lending company subsidiary in the United States; controls a bank in the United States; or controls an Edge corporation acquired after March 5, 1987. FBOs file the FR Y-7N quarterly or annually or the FR Y-7NS annually, predominantly based on asset size thresholds. The Federal Reserve uses the data collected on the FR Y-7N/NS/Q to assess an FBO's ability to be a continuing source of strength to its U.S. operations and to determine compliance with applicable U.S. laws and regulations. In addition, the FR Y-7Q collects consolidated regulatory capital information from all FBOs, which the Federal Reserve uses to

assess the FBO's ability to be a continuing source of strength to its U.S. banking operations and to determine compliance with U.S. laws and regulations.

Frequency: Quarterly and annually.

Respondents: FBOs.

Total estimated number of respondents: Reporting: FR Y-7N (quarterly): 29; FR Y-7N (annually): 14; FR Y-7NS: 13; FR Y-7Q (quarterly): 122; FR Y-7Q (annually): 19. *Recordkeeping:* FR Y-7N (quarterly): 29; FR Y-7N (annually): 14; FR Y-7NS: 13.

Estimated average hours per response: Reporting: FR Y-7N (quarterly): 8.3; FR Y-7N (annually): 8.3; FR Y-7NS: 1; FR Y-7Q (quarterly): 3.25; FR Y-7Q (annually): 2.5. *Recordkeeping:* FR Y-7N (quarterly): 0.2; FR Y-7N (annually): 0.2; FR Y-7NS: 0.2.

Total estimated change in burden: 120.

Total estimated annual burden hours: 2,755.

Current actions: On June 7, 2024, the Board published two separate initial notices in the **Federal Register** (89 FR 48639 and 89 FR 48641) requesting public comment for 60 days on the extension, with revision, of the FR 2314, FR Y-11 and FR Y-7N. The comment period for both notices expired on August 6, 2024, and the Board received one comment letter on the FR 2314 and FR Y-11 notice. Additionally, the Board received one comment regarding the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) Foreign Branch Report of Condition (FFIEC 030/030S), however, the comment is not related to the collections discussed in this notice.² After considering the comments received, the Board is proceeding with the proposed revisions, but with certain modifications. There are no changes to the FR Y-7Q at this time. The specific comments, the Board's responses, and pertinent modifications follow.

Detailed Discussion of Public Comments

1. Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2022-02, "Financial Instruments—Credit Losses (Topic): Troubled Debt Restructurings and Vintage Disclosures"

The commenter was supportive of the proposed revisions to align the regulatory reporting of loan modifications to borrowers experiencing financial difficulty (LMBEFD) on the FR 2314, FR Y-11, and FR Y-7N in accordance with ASU 2022-02 issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board in March 2022. The commenter

¹ As part of this clearance, the Board has cleared the FR 2314/S and FR Y-11/S under the FR 2314 OMB control number (7100-0073), and will discontinue the FR Y-11's separate OMB control number (7100-0244). This non-substantive change is aimed at simplifying the tracking and clearance process for the four related forms. This change does not modify the reporting or recordkeeping requirements of the forms described in this notice in any way. The collection is now titled Financial Statements of U.S. Nonbank Subsidiaries of U.S. Holding Companies and Financial Statements of Foreign Subsidiaries of U.S. Banking Organizations (FR 2314/S and FR Y-11/S; OMB No. 7100-0073).

² See 89 FR 81137 (October 7, 2024).

specifically commended the Board for properly aligning the reporting standard to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and current firm practices, which will allow for the collection of relevant information without undue regulatory reporting burden to institutions. The commenter also encouraged the Board to support implementing ASU 2022–02 across all regulatory reporting forms, including the FFIEC Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income (Call Report) (FFIEC 031/041/051). In response, the Board is proceeding with these revisions as proposed to the FR 2314, FR Y–11, and FR Y–7N.

Additionally, on June 7, 2024, the Board published in the **Federal Register** separate initial notices that invited comment for 60 days on the extension, with revision, of the Financial Statements for Holding Companies (FR Y–9 Reports)³ and the Consolidated Report of Condition and Income for Edge and Agreement Corporations (FR 2886b)⁴ to propose aligning the reporting of LMBEFD with ASU 2022–02. Also, on June 21, 2024, the Board published in the **Federal Register** an initial notice that invited comment for 60 days on the extension, with revision, of the Capital Assessments and Stress Testing Reports (FR Y14A/Q/M),⁵ to propose aligning the reporting of LMBEFD with ASU 2022–02. The comment period for the FR Y–9 and FR 2886b initial notices expired on August 6, 2024, and the Board recently finalized these revisions as proposed.⁶ The comment period for the FR Y–14A/Q/M notice expired on August 20, 2024. With regard to the reporting of LMBEFD on the Call Report, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and the Board (collectively, the agencies) are continuing to evaluate the comments on their September 2023 proposal.⁷ Upon conclusion of their review, the agencies will adopt a standard through a subsequent PRA notice with a 30-day public comment period.

2. Incorporate Line Items From the FR 2502q Into the FR 2314

The commenter was supportive of incorporating line items from the Quarterly Report of Assets and Liabilities of Large Foreign Offices of U.S. Banks (FR 2502q) into the FR 2314. However, the commenter requested the

Board modify certain aspects of the proposal. First, the commenter urged the Board to limit the scope of respondents subject to the proposed FR 2314 Schedule BS–Q, “Due From, Due To, and Other” to those that meet the current criteria to file the FR 2502q. The commenter stated that there are significant scoping differences between the FR 2502q and the FR 2314. For subsidiaries, FR 2502q reporting is limited to those foreign subsidiaries located in the United Kingdom (U.K.) or the Caribbean that file the quarterly FR 2314, have a banking charter, engage in banking business, and report \$2 billion or more in total assets and \$10 million or more in total deposits. The FR 2314 quarterly instructions state that a U.S. Banking Organization (USBO) must file the report quarterly for its foreign subsidiary if the parent U.S. HC has total consolidated assets of \$500 million or more or files the FR Y–9C, or the subsidiary is owned or controlled by a state member bank or an Edge or agreement corporation that has total consolidated assets equal to or greater than \$500 million, and the subsidiary meets any one of several criteria.⁸ The commenter stated that the FR 2314’s reporting scope, without the geographic limitation to foreign subsidiaries in the U.K. and the Caribbean, results in a much greater reporting burden on firms.

Furthermore, this commenter also stated that the proposed changes and increased granularity of the items reported would necessitate both the development of new systems, as well as modifications to existing ones. This reporting burden would be greatest on respondents that have newly scoped-in entities that would be reporting this information for the first time. In light of this, the commenter requested that, if the scope of respondents on the proposed FR 2314 Schedule BS–Q is not limited to those that currently meet the criteria to file the FR 2502q, foreign subsidiaries would need at least four quarters from publication of the final forms and instructions to implement the

⁸ A USBO must file the FR 2314 quarterly for its foreign subsidiary if the parent U.S. HC has total consolidated assets of \$500 million or more or files the FR Y–9C, or the subsidiary is owned or controlled by a state member bank or an Edge or agreement corporation that has total consolidated assets equal to or greater than \$500 million, and the subsidiary meets any one of the following criteria: (1) total assets of the foreign subsidiary are equal to or greater than \$1 billion; (2) the foreign subsidiary’s off-balance-sheet activities are equal to or greater than \$5 billion; (3) the foreign subsidiary’s equity capital is equal to or greater than 5 percent of the top-tier organization’s consolidated equity capital; or (4) the foreign subsidiary’s operating revenue is equal to or greater than 5 percent of the top-tier organization’s consolidated operating revenue.

revisions. However, if the scope were limited to foreign subsidiaries that meet the current criteria to file the FR 2502q, foreign subsidiaries would only need two additional quarters to implement the proposal.

The Board agrees with the commenter that broadening the criteria for reporting the proposed FR 2314 Schedule BS–Q beyond the current reporting criteria for the FR 2502q may impose additional burden on FR 2314 respondents and is finalizing the criteria for completing Schedule BS–Q as noted below. Foreign subsidiaries that are located in the U.K. or Caribbean (that are not located in a U.S. military facility), that have a banking charter and engage in banking business, that report \$2 billion or more in total assets in Schedule BS, item 10, and \$10 million or more in total deposits in Schedule BS–M, item 6, as of the end of the calendar quarter, must complete new Schedule BS–Q. Foreign Subsidiaries that file the FR 2314 on an annual basis would not report the new items. The FR 2314 instructions will be updated to reflect these changes. Substantially restricting the scope of institutions required to complete Schedule BS–Q should additionally limit the burden incurred due to system revisions necessary to implement the revisions. Although the proposed line items would be new on the FR 2314, there would be fewer items reported and they would be at the same level of granularity as currently reported on the FR 2502q. However, the Board acknowledges that U.S. HCs and their foreign subsidiaries may need additional time initially to develop their reporting systems to implement these changes. As such, the Board will delay the requirement to complete Schedule BS–Q until March 31, 2025.

3. Other Comments Received

The commenter noted that the notice proposes to revise the instructions of FR 2314 and FR Y–11, Schedule IS, line item 4, “Provision for Credit Losses”, to instruct respondents to include provisions for credit losses on all financial assets and off-balance-sheet credit exposures. The commenter stated that, despite this proposed revision, contradictory language would remain in the instructions for Schedule IS, line item 4, “Provisions for Credit Losses” stating to “exclude provision for credit losses on off-balance-sheet credit exposures and provisions for allocated transfer risk, both of which should be reported in Schedule IS, line item 7, “Noninterest expense”. The commenter also noted that the current instructions of Schedule IS line item 7(a), “Pertaining to nonrelated

³ See 89 FR 48637 (June 7, 2024).

⁴ See 89 FR 48644 (June 7, 2024).

⁵ See 89 FR 52042 (June 21, 2024).

⁶ See 89 FR 90284 (November 15, 2024).

⁷ See 88 FR 66933 (September 28, 2023).

organizations”, states to “report any provision for credit losses related to off-balance sheet credit exposures”. Therefore, the commenter requested the Board (1) exclude the provision for credit losses on off-balance sheet credit exposures from Schedule IS, line item 4, and (2) instead include them on line item 7. In response to the commenter, the Board explicitly notes that provisions for credit losses on off-balance sheet and provisions for allocated transfer risk *should be* reflected in FR 2314 and FR Y-11 Schedule IS, item 4, and excluded from Schedule IS, item 7. This clarification is also applicable to FR Y-7N Schedule IS, items 4, “Provisions for Credit Losses” and 7, “Noninterest expense”. Therefore, the Board will update the instructions of FR 2314, FR Y-11, FR Y-7N Schedule IS items 4 and 7 accordingly.

The commenter also asked for clarification on FR 2314 Schedule BS-Q, line items 3, “Assets that are claims on U.S. addressees other than depository institutions”, and 4, “Liabilities to U.S. addressees other than depository institutions”. The instructions of proposed Schedule BS-Q state to exclude balances with related institutions from line items 3 and 4, while BS-Q, line items 1, “Balances due from related institutions, gross”, and 2, “Balances due to related institutions, gross”, represent balances due from and due to related institutions, gross, as stated in the line item caption name. The commenter requested that Board revise the instructions to explicitly clarify that these balances reported in Schedule BS-Q line items 1 and 2 should be excluded when reporting the balances in line items 3 and 4. In response, the Board will revise the instructions to explicitly clarify that balances with related institutions are excluded from Schedule BS-Q, line items 3 and 4.

The commenter also stated that proposed revisions to the draft FR 2314 and FR Y-11 report forms, Schedule IS-B, Memoranda items M3 and M4 contain a reference to a footnote (FN 6) following the the line item captions. The commenter requested that FN 6 be added and respondents be given the opportunity to comment on this item. Schedule IS-B, Memoranda items M3 and M4 should not reference FN 6 on the respective report forms. Therefore, the report forms will be updated to no longer reference FN 6.

Lastly, the commenter requested clarity regarding the statement that six line items from the FR 2502q would be incorporated into the proposed FR 2314 Schedule BS-Q, when it appears that

only one line item is included. The commenter stated that, “although there are six line items on the proposed FR 2314 Schedule BS-Q, only line items 3 and 4, which break out FR 2502q line item 1.c. are from the FR 2502q.” The Board acknowledges that not all line items that were proposed to be added to the FR 2314 are explicitly from the FR 2502q. However, the intent of these new line items is to allow for the discontinuation of the FR 2502q and to support the supervisory data needs of the FR 2502q data users.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 31, 2025.

Benjamin W. McDonough,

Deputy Secretary and Ombuds of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Notice, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) invites comment on a proposal to extend for three years the Reporting, Recordkeeping, and Disclosure Requirements Associated with Regulation NN (FR NN; OMB No. 7100-0353).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 7, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by FR NN, by any of the following methods:

- *Agency Website:* <https://www.federalreserve.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments, including attachments. *Preferred method.*
- *Mail:* Ann E. Misback, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20551.
- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Same as mailing address.
- *Other Means:* publiccomments@frb.gov. You must include the OMB number or the FR number in the subject line of the message.

Comments received are subject to public disclosure. In general, comments received will be made available on the Board’s website at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/proposals/> without change and will not be modified to remove personal or business information including

confidential, contact, or other identifying information. Comments should not include any information such as confidential information that would be not appropriate for public disclosure. Public comments may also be viewed electronically or in person in Room M-4365A, 2001 C St. NW, Washington, DC 20551, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. during Federal business weekdays.

Additionally, commenters may send a copy of their comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Desk Officer for the Federal Reserve Board, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer—Nuha Elmaghrabi—Office of the Chief Data Officer, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, nuha.elmaghrabi@frb.gov, (202) 452-3884.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 15, 1984, OMB delegated to the Board authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) to approve and assign OMB control numbers to collections of information conducted or sponsored by the Board. In exercising this delegated authority, the Board is directed to take every reasonable step to solicit comment. In determining whether to approve a collection of information, the Board will consider all comments received from the public and other agencies.

During the comment period for this proposal, a copy of the proposed PRA OMB submission, including the draft reporting form and instructions, supporting statement (which contains more detail about the information collection and burden estimates than this notice), and other documentation, will be made available on the Board’s public website at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/reportingforms/review> or may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears above. On the page displayed at the link above, you can find the supporting information by referencing the collection identifier, FR NN. Final versions of these documents will be made available at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, if approved.

Request for Comment on Information Collection Proposal

The Board invites public comment on the following information collection,

which is being reviewed under authority delegated by the OMB under the PRA. Comments are invited on the following:

a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Board's functions, including whether the information has practical utility;

b. The accuracy of the Board's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

d. Ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

e. Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the Board should modify the proposal.

Proposal Under OMB Delegated Authority To Extend for Three Years, Without Revision, the Following Information Collection

Collection title: Reporting, Recordkeeping, and Disclosure Requirements Associated with Regulation NN.

Collection identifier: FR NN.

OMB control number: 7100-0353.

General description of collection: The Board's Regulation NN—Retail Foreign Exchange Transactions (12 CFR part 240) establishes rules applicable to retail foreign currency transactions engaged in by state member banks, uninsured state-licensed branches of foreign banks, financial holding companies, bank holding companies, savings and loan holding companies, agreement corporations, and Edge corporations (collectively, banking institutions). Regulation NN includes certain reporting, recordkeeping, and disclosure requirements for banking institutions that elect to provide off-exchange transactions in foreign currency with retail customers.

Frequency: Event-generated.

Respondents: Banking institutions.

Total estimated number of respondents: 2.

Total estimated annual burden hours: 675.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 31, 2025.

Benjamin W. McDonough,

Deputy Secretary and Ombuds of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Notice, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) invites comment on a proposal to extend for three years, without revision, the Notice of Proposed Declaration of Dividend (FR 1583; OMB No. 7100-0339).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 7, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by FR 1583, by any of the following methods:

- *Agency Website:* <https://www.federalreserve.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments, including attachments. *Preferred method.*
- *Mail:* Ann E. Misback, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20551.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Same as mailing address.

- *Other Means:* publiccomments@frb.gov. You must include the OMB number or the FR number in the subject line of the message.

Comments received are subject to public disclosure. In general, comments received will be made available on the Board's website at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/proposals/> without change and will not be modified to remove personal or business information including confidential, contact, or other identifying information. Comments should not include any information such as confidential information that would be not appropriate for public disclosure. Public comments may also be viewed electronically or in person in Room M-4365A, 2001 C St. NW, Washington, DC 20551, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. during Federal business weekdays.

Additionally, commenters may send a copy of their comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Desk Officer for the Federal Reserve Board, Office of Information and Regulatory

Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer—Nuha Elmaghrabi—Office of the Chief Data Officer, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, nuha.elmaghrabi@frb.gov, (202) 452-3884.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 15, 1984, OMB delegated to the Board authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) to approve and assign OMB control numbers to collections of information conducted or sponsored by the Board. In exercising this delegated authority, the Board is directed to take every reasonable step to solicit comment. In determining whether to approve a collection of information, the Board will consider all comments received from the public and other agencies.

During the comment period for this proposal, a copy of the proposed PRA OMB submission, including the draft reporting form and instructions, supporting statement (which contains more detail about the information collection and burden estimates than this notice), and other documentation, will be made available on the Board's public website at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/reportingforms/review> or may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears above. On the page displayed at the link above, you can find the supporting information by referencing the collection identifier, FR 1583. Final versions of these documents will be made available at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, if approved.

Request for Comment on Information Collection Proposal

The Board invites public comment on the following information collection, which is being reviewed under authority delegated by the OMB under the PRA. Comments are invited on the following:

a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Board's functions, including whether the information has practical utility;

b. The accuracy of the Board's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

d. Ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

e. Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the Board should modify the proposal.

Proposal Under OMB Delegated Authority To Extend for Three Years, Without Revision, the Following Information Collection

Collection title: Notice of Proposed Declaration of Dividend.

Collection identifier: FR 1583.

OMB control number: 7100–0339.

General description of collection: A savings association subsidiary of a savings and loan holding company (SLHC) must provide prior notice of the proposed declaration of a dividend by filing form FR 1583, whether electronically or by paper form, with the appropriate Reserve Bank. The FR 1583 requires information regarding the date of the filing and the nature and amount of the proposed dividend, as well as the names and signatures of the executive officer and secretary of the savings association that is providing the notice. The FR 1583 notice may include a schedule proposing dividends over a period specified by the notificant, not to exceed 12 months.

Frequency: Event-generated.

Respondents: Any savings association that is a subsidiary of an SLHC, including an SLHC that is a mutual holding company.

Total estimated number of respondents: 146.

Total estimated annual burden hours: 85.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 31, 2025.

Benjamin W. McDonough,

Deputy Secretary and Ombuds of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of a Bank or Bank Holding Company

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (Act) (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire shares of a bank

or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the applications are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The public portions of the applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, if any, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank(s) indicated below and at the offices of the Board of Governors. This information may also be obtained on an expedited basis, upon request, by contacting the appropriate Federal Reserve Bank and from the Board's Freedom of Information Office at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/foia/request.htm>. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in paragraph 7 of the Act.

Comments received are subject to public disclosure. In general, comments received will be made available without change and will not be modified to remove personal or business information including confidential, contact, or other identifying information. Comments should not include any information such as confidential information that would not be appropriate for public disclosure.

Comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors, Ann E. Misback, Secretary of the Board, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20551–0001, not later than February 20, 2025.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Joseph Cuenco, Assistant Vice President, Formations & Transactions) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105–1579. Comments can also be sent electronically to sf.fisc.comments.applications@sf.frb.org:

1. *Charles Diesing, Graham, Washington*; to acquire additional voting shares of Liberty Northwest Bancorp, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire additional voting shares of Liberty Bank, both of Poulsbo, Washington.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Erin Cayce,

Assistant Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Notice, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) invites comment on a proposal to extend for three years, without revision, the Reporting Requirements Associated with Regulation TT (FR TT; OMB No. 7100–0369).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 7, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by FR TT, by any of the following methods:

- *Agency Website:* <https://www.federalreserve.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments, including attachments. *Preferred method.*

- *Mail:* Ann E. Misback, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20551.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Same as mailing address.

- *Other Means:* publiccomments@frb.gov. You must include the OMB number or the FR number in the subject line of the message.

Comments received are subject to public disclosure. In general, comments received will be made available on the Board's website at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/proposals/> without change and will not be modified to remove personal or business information including confidential, contact, or other identifying information. Comments should not include any information such as confidential information that would be not appropriate for public disclosure. Public comments may also be viewed electronically or in person in Room M–4365A, 2001 C St. NW, Washington, DC 20551, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. during Federal business weekdays.

Additionally, commenters may send a copy of their comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Desk Officer for the Federal Reserve Board, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395–6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Federal Reserve Board Clearance

Officer—Nuha Elmaghrabi—Office of the Chief Data Officer, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, nuha.elmaghrabi@frb.gov, (202) 452-3884.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 15, 1984, OMB delegated to the Board authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) to approve and assign OMB control numbers to collections of information conducted or sponsored by the Board. In exercising this delegated authority, the Board is directed to take every reasonable step to solicit comment. In determining whether to approve a collection of information, the Board will consider all comments received from the public and other agencies.

During the comment period for this proposal, a copy of the proposed PRA OMB submission, including the draft reporting form and instructions, supporting statement (which contains more detail about the information collection and burden estimates than this notice), and other documentation, will be made available on the Board's public website at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/reportingforms/review> or may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears above. On the page displayed at the link above, you can find the supporting information by referencing the collection identifier, FR TT. Final versions of these documents will be made available at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, if approved.

Request for Comment on Information Collection Proposal

The Board invites public comment on the following information collection, which is being reviewed under authority delegated by the OMB under the PRA. Comments are invited on the following:

- a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Board's functions, including whether the information has practical utility;
- b. The accuracy of the Board's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
- d. Ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and
- e. Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance,

and purchase of services to provide information.

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the Board should modify the proposal.

Proposal Under OMB Delegated Authority To Extend for Three Years, Without Revision, the Following Information Collection

Collection title: Reporting Requirements Associated with Regulation TT.

Collection identifier: FR TT.

OMB control No.: 7100-0369.

General description of collection: The Board's Regulation TT—Supervision and Regulation Assessments of Fees (12 CFR part 246) implements the second section 11(s) of the Federal Reserve Act, which directs the Board to collect assessments, fees, or other charges from bank holding companies and savings and loan holding companies that meet a size threshold and from all nonbank financial companies designated for Board supervision by the Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC) in an amount equal to the total expenses the Board estimates are necessary or appropriate to carry out its supervisory and regulatory responsibilities with respect to such companies. Pursuant to Regulation TT, the Board issues an annual notice of assessment to each assessed company. Assessed companies may file a written appeal with the Board regarding the assessment. Each assessed company has thirty calendar days from June 30 or, if issued later than June 30, thirty calendar days from the date of issuance for that assessment period, to submit an emailed statement to appeal the Board's determination (1) that the company is an assessed company or (2) of the company's total assessable assets.

Frequency: Event-generated.

Respondents: Bank holding companies and savings and loan holding companies that meet a size threshold of \$100 billion or more in total consolidated assets and all nonbank financial companies designated for Board supervision by the FSOC.

Total estimated number of respondents: 3.

Total estimated annual burden hours: 30.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 31, 2025.

Benjamin W. McDonough,

Deputy Secretary and Ombuds of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency Information Collection Activities: Announcement of Board Approval Under Delegated Authority and Submission to OMB

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) is adopting a proposal to extend for three years, with revision, the Report of Selected Money Market Rates (FR 2420; OMB No. 7100-0357).

DATES: The revisions are effective February 9, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer—Nuha Elmaghrabi—Office of the Chief Data Officer, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, nuha.elmaghrabi@frb.gov, (202) 452-3884.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Desk Officer for the Federal Reserve Board, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395-6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 15, 1984, OMB delegated to the Board authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) to approve and assign OMB control numbers to collections of information conducted or sponsored by the Board. Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. The OMB inventory, as well as copies of the PRA Submission, supporting statements (which contain more detailed information about the information collections and burden estimates than this notice), and approved collection of information instrument(s) are available at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. These documents are also available on the Federal Reserve Board's public website at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/reportingforms/review> or may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears above. On the page displayed at the link above, you can find the supporting information by referencing the collection identifier, FR 2420.

Final Approval Under OMB Delegated Authority of the Extension for Three Years, With Revision, of the Following Information Collection

Collection title: Report of Selected Money Market Rates.

Collection identifier: FR 2420.

OMB control number: 7100–0357.

General description of collection: The FR 2420 is a transaction-based report that collects daily liability data on federal funds purchased, selected borrowings from non-exempt entities, Eurodollar transactions, and time deposits and certificates of deposits from (1) domestically chartered commercial banks and savings associations that have \$18 billion or more in total assets as well as those that have total assets above \$5 billion but less than \$18 billion and meet the activity threshold, (2) U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks with total third-party assets of \$2.5 billion or more, and (3) significant banking organizations that are active participants in money markets. The FR 2420 also collects daily data on Eurodollar transactions from International Banking Facilities (IBFs) of the above-referenced institutions. The FR 2420 data are used in the publication of the Effective Federal Funds Rate and Overnight Bank Funding Rate and in analysis of current money market conditions.

Frequency: Daily.

Respondents: Commercial banks, savings associations, U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks, IBFs, and significant banking organizations representing entities actively participating in the federal funds and/or other money markets.

Total estimated number of respondents: 277.

Total estimated change in burden: 14,000.

Total estimated annual burden hours: 133,825.

Current actions: On September 30, 2024, the Board published a notice in the **Federal Register** (89 FR 79592) requesting public comment for 60 days on the extension, with revision, of the FR 2420. The Board proposed to add data items to the FR 2420 reporting form concerning short-term bank funding from the Federal Home Loan Banks (FHLBs) in the form of secured borrowings known as advances with one year or less to maturity at origination, as well as interest-bearing deposits placed by FHLBs without a specified maturity. In addition, the Board proposed to add an item to the time deposits section of the FR 2420 requiring respondents to denote which deposits are brokered transactions. The Board proposed to revise the FR 2420 instructions to add guidance related to submission of these new data items. Among other instruction revisions, the Board proposed to remove references to the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) in the instructions to reflect the

cessation of U.S. dollar LIBOR. The comment period for this notice expired on November 29, 2024. The Board did not receive any comments. The revisions will be implemented as proposed.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 31, 2025.

Benjamin W. McDonough,

Deputy Secretary and Ombuds of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Notice, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) invites comment on a proposal to extend for three years, without revision, the Recordkeeping Provisions Associated with the Interagency Statement on Complex Structured Finance Activities (FR 4022; OMB No. 7100–0311).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 7, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by FR 4022, by any of the following methods:

- *Agency Website:* <https://www.federalreserve.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments, including attachments. *Preferred method.*
- *Mail:* Ann E. Misback, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20551.
- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Same as mailing address.
- *Other Means:* publiccomments@frb.gov. You must include the OMB number or the FR number in the subject line of the message.

Comments received are subject to public disclosure. In general, comments received will be made available on the Board's website at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/proposals/> without change and will not be modified to remove personal or business information including confidential, contact, or other identifying information. Comments should not include any information such as confidential information that would be not appropriate for public disclosure. Public comments may also be viewed electronically or in person in Room M–4365A, 2001 C St. NW,

Washington, DC 20551, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. during Federal business weekdays.

Additionally, commenters may send a copy of their comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Desk Officer for the Federal Reserve Board, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395–6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer—Nuha Elmaghrabi—Office of the Chief Data Officer, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, nuha.elmaghrabi@frb.gov, (202) 452–3884.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 15, 1984, OMB delegated to the Board authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) to approve and assign OMB control numbers to collections of information conducted or sponsored by the Board. In exercising this delegated authority, the Board is directed to take every reasonable step to solicit comment. In determining whether to approve a collection of information, the Board will consider all comments received from the public and other agencies.

During the comment period for this proposal, a copy of the proposed PRA OMB submission, including the draft reporting form and instructions, supporting statement (which contains more detail about the information collection and burden estimates than this notice), and other documentation, will be made available on the Board's public website at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/reportingforms/review> or may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears above. On the page displayed at the link above, you can find the supporting information by referencing the collection identifier, FR 4022. Final versions of these documents will be made available at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, if approved.

Request for Comment on Information Collection Proposal

The Board invites public comment on the following information collection, which is being reviewed under authority delegated by the OMB under the PRA. Comments are invited on the following:

- a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Board's functions, including whether the information has practical utility;

b. The accuracy of the Board's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

d. Ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

e. Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the Board should modify the proposal.

Proposal Under OMB Delegated Authority To Extend for Three Years, Without Revision, the Following Information Collection

Collection title: Recordkeeping Provisions Associated with the Interagency Statement on Complex Structured Finance Activities.

Collection identifier: FR 4022.

OMB control No.: 7100-0311.

General description of collection: This interagency guidance (the Statement)¹ states that certain financial institutions should establish and maintain written policies and procedures for identifying, evaluating, assessing, documenting, and controlling risks associated with complex structured finance transactions (CSFTs) and should retain certain documents related to elevated risk CSFTs,² which are a subcategory of CSFTs. The FR 4022 covers these information collections for financial institutions that are subject to the Statement and that are supervised by the Board.

Frequency: On-going.

Respondents: State member banks, bank holding companies (other than foreign banking organizations), savings and loan holding companies, and U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks.

Total estimated number of respondents: 14.

Total estimated annual burden hours: 140.

¹ Interagency Statement on Sound Practices Concerning Elevated Risk Complex Structured Finance Activities (the Statement) (January 11, 2007), available at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2007/01/11/07-55/interagency-statement-on-sound-practices-concerning-elevated-risk-complex-structured-finance>.

² See section III, part A, "Identifying Elevated Risk CSFTs," of the final interagency statement for more details.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 31, 2025.

Benjamin W. McDonough,

Deputy Secretary and Ombuds of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Child Care Improper Payments Data Collection Instructions (OMB #0970-0323)

AGENCY: Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families is proposing revisions to an approved information collection, the Child Care Improper Payments Data Collection Instructions (OMB #0970-0323, expiration 1/31/2025). In addition to the proposed changes, we are requesting a 3-year extension.

DATES: *Comments due* March 7, 2025. OMB must make a decision about the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. You can also obtain copies of the proposed collection of information by emailing infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all emailed requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: Section 2 of the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 (PIIA) requires Federal agencies to review their programs and activities to identify those that may be susceptible to significant improper payments, publish improper payment estimates for those programs and activities, and submit a report on actions taken to reduce improper payments. Subpart K of 45 CFR part 98

(Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)) requires States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico to prepare and submit a report once every 3 years with data on the errors occurring in the administration of CCDF grant funds. The Child Care Improper Payments Data Collection Instructions (DCI) provides instructions and guidance to States to implement the CCDF error rate methodology.

The Office of Child Care (OCC) is completing the sixth 3-year cycle of case record reviews to meet the requirements for reporting under PIIA. The current data collection forms and instructions expire on January 31, 2025. As part of the renewal process, OCC has revised the forms and instructions with minor changes that do not change the methodology, but that provide additional guidance and clarification to facilitate complete and accurate data submissions. Existing instructions and examples were updated, expanded, or rewritten to clarify the information requested. Several formatting changes were made to streamline instructions. The instructions and forms were also reviewed for alignment with the 2024 CCDF Final Rule (89 FR 15366, March 1, 2024). A description of changes made in each section can be found in the Introduction section of the revised DCI.

OCC is particularly interested in feedback about updates made to the following sections:

- **Burden hours:** OCC proposes to revise the estimated burden hours for the Sampling Decisions, Assurances, and Fieldwork Preparation Plan (SDAP), the ACF-403 Record Review Worksheet (RRW), the ACF-404 State Improper Payments Report, and the ACF-405 State Improper Payments Report Corrective Action Plan (CAP). The current burden hours have not been revised for several years. OCC recognizes that many factors have changed since States first began error rate reviews, including increased use of technology by States to aid data collection and reporting efforts, greater organizational capacity to conduct ongoing error rate reviews, and OCC's use of data reporting systems to reduce manual reporting burden on States.

For this reason, OCC conducted a survey in the spring of 2024 to gather information about States' experiences completing the error rate reports, including their estimated burden hours for each report. All CCDF Lead Agencies required to submit the error rate reports were invited to participate, and 56 percent (29 out of 52 Lead Agencies) responded. Lead Agency respondents represented a geographically diverse group of States with a range in size as

defined by the numbers of children and families served by CCDF. There were expected variations in responses which may reflect differences in States' administrative structures and complexity, staff capacity, reporting technology, interpretation of the survey questions, and other factors. However, even considering the range of responses and any outliers, OCC determined that the burden hours estimates should be lowered to reflect the survey results. In addition, to more accurately account for the work described by survey respondents, OCC further broke out the estimated burden hours for the RRW into the following two parts: (1) the estimated hours needed for States to customize the standard RRW template to reflect their State's rules, policies, and procedures; and (2) the estimated

hours needed for States to use the customized RRW to conduct each of the 276 case reviews.

- *Root Causes of Error:* OCC proposes to standardize the root causes of error in Item 19 of the ACF-404 State Improper Payment Report by creating a drop-down list of error cause choices. Currently, Lead Agencies enter free text to describe the causes of errors in their Federal error rate reviews. While this approach allows flexibility at the individual reporting level, inconsistent terminology and descriptions across States and reporting cycles makes it difficult to analyze, report, and track national and State-level error trends over time. Further, the current approach can add additional burden to States during the report review and approval process because clarifications about

error cause descriptions are often requested by Federal reviewers. We request comment on whether standardizing error causes in Item 19 would benefit Lead Agencies in their data analysis, ease of report preparation, and tracking of error trends over time. We also request comments on whether the proposed list of standardized error causes would meet Lead Agency reporting needs, and if not, what additional or different error causes should be included.

Respondents: CCDF grantees from states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

Annual Burden Estimates: Burden estimates are shown based on the total burden over a 3-year period divided by three to show average annual burden estimates.

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Total number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours	Annual burden hours
Sampling Decisions, Assurances, and Fieldwork Preparation Plan	52	1	35	1,820	607
ACF-403 Record Review Worksheet: <i>template</i>	52	1	63	3,276	1,092
ACF-403 Record Review Worksheet: <i>case record reviews</i>	52	276	3.0	43,056	14,352
ACF-404 State Improper Payments Report	52	1	66	3,432	1,144
ACF-405 State Improper Payments Report Corrective Action Plan	6	^a 2	24	288	96
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours					17,291

^a The total number of responses per respondent over a 3-year period ranges from 1-3, depending on how long it takes respondents to reduce the Improper Payment Rate to below the threshold. Respondents submit a *Corrective Action Plan* that covers a 1-year period; at the end of each year, if respondents have not reduced the Improper Payment Rate to below the threshold, they submit a new *Corrective Action Plan* for the following year. An average of two responses per respondent over 3 years is used to calculate annual burden estimates.

Authority: 45 CFR part 98, subpart K.

Mary C. Jones,

ACF/OPRE Certifying Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Quarterly Internal Revenue Service Interest Rates Used in Calculating Interest on Overdue Accounts and Refunds of Customs Duties

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the quarterly Internal Revenue Service interest rates used to calculate interest on overdue accounts (underpayments) and refunds (overpayments) of customs duties will decrease from the previous quarter. For

the calendar quarter beginning January 1, 2025, the interest rates for underpayments will be 7 percent for both corporations and non-corporations. The interest rate for overpayments will be 7 percent for non-corporations and 6 percent for corporations. This notice is published for the convenience of the importing public and U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel.

DATES: The rates announced in this notice are applicable as of January 1, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bruce Ingalls, Revenue Division, Collection Refunds & Analysis Branch, 8899 E 56th Street, Mail Stop 203J, Indianapolis, IN 46249; telephone (317) 298-1107.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1505 and Treasury Decision 85-93, published in the **Federal Register** on May 29, 1985 (50 FR 21832), the interest rate paid on applicable overpayments or underpayments of customs duties must

be in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code rate established under 26 U.S.C. 6621 and 6622. Section 6621 provides different interest rates applicable to overpayments: one for corporations and one for non-corporations.

The interest rates are based on the Federal short-term rate and determined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on behalf of the Secretary of the Treasury on a quarterly basis. The rates effective for a quarter are determined during the first-month period of the previous quarter.

In Revenue Ruling 2024-25, the IRS determined the rates of interest for the calendar quarter beginning January 1, 2025, and ending on March 31, 2025. The interest rate paid to the Treasury for underpayments will be the Federal short-term rate (4%) plus three percentage points (3%) for a total of seven percent (7%) for both corporations and non-corporations. For overpayments made by non-corporations, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (4%) plus three

percentage points (3%) for a total of seven percent (7%). For corporate overpayments, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (4%) plus two percentage points (2%) for a total of six percent (6%). These interest rates used to calculate interest on overdue accounts (underpayments) and refunds

(overpayments) of customs duties have decreased from the previous quarter. These interest rates are subject to change for the calendar quarter beginning April 1, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2025.

For the convenience of the importing public and U.S. Customs and Border

Protection personnel, the following list of IRS interest rates used, covering the period from July of 1974 to date, to calculate interest on overdue accounts and refunds of customs duties, is published in summary format.

Beginning date	Ending date	Underpayments (percent)	Overpayments (percent)	Corporate overpayments (eff. 1-1-99) (percent)
070174	063075	6	6	
070175	013176	9	9	
020176	013178	7	7	
020178	013180	6	6	
020180	013182	12	12	
020182	123182	20	20	
010183	063083	16	16	
070183	123184	11	11	
010185	063085	13	13	
070185	123185	11	11	
010186	063086	10	10	
070186	123186	9	9	
010187	093087	9	8	
100187	123187	10	9	
010188	033188	11	10	
040188	093088	10	9	
100188	033189	11	10	
040189	093089	12	11	
100189	033191	11	10	
040191	123191	10	9	
010192	033192	9	8	
040192	093092	8	7	
100192	063094	7	6	
070194	093094	8	7	
100194	033195	9	8	
040195	063095	10	9	
070195	033196	9	8	
040196	063096	8	7	
070196	033198	9	8	
040198	123198	8	7	
010199	033199	7	7	6
040199	033100	8	8	7
040100	033101	9	9	8
040101	063001	8	8	7
070101	123101	7	7	6
010102	123102	6	6	5
010103	093003	5	5	4
100103	033104	4	4	3
040104	063004	5	5	4
070104	093004	4	4	3
100104	033105	5	5	4
040105	093005	6	6	5
100105	063006	7	7	6
070106	123107	8	8	7
010108	033108	7	7	6
040108	063008	6	6	5
070108	093008	5	5	4
100108	123108	6	6	5
010109	033109	5	5	4
040109	123110	4	4	3
010111	033111	3	3	2
040111	093011	4	4	3
100111	033116	3	3	2
040116	033118	4	4	3
040118	123118	5	5	4
010119	063019	6	6	5
070119	063020	5	5	4
070120	033122	3	3	2
040122	063022	4	4	3
070122	093022	5	5	4
100122	123122	6	6	5
010123	093023	7	7	6

Beginning date	Ending date	Underpayments (percent)	Overpayments (percent)	Corporate overpayments (eff. 1–1–99) (percent)
100123	123124	8	8	7
010125	033125	7	7	6

Crinley S. Hoover,
Acting Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Implementation of Additional Duties on Products of the People’s Republic of China Pursuant to the President’s February 1, 2025 Executive Order Imposing Duties To Address the Synthetic Opioid Supply Chain in the People’s Republic of China

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In order to effectuate the President’s February 1, 2025 Executive Order “Imposing Duties to Address the Synthetic Opioid Supply Chain in the People’s Republic of China,” which imposes specified rates of duty on imports of articles that are products of the People’s Republic of China (PRC or China), the Secretary of Homeland Security has determined that appropriate action is needed to modify the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) as set out in the annex to this notice.

DATES: The duties set out in the annex to this document are effective with respect to products of the PRC that are entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on February 4, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brandon Lord, Executive Director, Trade Policy and Programs, Office of Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, (202) 325–6432 or by email at traderemedy@cbp.dhs.gov. Susan Thomas, Executive Director, Cargo and Conveyance Security, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, (202) 344–3401 or by email at traderemedy@cbp.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 20, 2025, the President declared a national emergency with respect to the grave threat to the United States posed

by the influx of illegal aliens and drugs into the United States in Proclamation 10886 (Declaring a National Emergency at the Southern Border). See National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*) (NEA).

On February 1, 2025, the President expanded the scope of the national emergency declared in that proclamation to cover the failure of the People’s Republic of China (PRC or China) government to arrest, seize, detain, or otherwise intercept, chemical precursor suppliers, money launderers, other transnational criminal organizations, criminals at large, and drugs. In addition, the President determined that this failure to act on the part of the PRC constitutes an unusual and extraordinary threat, which has its source in substantial part outside the United States, to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States.

To address this threat, pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) (IEEPA), the NEA, section 604 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2483), and 3 U.S.C. 301, the President imposed ad valorem tariffs on all imports that are products of the PRC, excluding those encompassed by 50 U.S.C. 1702(b). Specifically, the February 1, 2025 Executive Order adjusted duties on imported products of the PRC, by imposing, consistent with law, an additional 10 percent ad valorem rate of duty as described in the annex to this notice.

The Executive Order directed the Secretary of Homeland Security, to determine and implement the necessary modifications to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), consistent with law, in order to effectuate the Executive Order.

In order to implement the rates of duty imposed by the Executive Order, effective on February 4, 2025, subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS is modified by the annex to this notice.

Articles that are the products of China, which hereinafter will include products of Hong Kong in accordance with Executive Order 13936 on Hong Kong Normalization (*See* 85 FR 43413 (July 17, 2020)), excluding those encompassed by 50 U.S.C. 1702(b), that

are entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on February 4, 2025, will be subject to the additional ad valorem rate of duty provided for in new HTSUS heading 9903.01.20, except that goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, after 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on February 4, 2025, that were loaded onto a vessel at the port of loading, or in transit on the final mode of transport prior to entry into the United States, before 12:01 a.m. eastern time on February 1, 2025, shall not be subject to such additional duty only if the importer certifies to CBP that the goods so qualify by declaring new HTSUS heading 9903.01.23 as described in the annex to this notice. The exception for goods that were in transit before February 1, 2025 is time limited, to prevent importers from abusing this provision when it is no longer realistic due to the passage of time, as provided in new HTSUS heading 9903.01.23 that is described in the annex to this notice, and will only apply to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on February 4, 2025, and before 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on March 7, 2025.

Imported products of China that are encompassed by 50 U.S.C. 1702(b) will not be subject to the additional ad valorem duty provided for in new HTSUS heading 9903.01.20, but such qualifying products, other than products for personal use included in accompanied baggage of persons arriving in the United States, must be declared and entered under new HTSUS heading 9903.01.21 or new HTSUS heading 9903.01.22. Specifically, new HTSUS heading 9903.01.21 covers products encompassed by 50 U.S.C. 1702(b)(2) and new HTSUS heading 9903.01.22 covers products encompassed by 50 U.S.C. 1702(b)(3).¹

¹ 50 U.S.C. 1702(b)(1) covers “postal, telegraphic, telephonic, or other personal communication[s], which do[] not involve a transfer of anything of value,” and hence does not encompass any imported articles of merchandise. 50 U.S.C. 1702(b)(4) covers “transactions ordinarily incident to travel to or from any country, including [1] importation of accompanied baggage for personal use, [2] maintenance within any country including payment of living expenses and acquisition of

The additional ad valorem duty provided for in new HTSUS heading 9903.01.20 applies in addition to all other applicable duties, taxes, fees, exactions, and charges. Further, the February 1, 2025 Executive Order clarifies that duty-free *de minimis* treatment under 19 U.S.C. 1321 shall not be available for the articles of China subject to the additional 10 percent ad valorem rate of duty. Accordingly, articles covered by heading 9903.01.20 shall not be eligible for the administrative exemption from duty and certain taxes at 19 U.S.C. 1321(a)(2)(C)—the so-called “de minimis” exemption.

In order to protect the revenue of the United States and effectively carry out the Executive Order’s instruction to exclude such articles from eligibility for the *de minimis* exemption, including with respect to shipments arriving by international mail from China, CBP has determined that, in accordance with 19 CFR 145.12(a)(1), it is necessary to require formal entry for all mail shipments from China. Without regard to their value, no mail shipments from China will be cleared or released by CBP unless and until formal entry is properly filed.

Products of China that are eligible for temporary duty exemptions or

reductions under subchapter II to chapter 99 shall be subject to the additional ad valorem rate of duty imposed by heading 9903.01.20.

The additional duties imposed by heading 9903.01.20 shall not apply to goods for which entry is properly claimed under a provision of chapter 98 of the tariff schedule pursuant to applicable regulations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”), and whenever CBP agrees that entry under such a provision is appropriate, except for goods entered under heading 9802.00.80; and subheadings 9802.00.40, 9802.00.50, and 9802.00.60. For subheadings 9802.00.40, 9802.00.50, and 9802.00.60, the additional duties apply to the value of repairs, alterations, or processing performed (in the PRC), as described in the applicable subheading. For heading 9802.00.80, the additional duties apply to the value of the article assembled abroad (in the PRC), less the cost or value of such products of the United States, as described.

Articles that are products of the PRC, excluding those encompassed by 50 U.S.C. 1702(b), except those that are eligible for admission to a foreign trade zone under “domestic status” as defined in 19 CFR 146.43, and are admitted into a United States foreign trade zone on or

after 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on February 4, 2025, must be admitted as “privileged foreign status” as defined in 19 CFR 146.41. Such articles will be subject, upon entry for consumption, to the duties imposed by the Executive Order and the rates of duty related to the classification under the applicable HTSUS subheading in effect at the time of admission into the United States foreign trade zone.

No drawback shall be available with respect to the additional duties imposed pursuant to the Executive Order.

Kristi Noem,
Secretary.

Annex
To Modify Chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States

Effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on February 4, 2025, subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) is modified:

1. by inserting the following new heading 9903.01.20 in numerical sequence, with the material in the new heading inserted in the columns of the HTSUS labeled “Heading/ Subheading”, “Article Description”, “Rates of Duty 1—General”, “Rates of Duty 1—Special” and “Rates of Duty 2”, respectively:

Heading/ subheading	Article description	Rates of duty		
		1		2
		General	Special	
“9903.01.20	Except for products described in headings 9903.01.21, 9903.01.22, or 9903.01.23 articles the product of China and Hong Kong, as provided for in U.S. note 2(s) to this subchapter.	The duty provided in the applicable subheading + 10%.	The duty provided in the applicable subheading + 10%.	No change”.

2. by inserting the following new heading 9903.01.21 in numerical sequence, with the material in the new heading inserted in the

columns of the HTSUS labeled “Heading/ Subheading”, “Article Description”, “Rates

of Duty 1—General”, “Rates of Duty 1—Special” and “Rates of Duty 2”, respectively:

Heading/ subheading	Article description	Rates of duty		
		1		2
		General	Special	
“9903.01.21	Articles the product of China and Hong Kong that are donations, by persons subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, of articles, such as food, clothing, and medicine, intended to be used to relieve human suffering, as provided for in U.S. note 2(t) to this subchapter.	The duty provided in the applicable subheading.	The duty provided in the applicable subheading.	No change”.

3. by inserting the following new heading 9903.01.22 in numerical sequence, with the material in the new heading inserted in the

columns of the HTSUS labeled “Heading/ Subheading”, “Article Description”, “Rates

of Duty 1—General”, “Rates of Duty 1—Special” and “Rates of Duty 2”, respectively:

goods or services for personal use, and [3] arrangement or facilitation of such travel including

nonscheduled air, sea, or land voyages,” only the

first of which encompasses imported articles of merchandise.

Heading/ subheading	Article description	Rates of duty		
		1		2
		General	Special	
“9903.01.22	Articles the product of China and Hong Kong that are informational materials, including but not limited to, publications, films, posters, phonograph records, photographs, microfilms, microfiche, tapes, compact disks, CD ROMs, artworks, and news wire feeds.	The duty provided in the applicable subheading.	The duty provided in the applicable subheading.	No change”.

4. by inserting the following new heading 9903.01.23 in numerical sequence, with the material in the new heading inserted in the columns of the HTSUS labeled “Heading/ Subheading”, “Article Description”, “Rates of Duty 1—General”, “Rates of Duty 1—Special” and “Rates of Duty 2”, respectively:

Heading/ subheading	Article description	Rates of duty		
		1		2
		General	Special	
“9903.01.23	Except for products described in headings 9903.01.21 and 9903.01.22, and other than products for personal use included in accompanied baggage of persons arriving in the United States, articles the product of China and Hong Kong that: (1) were loaded onto a vessel at the port of loading, or in transit on the final mode of transport prior to entry into the United States, before 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on February 1, 2025; and (2) are entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on February 4, 2025, and before 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on March 7, 2025.	The duty provided in the applicable subheading.	The duty provided in the applicable subheading.	No change”.

5. by inserting the following new U.S. note 2(s) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS in numerical sequence:

“2. (s) For the purposes of heading 9903.01.20, products of China and Hong Kong, other than products described in heading 9903.01.21, heading 9903.01.22, heading 9903.01.23, and other than products for personal use included in accompanied baggage of persons arriving in the United States, shall be subject to an additional 10% *ad valorem* rate of duty. Notwithstanding U.S. note 1 to this subchapter, all products of China and Hong Kong that are subject to the additional *ad valorem* rate of duty imposed by heading 9903.01.20 shall also be subject to the general rates of duty imposed on products of China and Hong Kong entered under subheadings in chapters 1 to 97 of the tariff schedule. Products of China and Hong Kong that are eligible for temporary duty exemptions or reductions under subchapter II to chapter 99 shall be subject to the additional *ad valorem* rate of duty imposed by heading 9903.01.20.

The additional duties imposed by heading 9903.01.20 shall not apply to goods for which entry is properly claimed under a provision of chapter 98 of the tariff schedule pursuant to applicable regulations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”), and whenever CBP agrees that entry under such a provision is appropriate, except for goods entered under heading 9802.00.80; and subheadings 9802.00.40, 9802.00.50, and 9802.00.60. For subheadings 9802.00.40, 9802.00.50, and 9802.00.60, the additional duties apply to the value of repairs, alterations, or processing performed (in China and Hong Kong), as

described in the applicable subheading. For heading 9802.00.80, the additional duties apply to the value of the article assembled abroad (in China and Hong Kong), less the cost or value of such products of the United States, as described.

Products of China and Hong Kong that are provided for in heading 9903.01.20 shall continue to be subject to antidumping, countervailing, or other duties, taxes, fees, exactions and charges that apply to such products, as well as to the additional *ad valorem* rate of duty imposed by heading 9903.01.20.

Products of China and Hong Kong that are provided for in heading 9903.01.20 shall not be eligible for the administrative exemption from duty and certain taxes at 19 U.S.C. 1321(a)(2)(C)—the so-called “de minimis” exemption.

(t) Heading 9903.01.21 covers only products of China and Hong Kong, that are donations, by persons subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, of articles, such as food, clothing, and medicine, intended to be used to relieve human suffering, except to the extent that the President determines that such donations (A) would seriously impair his ability to deal with any national emergency declared under section 1701 of title 19 of the U.S. Code, (B) are in response to coercion against the proposed recipient or donor, or (C) would endanger Armed Forces of the United States which are engaged in hostilities or are in a situation where imminent involvement in

hostilities is clearly indicated by the circumstances.”

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[CIS No. 2804–25]

Termination of the October 3, 2023 Designation of Venezuela for Temporary Protected Status

AGENCY: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On October 3, 2023, Venezuela was newly designated for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) based on the determination that there were extraordinary and temporary conditions in that country that prevented the safe return of Venezuelan nationals, and that permitting such Venezuelan nationals to remain temporarily in the United States is not contrary to the U.S. national interest. The 2023 designation of Venezuela for TPS is set to expire on April 2, 2025. After reviewing country

conditions and considering whether permitting Venezuelan nationals covered by the 2023 designation is contrary to the national interest of the United States, in consultation with the appropriate U.S. Government agencies, the Secretary of Homeland Security has determined that Venezuela no longer continues to meet the conditions for the 2023 designation. In particular, the Secretary has determined it is contrary to the national interest to permit the covered Venezuelan nationals to remain temporarily in the United States. The Secretary therefore is terminating the 2023 TPS designation of Venezuela. This termination is effective April 7, 2025. After April 7, 2025, nationals of Venezuela (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Venezuela) who have been granted TPS under the 2023 Venezuela designation will no longer have TPS. This termination determination does not apply to the 2021 designation of Venezuela for TPS, which remains in effect until September 10, 2025, or to individuals who are registered for TPS under the 2021 designation.

DATES: The October 3, 2023 designation of Venezuela for TPS is terminated effective at 11:59 p.m., local time, on April 7, 2025.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

What is Temporary Protected Status (TPS)?

The Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security, after consultation with appropriate agencies of the U.S. Government, to designate a foreign state (or part thereof) for TPS if the Secretary determines that certain country conditions exist. INA 244(b)(1), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(1). The determination whether to designate any foreign state (or part thereof) for TPS is discretionary, and there is no judicial review of “any determination of the [Secretary] with respect to the designation, or termination or extension of a designation, of a foreign state” for TPS. INA 244(b)(5)(A), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(5)(A). The Secretary, in the Secretary’s discretion, may then grant TPS to eligible nationals of that foreign state (or individuals having no nationality who last habitually resided in the designated foreign state). See INA 244(a)(1)(A), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(a)(1)(A).

At least 60 days before the expiration of a foreign state’s TPS designation or extension, the Secretary, after consultation with appropriate U.S. Government agencies, must review the conditions in the foreign state designated for TPS to determine whether they continue to meet the conditions for the TPS designation. See INA 244(b)(3)(A), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(A). If the Secretary determines that the conditions in the foreign state continue to meet the specific statutory criteria for TPS designation, TPS will be extended for an additional period of 6 months or, in the Secretary’s discretion, 12 or 18 months. See INA 244(b)(3)(A), (C), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(A), (C). If the Secretary determines that the foreign state no longer meets the conditions for TPS designation, the Secretary must terminate the designation. See INA 244(b)(3)(B), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(B).

TPS is a temporary immigration benefit granted to eligible nationals of a country designated for TPS under the INA, or to eligible aliens without nationality who last habitually resided in the designated country. During the TPS designation period, TPS beneficiaries are eligible to remain in the United States, may not be removed, and are authorized to work and obtain an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) so long as they continue to meet the requirements of TPS. TPS beneficiaries may also apply for and be granted travel authorization as a matter of discretion. The granting of TPS does not result in or lead to lawful permanent resident status or any other immigration status. To qualify for TPS, beneficiaries must meet the eligibility standards at INA section 244(c)(2), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(c)(2). When the Secretary terminates a country’s TPS designation, beneficiaries return to the same immigration status or category that they maintained before TPS, if any (unless that status or category has since expired or been terminated), or any other lawfully obtained immigration status or category they received while registered for TPS, as long as it is still valid on the date TPS terminates.

Designation of Venezuela for TPS

On March 9, 2021, then Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas designated Venezuela for TPS based on his determination that there existed “extraordinary and temporary conditions” in Venezuela that prevented nationals of Venezuela from returning in safety and that permitting such aliens to remain temporarily in the United States is not contrary to the U.S. national interest (Venezuela 2021 designation).

See *Designation of Venezuela for Temporary Protected Status and Implementation of Employment Authorization for Venezuelans Covered by Deferred Enforced Departure*, 86 FR 13574 (Mar. 9, 2021).

On September 8, 2022, then Secretary Mayorkas extended the Venezuela 2021 TPS designation for 18 months. See *Extension of the Designation of Venezuela for Temporary Protected Status*, 87 FR 55024 (Sept. 8, 2022). On October 3, 2023, Secretary Mayorkas extended the Venezuela 2021 TPS designation for another 18 months with an expiration date of September 10, 2025, and separately newly designated Venezuela for 18 months, a decision the former Secretary called a “redesignation” (Venezuela 2023 designation) with an expiration of April 2, 2025, resulting in two separate and concurrent Venezuela TPS designations. See *Extension and Redesignation of Venezuela for Temporary Protected Status*, 88 FR 68130 (Oct. 3, 2023).

On January 17, 2025, Secretary Mayorkas issued a notice extending the 2023 designation of Venezuela for TPS for 18 months. The notice was based on then Secretary Mayorkas’s January 10, 2025 determination that the conditions for the designation continued to be met. See INA 244(b)(3)(A), (C), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(A), (C). In the January 2025 notice, Secretary Mayorkas did not expressly extend or terminate the 2021 Venezuela designation. Instead, the notice allowed for a consolidation of filing processes such that all eligible Venezuela TPS beneficiaries (whether under the 2021 or 2023 designations) could obtain TPS through the same extension date of October 2, 2026. See *Extension of the 2023 Designation of Venezuela for Temporary Protected Status*, 90 FR 5961 (Jan. 17, 2025).

On January 28, 2025, Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem vacated former Secretary Mayorkas’s January 10, 2025 decision, restoring the status quo that preceded that decision.¹ Accordingly, a determination whether to extend the 2023 Venezuela designation was due by February 1, 2025. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS or Department) estimates that approximately 348,202 aliens are eligible for TPS under the 2023 Venezuela designation.

Secretary’s Authority To Terminate the 2023 Designation of Venezuela for TPS

At least 60 days before the expiration of a country’s TPS designation or extension, the Secretary, after

¹ See *Vacatur of 2025 Temporary Protected Status Decision for Venezuela*, 88 FR 8805 (Feb. 3, 2025).

consultation with appropriate Government agencies, must review the conditions in a foreign state designated for TPS to determine whether the conditions for the TPS designation continue to be met. *See* INA section 244(b)(3)(A), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(A). If the Secretary determines that the foreign state no longer meets the conditions for TPS designation, the Secretary must terminate the designation, but such termination may not take effect earlier than 60 days after the date the **Federal Register** notice of termination is published, or if later, the expiration of the most recent previous extension of the country designation. *See* INA section 244(b)(3)(B), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(B). The Secretary may determine the appropriate effective date of the termination and the expiration of any TPS-related documentation, such as EADs. *See id.*; *see also* INA 244(d)(3), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(d)(3) (providing the Secretary the discretionary “option” to allow for a certain “orderly transition” period if she determines it to be appropriate).

Reasons for the Secretary’s Termination of the 2023 TPS Designation for Venezuela

Consistent with section 244(b)(3)(A) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(A), after consulting with appropriate U.S. Government agencies, DHS reviewed conditions in Venezuela and considered whether permitting the Venezuelan nationals to remain temporarily in the United States is contrary to the national interest of the United States.²

The Department, in consultation with the Department of State, has reviewed conditions in Venezuela and has considered whether permitting Venezuelan nationals to remain temporarily in the United States is contrary to the U.S. national interest. Overall, certain conditions for the 2023 TPS designation of Venezuela may continue; however, there are notable improvements in several areas such as the economy, public health, and crime that allow for these nationals to be safely returned to their home country.

Based on the Department’s review, the Secretary has determined that, even assuming the relevant conditions in Venezuela remain both “extraordinary” and “temporary,” termination of the

² *See also* E.O. 14159, *Protecting the American People Against Invasion*, sec. 16(b), 90 FR 8443, 8446 (Jan. 20, 2025) (directing that the Secretary should “ensur[e] that designations of Temporary Protected Status are consistent with the provisions of section 244 of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1254a), and that such designations are appropriately limited in scope and made for only so long as may be necessary to fulfill the textual requirements of that statute”).

2023 Venezuela TPS designation is required because it is contrary to the national interest to permit the Venezuelan nationals (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Venezuela) to remain temporarily in the United States.³

In the TPS statute, Congress expressly prohibits the Secretary from designating a country for TPS or extending a TPS designation if she finds that “permitting the aliens to remain temporarily in the United States is contrary to the national interest of the United States.” INA 244(b)(1), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(1). Accordingly, as the Department and the Attorney General have long recognized, such a “national interest” assessment is an essential element of a determination whether to extend or terminate the 2023 Venezuela designation, which was based on “extraordinary and temporary conditions.”⁴

“National interest” is an expansive standard that may encompass an array of broad considerations, including foreign policy, public safety (*e.g.*, potential nexus to criminal gang membership), national security, migration factors (*e.g.*, pull factors), immigration policy (*e.g.*, enforcement prerogatives), and economic considerations (*e.g.*, adverse effects on U.S. workers, impact on U.S. communities).⁵ Determining whether permitting a class of aliens to remain temporarily in the United States is contrary to the U.S. national interest therefore calls upon the Secretary’s expertise and discretionary judgment,

³ *See INS v. Bagamasbad*, 429 U.S. 24, 25 (1976) (per curiam) (“As a general rule courts and agencies are not required to make findings on issues the decision of which is unnecessary to the results they reach.”).

⁴ *Cf.*, *e.g.*, *Termination of Designation of Liberia Under Temporary Protected Status Program After Final 6-Month Extension*, 63 FR 15437, 15438 (Mar. 31, 1998) (terminating Liberia TPS designation after “consultations with the appropriate agencies of the U.S. Government concerning (a) the conditions in Liberia; and (b) whether permitting nationals of Liberia . . . to remain temporarily in the United States is contrary to the national interest of the United States”).

⁵ *See, e.g.*, *Poursina v. USCIS*, 936 F.3d 868, 874 (9th Cir. 2019) (observing, in an analogous INA context, “that the ‘national interest’ standard invokes broader economic and national-security considerations, and such determinations are firmly committed to the discretion of the Executive Branch—not to federal courts” (citing *Trump v. Hawaii*, 585 U.S. 667, 684–86 (2018)); *Flores v. Garland*, 72 F.4th 85, 89–90 (5th Cir. 2023) (same); *Brasil v. Sec’y, Dep’t of Homeland Sec.*, 28 F.4th 1189, 1193 (11th Cir. 2022) (same); *cf. Matter of D–J*, 23 I&N Dec. 572, 579–81 (A.G. 2003) (recognizing that taking measures to stem and eliminate possible incentives for potential large-scale migration from a given country is “sound immigration policy” and an “important national security interest”); *Matter of Dhanasar*, 26 I&N Dec. 884, 890–91 (AAO 2016) (taking into account impact on U.S. workers in “national interest” assessments).

informed by her consultations with appropriate U.S. Government agencies.

President Trump in his recent, immigration and border-related executive orders and proclamations clearly articulated an array of policy imperatives bearing upon the national interest. First, the President directed the Secretary to terminate, as contrary to the policy of the United States, the parole program known as the “Processes for Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans” (CHNV). The parole process for Venezuelans had been in effect since October 19, 2022, allowing hundreds of thousands of inadmissible Venezuelans to enter the United States at interior ports of entry and remain in this country, generally for a period of two years, with employment authorization eligibility.⁶ DHS estimates that 33,600 CHNV parolees from Venezuela availed themselves of TPS. Venezuelan CHNV parolees, along with Venezuelan nationals who crossed illegally into the United States, who had been continuously residing in the United States since July 31, 2023, and continuously present in the United States since October 3, 2023, were able to secure TPS and TPS-based employment authorization under the 2023 Venezuela designation.

TPS has allowed a significant population of inadmissible or illegal aliens without a path to lawful immigration status to settle in the interior of the United States, and the sheer numbers have resulted in associated difficulties in local communities where local resources have been inadequate to meet the demands caused by increased numbers. Among these Venezuelan nationals who have crossed into the United States are members of the Venezuelan gang known as Tren de Aragua.⁷ Tren de Aragua has been blamed for sex trafficking, drug smuggling, police shootings, kidnappings, and the exploitation of migrants. The United States has sanctioned the gang and placed it on a list of transnational criminal organizations.⁸ In Executive Order 14157, *Designating Cartels and Other*

⁶ *See Implementation of a Parole Process for Venezuelans*, 87 FR 63507 (Oct. 19, 2022); *see also Implementation of Changes to the Parole Process for Venezuelans*, 88 FR 1279 (Jan. 9, 2023).

⁷ Joshua Goodman, *Tren de Aragua gang started in Venezuela’s prisons and now spreads fear in the US*, Associated Press, Sept. 24, 2024, available at: <https://apnews.com/article/tren-de-aragua-gang-venezuela-us-a12c8fee9dc4a0ca73769ea893e09e53> (last accessed Jan. 28, 2025).

⁸ Joshua Goodman, *US sanctions a Venezuela gang for spreading criminal activity across Latin America*, Associated Press, July 11, 2024, available at: <https://apnews.com/article/washington-venezuela-gang-sanctions-f742f6966d160ee80b703ed419dfdac3> (last accessed Jan. 30, 2025).

Organizations as Foreign Terrorist Organizations and Specially Designated Global Terrorists, the President determined that Tren de Aragua's campaign of violence and terror poses threats to the United States.⁹ The Secretary accordingly has considered these important immigration and national interests in terminating the Venezuela parole process.

Second, President Trump observed, referring to CHNV and other policies and processes, that “[o]ver the last 4 years, the prior administration invited, administered, and oversaw an unprecedented flood of illegal immigration into the United States,” including millions who crossed U.S. borders or were allowed to fly to a U.S. air port of entry and allowed to settle in American communities.¹⁰ The prolonged presence of these aliens in the United States “has cost taxpayers billions of dollars at the Federal, State, and local levels.”¹¹ For example, over 180,000 illegal aliens have settled in New York City, approximating that this will cost the city \$10.6 billion through the summer of 2025.¹² Additionally, although mayors from cities across the United States are attempting to accommodate Venezuelan illegal aliens, city shelters, police stations, and aid services are at a maximum capacity.¹³

The President underscored that enforcing the immigration laws “is critically important to the national security and public safety of the United States.”¹⁴ In furtherance of that objective, the President directed the Secretary, along with the Attorney General and Secretary of State, to promptly take all appropriate action, consistent with law, to rescind policies that led to increased or continued presence of illegal aliens in the United States.¹⁵ Among the directed actions are to ensure that the TPS designations are consistent with the TPS statute and “are

appropriately limited in scope and made for only so long as may be necessary to fulfill the textual requirements of that statute.”¹⁶ The Department accordingly has reappraised the national interest factors and given strong consideration to the serious national security, border enforcement, public safety, immigration policy, and economic and public welfare concerns engendered by illegal immigration of Venezuelans, which the President, DHS, and other federal agencies are seeking to stem through other policy actions.

Third, President Trump declared a national emergency at the southern border.¹⁷ As the Attorney General and DHS have long understood, the potential “magnet effect” of a TPS determination is a permissible factor under the TPS statute, especially with respect to a redesignation.¹⁸ The same is true for Venezuela.¹⁹ The anticipated designation or extension for TPS and resulting benefit to access EAD have been pull factors driving Venezuelan nationals to the United States.²⁰ In October 2023, DHS stated that there were approximately 243,000 Venezuela TPS beneficiaries, while also estimating that approximately 472,000 additional aliens may be eligible under the October 3, 2023 designation.²¹ Currently, DHS estimates that 348,202 aliens are registered under the 2023 designation.

Fourth, as the President directed in Executive Order 14150, “the foreign policy of the United States shall champion core American interests and always put America and American citizens first.”²² Continuing to permit Venezuelans under the 2023 TPS designation to remain in the United States does not champion core American interests or put American interests first. U.S. foreign policy

interests, particularly in the Western Hemisphere, are best served and protected by curtailing policies that facilitate or encourage illegal and destabilizing migration.²³

In making this finding and determination regarding the national interest, the Secretary also has taken into account the national-interest-related factors that were presented to former Secretary Mayorkas for his consideration for purposes of his now-vacated January 10, 2025 decision. However, especially in view of President Trump's Executive Orders relating to immigration and after consulting with the Department of State, the Secretary has reached a different conclusion and has determined that permitting such Venezuelan nationals (and aliens with no nationality who last habitually resided in Venezuela) to remain in the United States is in fact contrary to the national interest, as is the Secretary's authority and prerogative under the statute.²⁴

Effective Date of Termination of 2023 Designation

The TPS statute provides that the termination of a country's TPS designation may not be effective earlier than 60 days after the **Federal Register** notice is published or, if later, the expiration of the most recent previous extension. See INA 244(b)(3)(B), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(B). As noted, the expiration date of the 2023 Venezuela designation is 60 days from the date of publication of this notice.

The Secretary may determine the appropriate effective date of the termination and the expiration of any TPS-related documentation, such as EADs, for the purpose of providing for an orderly transition. See *id.*; INA 244(d)(3), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(d)(3). Given the Secretary's finding that continuing to permit such Venezuelan nationals to remain temporarily in the United States is contrary to the U.S. national interest, and considering the relative recency of the designation (Oct. 3, 2023), the Secretary has determined that it is not

²³ See U.S. Dep't of State, *Priorities and Mission of the Second Trump Administration's Department of State* (Jan. 24, 2025), available at <https://pa.usembassy.gov/priorities-and-mission-of-the-second-trump-administrations-department-of-state/>.

²⁴ See *Motor Vehicle Mfrs. Ass'n of U.S., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 463 U.S. 29, 59 (Rehnquist, J., concurring in part) (“A change in administration brought about by the people casting their votes is a perfectly reasonable basis for an executive agency's reappraisal of the costs and benefits of its programs and regulations. As long as the agency remains within the bounds established by Congress, it is entitled to assess administrative records and evaluate priorities in light of the philosophy of the administration.”).

¹⁶ *Id.*, sec. 16(b), 90 FR 8446.

¹⁷ Proc. 10886, *Declaring a National Emergency at the Southern Border of the United States*, 90 FR 8327 (Jan. 20, 2025).

¹⁸ See *Extension of Designation and Redesignation of Liberia Under Temporary Protected Status Program*, 62 FR 16608, 16609 (Apr. 7, 1997) (“One factor in determining whether redesignation is appropriate is whether it will create a ‘magnet effect’ for nationals of the country under consideration. In cases where the Attorney General contemplates redesignation, she may consider this possible magnet effect and any other factors weighing against redesignation, together with any discretionary factors in favor of redesignation.”).

¹⁹ See, e.g., Center for Strategic & International Studies, *The Persistence of the Venezuelan Migrant and Refugee Crisis* (Nov. 27, 2023), available at: <https://www.csis.org/analysis/persistence-venezuelan-migrant-and-refugee-crisis> (last accessed Jan. 30, 2025).

²⁰ See *id.*

²¹ 88 FR 68134.

²² *America First Policy Directive to the Secretary of State*, 90 FR 8337 (Jan. 20, 2025).

⁹ 90 FR 8439 (Jan. 20, 2025).

¹⁰ E.O. 14159, *Protecting the American People Against Invasion*, sec. 1, 90 FR 8443, 8443 (Jan. 20, 2025).

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² *The Cost of the Border Crisis*, Testimony before the House Budget Committee of Julie Kirchner the Executive Director, Federation for American Immigration Reform (May 8, 2024), available at: <https://www.congress.gov/118/meeting/house/117257/witnesses/HHRG-118-BU00-Wstate-KirchnerJ-20240508.pdf> (last accessed Jan. 30, 2025).

¹³ Center for Strategic & International Studies, *The Persistence of the Venezuelan Migrant and Refugee Crisis* (Nov. 27, 2023), available at: <https://www.csis.org/analysis/persistence-venezuelan-migrant-and-refugee-crisis> (last accessed Jan. 30, 2025).

¹⁴ E.O. 14159, *Protecting the American People Against Invasion*, sec. 1, 90 FR 8443, 8443 (Jan. 20, 2025).

¹⁵ *Id.*, sec. 16, 90 FR 8446.

appropriate to allow for a further transition period. Accordingly, the termination of the October 3, 2023 Venezuela TPS designation will be effective 60 days from the date of publication of this notice.²⁵

The Secretary has considered putative reliance interests in the 2023 Venezuela TPS designation, especially when considering whether to allow for an additional transition period akin to that allowed under certain previous TPS terminations. Temporary Protected Status, as the name itself makes clear, is an inherently temporary status, TPS designations are time-limited and must be periodically reviewed, TPS notices clearly notify aliens of the designations' expiration dates, and whether to allow for an orderly transition period is left to the Secretary's unfettered discretion. See INA 244(b)(3), (d)(3); 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3), (d)(3). Any putative reliance interests of registrants under the Venezuela 2023 designation therefore merit only diminished weight. Moreover, any such putative reliance interests are outweighed by the overriding, important national interest considerations described in this notice.²⁶

²⁵ See 8 CFR 244.19 ("Upon the termination of designation of a foreign state, those nationals afforded temporary Protected Status shall, upon the sixtieth (60th) day after the date notice of termination is published in the **Federal Register**, or on the last day of the most recent extension of designation by the [Secretary of Homeland Security], automatically and without further notice or right of appeal, lose Temporary Protected Status in the United States. Such termination of a foreign state's designation is not subject to appeal.")

²⁶ DHS recognizes that certain previous TPS terminations allowed for an extended transition, especially in the case of TPS designations that had been extended numerous times over the course of many years. See, e.g., *Termination of the Designation of El Salvador for Temporary Protected Status*, 83 FR 2654 (Jan. 18, 2018) (nearly 17 years, with 18-month transition period); *Termination of the Designation of Sudan for Temporary Protected Status*, 82 FR 47228 (Oct. 11, 2017) (20 years, with 12-month orderly transition period); *Termination of the Designation of Sierra Leone Under the Temporary Protected Status Program; Extension of Employment Authorization Documentation*, 68 FR 52407 (Sept. 3, 2003) (nearly 6 years, with 6-month orderly transition period); *Six-Month Extension of Temporary Protected Status Benefits for Orderly Transition Before Termination of Liberia's Designation for Temporary Protected Status*, 81 FR 66059 (Sept. 26, 2016) (nearly 2 years, with 6-month orderly transition period). Those countries, however, generally had been designated for TPS for longer periods, and none of those terminations were based on a determination that allowing the aliens to remain temporarily in the United States is contrary to the U.S. national interest. At the same time, certain other TPS designations were terminated without allowing for an extended transition period. See, e.g., *Termination of Designation of Angola Under the Temporary Protected Status Program*, 68 FR 3896 (Jan. 27, 2003) (nearly 3 years, no orderly transition period); *Termination of Designation of Lebanon Under Temporary Protected Status Program*, 58 FR 7582

Venezuelan Nationals Registered Under the 2021 Venezuela Designation

Although unorthodox, the prior Administration issued two separate designations of Venezuela. See 88 FR 68130 (Oct. 3, 2023); 86 FR 13574 (Mar. 9, 2021). In this notice, DHS is terminating only the October 3, 2023 Venezuela TPS designation. The 2021 Venezuela TPS designation remains in effect until September 10, 2025.

Notice of Termination of the 2023 TPS Designation of Venezuela

By the authority vested in the Secretary of Homeland Security under section 244(b)(3) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3), I have reviewed, in consultation with appropriate agencies of the U.S. Government, (a) conditions in Venezuela; and (b) whether permitting the nationals of Venezuela (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Venezuela) to remain temporarily in the United States is contrary to the national interest of the United States. Based on my review, I have determined that Venezuela no longer continues to meet the conditions for the October 3, 2023 designation for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) under section 244(b)(1)(C) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(1)(C).

Accordingly, I order as follows:

(1) Pursuant to INA section 244(b)(3)(B), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(3)(B), and considering INA section 244(d)(3), 8 U.S.C. 1254a(d)(3), the October 3, 2023 designation of Venezuela for TPS is terminated effective at 11:59 p.m., local time, on April 7, 2025.

(2) This notice supersedes the January 17, 2025 notice at 90 FR 5961, the underlying decision for which was vacated on January 28, 2025.

(3) Information concerning the termination of TPS for nationals of Venezuela (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Venezuela) under the October 3, 2023 designation will be available at local USCIS offices upon publication of this notice and through the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283. This information will be published on the USCIS website at www.USCIS.gov.

Kristi Noem,

Secretary of Homeland Security.

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(Feb. 8, 1993) (2 years, no extended transition period).

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701-TA-453 and 731-TA-1136-1137 (Third Review)]

Sodium Nitrite From China and Germany

Determinations

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject five-year reviews, the United States International Trade Commission ("Commission") determines, pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act"), that revocation of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on sodium nitrite from China and the antidumping duty order on sodium nitrite from Germany would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.²

Background

The Commission instituted these reviews on July 1, 2024 (89 FR 54536) and determined on October 4, 2024 that it would conduct expedited reviews (89 FR 85986, October 29, 2024).

The Commission made these determinations pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)). It completed and filed its determinations in these reviews on January 31, 2025. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 5582 (January 2025), entitled *Sodium Nitrite from China and Germany: Investigation Nos. 701-TA-453 and 731-TA-1136-1137 (Third Review)*.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: January 31, 2025.

Lisa Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Cancellation of Task Force on Research on Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women Meeting

AGENCY: Office on Violence Against Women, United States Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice; cancellation of meeting.

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), U.S. Department of

¹ The record is defined in § 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.2(f)).

² Commissioner Rhonda K. Schmidtlein not participating.

Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a meeting of the Task Force on Research on Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women (hereinafter “the Task Force”). The meeting, scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for a later date. The notice is in the **Federal Register** on Friday, January 17, 2025 in FR Document Number 2025–01107 at 90 FR 6012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Sherriann C. Moore, Deputy Director, Tribal Affairs Division, Office on Violence Against Women, United States Department of Justice, at (202) 616–0039 or ovw.tribalaffairs@usdoj.gov. More information on the Task Force may be found at <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/section-904-task-force> and about the NIJ program of research at: <https://nij.ojp.gov/topics/tribal-crime-and-justice>.

Virginia Baran,

Supervisory Official, Deputy Director for Grants Development and Management, Office on Violence Against Women.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50–309, 72–30, and 72–1015; NRC–2024–0184]

Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company; Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation; Exemption; Safety Evaluation and Environmental Assessment With Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing three exemptions requested by Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company (Maine Yankee). The requested exemptions are from NRC regulations that require compliance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of Certificate of Compliance (CoC) No. 1015 for the NAC–UMS® Universal Storage System at Maine Yankee’s Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI). Maine Yankee currently stores sixty NAC–UMS® Systems under Amendment No. 6 to CoC No. 1015. In order to adopt Amendment No. 9 to CoC No. 1015, Maine Yankee is requesting the continuation of three previously approved exemptions.

DATES: The environmental assessment (EA) and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) referenced in this document are available on February 5, 2025. The exemptions take effect on February 5, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2024–0184 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2024–0184. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301–415–0624; email: Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, at 301–415–4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov. For the convenience of the reader, instructions about obtaining materials referenced in this document are provided in the “Availability of Documents” section.

- *NRC’s PDR:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov or call 1–800–397–4209 or 301–415–4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristina Banovac, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–7116; email: Kristina.Banovac@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Maine Yankee is a general licensee under part 72 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR), “Licensing Requirements for the Independent Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel, High-Level Radioactive Waste, and Reactor-Related Greater Than Class C Waste.” Maine Yankee stores spent nuclear fuel

in accordance with the requirements of CoC No. 1015 for the NAC–UMS® System. Section 72.210, “General license issued,” establishes a general license to store spent nuclear fuel in an ISFSI at reactor sites licensed under 10 CFR part 50, “Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities”; Maine Yankee holds Facility Operating License No. DPR–36 under 10 CFR part 50. Section 72.212, “Conditions of general license issued under § 72.210,” provides the conditions for use of a general license. Paragraph 72.212(a)(2) limits the storage of spent fuel to the approved casks listed in 10 CFR 72.214. Casks are approved for storage under the conditions specified in the respective CoCs. The NRC approved the use of the NAC–UMS® System by issuing CoC No. 1015, effective November 20, 2000. The NRC subsequently issued Amendment No. 9 to CoC No. 1015, effective August 29, 2022. Maine Yankee plans to adopt Amendment No. 9 to CoC No. 1015 as part of its work to adopt the renewed CoC No. 1015. NRC regulations require users to comply with the terms and conditions of the CoC including, but not limited to, the associated technical specifications. The requested exemptions would allow Maine Yankee to deviate from certain requirements of the NAC–UMS® System CoC No. 1015, Amendment No. 9, as discussed in this document.

II. Request/Action

Maine Yankee is requesting the continuation of three exemptions from the terms and conditions of Amendment No. 9 to CoC No. 1015 that were previously approved for Amendment No. 6 to CoC No. 1015. Maine Yankee plans to adopt Amendment No. 9 to CoC No. 1015 as part of its work to adopt the renewed CoC No. 1015. Maine Yankee submitted its request by letter dated March 28, 2024, supplemented by email dated October 30, 2024. Maine Yankee requested specific exemptions from the requirements in 10 CFR 72.212(a)(2), 72.212(b)(3), 72.212(b)(5)(i), 72.212(b)(11), and 72.214, with regard to certain terms and conditions of Appendices A and B to the technical specifications of Amendment No. 9 to CoC No. 1015 detailed as follows.

The three requested exemptions mirror previously approved exemptions to Amendment No. 6 to CoC No. 1015; specifically:

1. Appendix A, Section A.3.1.4, “Canister Maximum Time in Transfer Cask.” This exemption is from the requirement to comply with the 25-day requirement in Limiting Condition for Operation 3.1.4 for canister, NAC–UMS–TSC–790–016.

2. Appendix A, Section A.5.1, “Training Program.” This exemption is from the requirement to develop a systematic approach to training that includes comprehensive instructions for the operation and maintenance of the ISFSI, except for the NAC–UMS® System.

3. Appendix B, Section B.3.4.2.6. This exemption is from the requirement to maintain a coefficient of friction on the ISFSI pad surface of at least 0.5.

Originally, Maine Yankee requested the NRC also approve a fourth exemption regarding annual effluent reporting that was approved earlier under Amendment No. 6 of CoC No. 1015. However, Maine Yankee clarified in its October 30, 2024, email supplement that the exemption regarding the annual effluent report is no longer needed. Amendment No. 2 to CoC No. 1015 contained an explicit requirement in Appendix A, Section A.5.5.c. to submit an annual effluent report. This explicit requirement was removed from the CoC in Amendment No. 3 and is also not included in Amendment No. 9. Therefore, this exemption is not necessary for use of Amendment No. 9 to CoC No. 1015.

Maine Yankee provided the following basis for the requested continuation of the three exemptions. It stated that continuation of the exemptions would not result in any impact to the safe storage of the spent fuel at the ISFSI and will not increase the probability or consequences of an accident. No new accident precursors are created. No changes are being made in the types or quantities of any radiological effluent that may be released off site. There is no increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there is no radiological environmental impact associated with the continuation of the exemptions. Additionally, the continuation of the exemptions would not involve any construction or other ground disturbing activities, would not change the footprint of the existing ISFSI, and would have no other significant non-radiological impacts. The ISFSI is located on previously disturbed land, thus, the proposed continuation of the exemptions does not have the potential to create any significant impact on aquatic or terrestrial habitat in the vicinity of the ISFSI, or to threatened, endangered, or protected species. In addition, the proposed continuation of the exemptions does not have the potential to cause effects on historic or cultural properties, assuming such properties are present at the site of the Maine Yankee ISFSI. The NRC previously evaluated the impacts associated with

Amendment No. 9 to CoC No. 1015 prior to issuance of the amendment. Thus, its adoption by Maine Yankee will not represent any additional radiological considerations.

III. Discussion

A. Safety Evaluation

Pursuant to 10 CFR 72.7, “Specific exemptions,” the Commission may, upon application by any interested person or upon its own initiative, grant such exemptions from the requirements of the regulations of 10 CFR part 72 as it determines are authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and are otherwise in the public interest.

Authorized by Law

The requested exemptions would allow the licensee to depart from certain requirements of CoC No. 1015, Amendment No. 9. Section 72.7 allows the NRC to grant exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR part 72. Issuance of these exemptions are consistent with the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and is not inconsistent with NRC regulations or other applicable laws. Therefore, the NRC has concluded that the exemptions are authorized by law.

Will Not Endanger Life or Property or the Common Defense and Security

The requested exemptions are the same exemptions as have been previously reviewed and approved by the NRC as discussed in this document. The NRC verified that there is no change in conditions under which the exemptions were previously approved. Therefore, the NRC has concluded that the exemptions will not endanger life or property, or the common defense and security.

Otherwise in the Public Interest

The requested exemptions are the same exemptions as have been previously reviewed and approved by the NRC on multiple prior occasions as the licensee has sought, over time, to use new amendments to CoC No. 1015. Continuing to apply the exemptions would provide for consistent and efficient regulation of the NAC–UMS® System casks at the Maine Yankee ISFSI. Further, the alternative of denying the exemption requests would impose an administrative burden on Maine Yankee and the NRC that would not provide a significant safety benefit. Therefore, the NRC has concluded that the exemptions are in the public interest.

Review of the Requested Exemption

The NRC reviewed the requested exemptions to verify that there were no differences from the previously approved exemptions. There are no changes in Amendment No. 9 to CoC No. 1015 that affect the terms and conditions from which Maine Yankee is requesting the exemptions. These terms and conditions are identical to the equivalent sections in Amendment No. 6. Each of the exemptions are discussed in this document.

1. Appendix A, Section A.3.1.4, “Canister Maximum Time in Transfer Cask.” This exemption is from the requirement to comply with the 25-day requirement in Limiting Condition for Operation 3.1.4 for canister, NAC–UMS–TSC–790–016. The exemption was previously approved on multiple occasions. The exemption was originally approved by letter dated July 14, 2010, with the environmental assessment noticed in the **Federal Register** on June 15, 2010. This exemption was approved again when the licensee sought to use a different amendment of CoC No. 1015, by letter dated July 5, 2019; the environmental assessment was noticed, and the exemption became effective upon publication, in the **Federal Register** on July 10, 2019.

Maine Yankee originally requested this exemption when it sought to use a different amendment of the CoC, Amendment No. 5, and it evaluated its stored canisters to determine whether they could conform to this amendment. Maine Yankee determined that one canister (originally loaded and operated under Amendment No. 2) did not comply with Limiting Condition for Operation 3.1.4 of Amendment No. 5. The NRC previously determined, as discussed in the July 14, 2010, exemption, that the affected storage canister was in full compliance with Amendment No. 2, its stored spent fuel was maintained in a safe condition during the time the canister was in the transfer cask, and the transfer of the loaded canister was completed in a safe manner to ensure the transfer cask was not used as a long-term storage device. The NRC’s environmental assessment of this exemption is discussed in the Environmental Assessment section in this document.

2. Appendix A, Section A.5.1, “Training Program.” This exemption is from the requirement to develop a systematic approach to training that includes comprehensive instructions for the operation and maintenance of the ISFSI, except for the NAC–UMS® System. This exemption was previously

approved on multiple occasions. The exemption was originally approved by letter dated January 4, 2005, with the environmental assessment noticed in the **Federal Register** on January 4, 2005. The exemption was approved again when the licensee sought to use a different amendment of CoC No. 1015, by letter dated July 14, 2010, with the environmental assessment noticed in the **Federal Register** on June 15, 2010. This exemption was approved a third time when, again, the licensee sought to use a different amendment of CoC No. 1015, by letter dated July 5, 2019; the exemption became effective upon publication in the **Federal Register** on July 10, 2019.

This exemption would relieve Maine Yankee from the requirements to develop training modules under its systematic approach to training that include comprehensive instructions for the operation and maintenance of the ISFSI. The NRC previously determined, as discussed in the **Federal Register** notice dated January 4, 2005, that Section A.5.1, "Training Program," would impose regulatory obligations with associated costs that do not provide a commensurate increase in safety. This exemption would allow Maine Yankee to have the training program limited to the NAC-UMS® System. This exemption is categorically excluded from further environmental review in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(i-v) and (vi)(E), as discussed in the Categorical Exclusion section of this document.

3. Appendix B, Section B.3.4.2.6. This exemption is from the requirement to maintain a coefficient of friction on the ISFSI pad surface of at least 0.5. This exemption was previously approved on multiple occasions. The exemption was originally approved by letter dated February 1, 2004, with the environmental assessment noticed in the **Federal Register** on January 30, 2004. The exemption was then approved again when the licensee sought to use a different amendment of CoC No. 1015, by letter dated July 14, 2010, with the environmental assessment noticed in the **Federal Register** on June 15, 2010. This exemption was then approved again when the licensee sought use of a different amendment of CoC No. 1015, by letter dated July 5, 2019; the environmental assessment was noticed, and the exemption became effective upon publication, in the **Federal Register** on July 10, 2019.

Maine Yankee originally requested the exemption following the discovery of a winter icing condition at its ISFSI that created an indeterminate coefficient

of friction between the vertical concrete casks and the ISFSI pad surface. The NRC determined that a specific coefficient of friction was not necessary. The NRC's environmental assessment of this exemption is discussed in the Environmental Assessment section in this document.

B. Environmental Consideration

Categorical Exclusion

As stated previously, the exemption associated with the "Training Program" is categorically excluded from the requirements for an environmental review under NRC regulations. The requested exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 72.212(a)(2), 72.212(b)(3), 72.212(b)(5)(i), 72.212(b)(11), and 72.214, regarding CoC No. 1015, Amendment No. 9, Appendix A, Section A.5.1, "Training Program," involves allowing the licensee to limit its systematic approach to training program to the operation and maintenance of the NAC-UMS® System and not include the ISFSI. This requirement is unrelated to any operational restriction.

The NRC staff has determined that the granting of this exemption request involves no significant hazards consideration, per 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(i), because it does not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. The NRC staff also determined there is no significant change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite per 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(ii), and no significant increase in individual or cumulative public or occupational radiation exposure, per 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(iii). The exempted regulations are not associated with construction, so there is no significant construction impact, per 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(iv). The exempted regulations do not concern the source term (*i.e.*, potential amount of radiation in an accident) nor mitigation. Thus, there is no significant increase in the potential for, or consequences from, a radiological accident, per 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(v). The exemption for the training program involves education, training, experience, qualification, requalification or other employment suitability requirements, per 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(vi)(E).

Therefore, the NRC's approval of the exemption from the requirements of 10

CFR 72.212(a)(2), 72.212(b)(3), 72.212(b)(5)(i), 72.212(b)(11), and 72.214, with regard to CoC No. 1015, Amendment No. 9, Appendix A, Section A.5.1, "Training Program," is categorically excluded from further environmental review in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(i-v) and (vi)(E). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b) and (c)(25), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the approval of this exemption request.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of Proposed Action: The proposed action is the granting of three previously approved exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR 72.212(a)(2), 72.212(b)(3), 72.212(b)(5)(i), 72.212(b)(11), and 72.214. These sections of the NRC regulations require compliance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of the NAC-UMS® System CoC No. 1015 for spent fuel storage at Maine Yankee's ISFSI. This action will allow Maine Yankee to apply the changes authorized by Amendment No. 9 to CoC No. 1015 to the casks at Maine Yankee's ISFSI. One of the three exemptions requested by Maine Yankee is categorically excluded from the requirement to conduct an environmental assessment, as discussed in the Categorical Exclusion section of this document, and is not further discussed in this section. This environmental assessment discussion focuses on the two remaining exemptions:

1. Appendix A, Section A.3.1.4, "Canister Maximum Time in Transfer Cask." This exemption is from the requirement to comply with the 25-day requirement in Limiting Condition for Operation 3.1.4 for canister, NAC-UMS-TSC-790-016. This exemption was previously approved by the NRC by letter dated July 14, 2010, with the environmental assessment noticed in the **Federal Register** on June 15, 2010. This exemption was approved again by letter dated July 5, 2019; the environmental assessment was noticed, and the exemption became effective upon publication, in the **Federal Register** on July 10, 2019.

2. Appendix B, Section B.3.4.2.6. This exemption is from the requirement to maintain a coefficient of friction on the ISFSI pad surface of at least 0.5. This exemption was previously approved by the NRC by letter dated February 1, 2004, with the environmental assessment noticed in the **Federal Register** on January 30, 2004. The exemption was approved again by letter dated July 14, 2010, with the environmental assessment noticed in

the **Federal Register** on June 15, 2010. This exemption was approved again by letter dated July 5, 2019; the environmental assessment was noticed, and the exemption became effective upon publication, in the **Federal Register** on July 10, 2019.

Need for Proposed Action: Maine Yankee has requested continuation of these exemptions so that it can register its casks to Amendment No. 9 to CoC No. 1015 for the NAC-UMS® System. Maine Yankee plans to adopt Amendment No. 9 to CoC No. 1015 as part of its work to adopt the renewed CoC No. 1015. The regulations in 10 CFR 72.212(b)(4) require the general licensee to register each cask with the NRC no later than 30 days after applying the changes authorized by an amended CoC.

Environmental Impacts of the Action: Amendment No. 9 to CoC No. 1015 has been previously evaluated by the NRC and its adoption by Maine Yankee presents no additional radiological environmental impacts. The two exemptions are related to sections in the technical specifications that were not revised as part of Amendment No. 9 to the CoC No. 1015 for the NAC-UMS® System. An environmental assessment for these two exemptions was conducted for the previous approvals, as previously noted, and is summarized as follows.

The requested exemption from Appendix A, Section A.3.1.4, “Canister Maximum Time in Transfer Cask” is an exemption from the requirement to comply with the 25-day requirement in Limiting Condition for Operation 3.1.4 for one canister, NAC-UMS-TSC-790-016. The affected storage canister had a heat load of 9.59kW, and was placed in a transfer cask for a total of 43 days between December 28, 2002, and February 18, 2003. At that time the Maine Yankee ISFSI operated under the provisions of CoC No. 1015, Amendment No. 2, and the Limiting Condition for Operation 3.1.4 time limit for a canister having a content decay heat load of less than or equal to 14kW was unlimited. During this period, the storage canister was in full compliance with CoC No. 1015, Amendment No. 2, and its stored spent fuel was maintained in a safe condition during the time the canister was in the transfer cask. The transfer of the loaded canister was completed in a safe manner to ensure

the transfer cask was not used as a long-term storage device.

The requested exemption from Appendix B, Section B.3.4.2.6 is an exemption from the requirement to maintain a coefficient of friction on the ISFSI pad surface of at least 0.5. As discussed in the **Federal Register** notice published on January 30, 2004, Maine Yankee requested the exemption to address winter icing conditions that could result in a reduced coefficient of friction between the vertical concrete cask and the ISFSI pad surface, and limited vertical concrete cask sliding during a design-basis earthquake. The NRC previously reviewed the evaluations provided by Maine Yankee and found reasonable assurance that the design-basis earthquake will not result in significant sliding of the NAC-UMS® System vertical concrete casks. The NRC evaluated the magnitude of the impact load between two colliding vertical concrete casks and determined that the impact load would be far less severe than that encountered in a tip-over accident for which the NAC-UMS® System has been demonstrated to be structurally adequate. The NRC determined that not maintaining a coefficient of friction between the vertical concrete cask and the ISFSI pad surface of at least 0.5 is consistent with the safety analyses previously evaluated for the NAC-UMS® System, would have no impact on the design basis, and would have no impact on off-site doses. Therefore, the NRC concluded that the requested changes would not pose an increased risk to public health and safety.

The NRC evaluated the impact to public safety that would result from the proposed action and determined that approval of the exemptions would not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes would be made to the types or amounts of effluents released offsite, and there would be no increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the action. Additionally, the proposed action would not involve any construction or other ground disturbing activities, would not change the footprint of the existing ISFSI, and would have no other significant non-radiological impacts. The ISFSI is located on previously disturbed land, so

it is unlikely to create any significant impact on aquatic or terrestrial habitat in the vicinity of the plant or to threatened, endangered, or protected species under the Endangered Species Act, or to essential fish habitat covered by the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Approval of the exemptions is not the type of activity that has the potential to cause effects on historic or cultural properties, assuming such properties are present at the site.

Alternative to the Proposed Action: The alternative to the proposed action would be to deny approval of the exemptions. This alternative would also have no significant environmental impact. Since there is no significant environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact were not evaluated.

Given that there are no significant differences in environmental impact between the proposed action and the alternative considered, and that there are no changes in the conditions under which the exemptions were previously approved, the NRC concludes that the preferred alternative is to grant the exemptions.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

The NRC consulted with the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (State) on December 19, 2024, via email. The State responded by email dated January 22, 2025, in which it noted it had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The environmental impacts of the exemptions were previously reviewed and determined to have no significant environmental impact. There have been no changes to the conditions under which the previous review was approved. Based upon the foregoing discussion and the previous approvals, the NRC finds that the exemptions will not significantly impact the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined that a FONSI is appropriate, and an environmental impact statement is not warranted.

IV. Availability of Documents

The documents identified in the following table are available to interested persons through one or more of the following methods, as indicated.

Document description	ADAMS Accession No. or Federal Register citation
NAC-UMS® System Certificate of Compliance No. 1015, effective November 20, 2000	ML003762577 (Package).
NAC-UMS® System Certificate of Compliance No. 1015, Amendment No. 9, effective August 29, 2022.	ML22202A020 (Package).

Document description	ADAMS Accession No. or Federal Register citation
Letter from D. Laing, Maine Yankee, dated March 28, 2024	ML24094A060.
Email from S. Day, Maine Yankee, to K. Banovac, NRC, dated October 30, 2024	ML24304B052.
NAC-UMS® System Certificate of Compliance No. 1015, Amendment No. 2, effective December 31, 2001.	ML020250546 (Package).
NAC-UMS® System Certificate of Compliance No. 1015, Amendment No. 3, effective March 31, 2004.	ML040830048 (Package).
Letter from J. Goshen, NRC, to J. Connell, Maine Yankee, dated July 14, 2010	ML101960072.
Federal Register notice, “Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company; Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation; Issuance of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Regarding the Request for Exemption From Requirements of 10 CFR Part 72,” published June 15, 2010.	75 FR 33853.
Letter from J. McKirgan, NRC, to J. Brown, Maine Yankee, dated July 5, 2019	ML19184A056 (Package).
Federal Register notice, “Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company; Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation,” published July 10, 2019.	84 FR 32965.
Letter from L. Camper, NRC, to T. Williamson, Maine Yankee, dated January 4, 2005	ML050050209 (Package).
Federal Register notice, “Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company, Maine Yankee Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation, Issuance of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact,” published January 4, 2005.	70 FR 396.
Letter from L. Camper, NRC, to T. Williamson, Maine Yankee, dated February 1, 2004	ML040350797.
Federal Register notice, “Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company, Maine Yankee Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation, Issuance of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for a Proposed Exemption,” published January 30, 2004.	69 FR 4543.
Email from K. Banovac, NRC, to J. Hyland, Maine Department of Health and Human Services, dated December 19, 2024.	ML25022A202.
Email from J. Hyland, Maine Department of Health and Human Services, to K. Banovac, NRC, dated January 22, 2025.	ML25022A201.

The NRC may post materials related to this document, including public comments, on the Federal rulemaking website at <https://www.regulations.gov> under Docket ID NRC-2024-0184. In addition, the Federal rulemaking website allows members of the public to receive alerts when changes or additions occur in a docket folder. To subscribe: (1) navigate to the docket folder (NRC-2024-0184); (2) click the “Subscribe” link; and (3) enter an email address and click on the “Subscribe” link.

V. Conclusion

Based on the previously mentioned considerations, the NRC has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 72.7, the exemptions are authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and are otherwise in the public interest. Therefore, the NRC grants Maine Yankee the exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR 72.212(a)(2), 72.212(b)(3), 72.212(b)(5)(i), 72.212(b)(11), and 72.214.

These exemptions are effective upon publication.

Dated: January 31, 2025.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Thomas Boyce,

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2025-1165 and K2025-1165; MC2025-1166 and K2025-1166]

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 a negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* February 7, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission’s Filing Online system at <https://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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I. Introduction

Pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.405, the Commission gives notice that the Postal

Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to Competitive negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition of a negotiated service agreement from the Competitive product list or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the Competitive product list.

The public portions of the Postal Service’s request(s) can be accessed via the Commission’s website (<http://www.prc.gov>). Non-public portions of the Postal Service’s request(s), if any, can be accessed through compliance with the requirements of 39 CFR 3011.301.¹

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, if any, that will be reviewed in a public proceeding as defined by 39 CFR 3010.101(p), the title of each such request, the request’s acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each such request, the Commission appoints an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in the proceeding, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505 and 39 CFR 3000.114 (Public Representative). Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each such request.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service’s request(s) identified in Section II, if any, are

¹ See Docket No. RM2018-3, Order Adopting Final Rules Relating to Non-Public Information, June 27, 2018, Attachment A at 19-22 (Order No. 4679).

consistent with the policies of title 39. Applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR part 3041. Comment deadline(s) for each such request, if any, appear in Section II.

Section III identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, if any, to add a standardized distinct product to the Competitive product list or to amend a standardized distinct product, the title of each such request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. Standardized distinct products are negotiated service agreements that are variations of one or more Competitive products, and for which financial models, minimum rates, and classification criteria have undergone advance Commission review. *See* 39 CFR 3041.110(n); 39 CFR 3041.205(a). Such requests are reviewed in summary proceedings pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.325(c)(2) and 39 CFR 3041.505(f)(1). Pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.405(c)–(d), the Commission does not appoint a Public Representative or request public comment in proceedings to review such requests.

II. Public Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s)*: MC2025–1165 and K2025–1165; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1325 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: January 30, 2025; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative*: Kenneth Moeller; *Comments Due*: February 7, 2025.

2. *Docket No(s)*: MC2025–1166 and K2025–1166; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1326 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: January 30, 2025; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative*: Elsie Lee-Robbins; *Comments Due*: February 7, 2025.

III. Summary Proceeding(s)

None. *See* Section II for public proceedings.

This Notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Erica A. Barker,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–102310; File No. SR–NYSEARCA–2024–104]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Amendment No. 1 and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1, To List and Trade Shares of the Bitwise Bitcoin and Ethereum ETF Under NYSE Arca Rule 8.201–E (Commodity-Based Trust Shares)

January 30, 2025.

I. Introduction

On November 26, 2024, NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca” or the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act” or “Exchange Act”)¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to list and trade shares (“Shares”) of the Bitwise Bitcoin and Ethereum ETF (“Trust”) under NYSE Arca Rule 8.201–E (Commodity-Based Trust Shares). The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on December 16, 2024.³ On January 21, 2025, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change,⁴ which superseded the original proposed rule change in its entirety. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on Amendment No. 1 from interested persons and is approving the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1 (“Proposal”), on an accelerated basis.⁵

II. Description of the Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1

As described in more detail in Amendment No. 1,⁶ the Exchange proposes to list and trade Shares of the Trust under NYSE Arca Rule 8.201–E (Commodity-Based Trust Shares). The

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 101864 (Dec. 10, 2024), 89 FR 101654. The Commission did not receive any comments on the proposal.

⁴ In Amendment No. 1, the Exchange clarified the description of the Trust; further described the terms of the Trust; and conformed various representations in the amended filing to representations that exchanges have made for other exchange-traded products (“ETPs”) that the Commission has approved. The full text of Amendment No. 1 is available on the Commission’s website at: <https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-nysearca-2024-104/srnysearca2024104-559475-1605482.pdf>.

⁵ *See infra* Item V.

⁶ *See supra* note 4.

Trust will hold both spot bitcoin⁷ and spot ether.⁸

According to the Exchange, the investment objective of the Trust is to seek to provide exposure to the value of bitcoin and ether held by the Trust, less the expenses of the Trust’s operations and other liabilities.⁹ The Trust’s allocation of its assets to bitcoin and ether will approximate the relative market capitalization of bitcoin and ether to one another.¹⁰ The Trust’s only assets will be bitcoin, ether, and cash.¹¹ The Trust’s net asset value (“NAV”) and NAV per Share will be determined by the Administrator once each Exchange trading day as of 4:00 p.m. E.T., or as soon thereafter as practicable.¹² For purposes of calculating the Trust’s NAV, the Administrator will determine the price of the Trust’s bitcoin and ether by reference to the CME CF Bitcoin—New York Variant for its bitcoin holdings and to the CME CF Ether—Dollar Reference Rate—New York Variant for its ether holdings (the “Pricing Benchmarks”).¹³ The Trust will create and redeem Shares from time to time, but only in one or more “Creation Units,” which will

⁷ Bitcoins are digital assets that are issued and transferred via a distributed, open-source protocol used by a peer-to-peer computer network through which transactions are recorded on a public transaction ledger known as the “Bitcoin blockchain.” The Bitcoin protocol governs the creation of new bitcoins and the cryptographic system that secures and verifies bitcoin transactions.

⁸ Ether is a digital asset that is native to, and minted and transferred via, a distributed, open-source protocol used by a peer-to-peer computer network through which transactions are recorded on a public transaction ledger known as “Ethereum.” The Ethereum protocol governs the creation of new ether and the cryptographic system that secures and verifies transactions on Ethereum.

⁹ *See* Amendment No. 1 at 4. The Trust is a Delaware statutory trust and will operate pursuant to a trust agreement between Bitwise Investment Advisers, LLC (“Sponsor”) and Delaware Trust Company, as trustee. Coinbase Custody Trust Company, LLC will maintain custody of the Trust’s bitcoin and ether. Bank of New York Mellon will be the custodian for the Trust’s cash holdings, the administrator of the Trust, and the transfer agent for the Trust. *See id.*

¹⁰ *See id.* As of the date of the filing, the relative market capitalization of bitcoin and ether were 83% bitcoin and 17% ether. The Exchange states that the Trust will calculate the market capitalization of bitcoin and ether by multiplying the Pricing Benchmarks (as defined herein) by the current circulating supply of bitcoin and ether respectively, as determined by the Sponsor, and will calculate the relative market capitalization by dividing each of bitcoin and ether’s market capitalization by the combined market capitalization of both. *See id.* at 4 n.8.

¹¹ *See id.* at 5.

¹² *See id.* at 7.

¹³ *See id.* at 4–5, 7. The Pricing Benchmarks are calculated by CF Benchmarks Ltd. based on an aggregation of executed trade flow of major bitcoin and ether trading platforms and are designed to provide a daily, 4:00 p.m. E.T. reference rate of the U.S. dollar price of one bitcoin or one ether. *See id.* at 5 n.9.

initially consist of at least 10,000 Shares.¹⁴

III. Discussion and Commission Findings

After careful review, the Commission finds that the Proposal is consistent with the Exchange Act and rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.¹⁵ In particular, the Commission finds that the Proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Exchange Act,¹⁶ which requires, among other things, that the Exchange's rules be designed to "prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices" and, "in general, to protect investors and the public interest;" and with Section 11A(a)(1)(C)(iii) of the Exchange Act,¹⁷ which sets forth Congress' finding that it is in the public interest and appropriate for the protection of investors and the maintenance of fair and orderly markets to assure the availability to brokers, dealers, and investors of information with respect to quotations for and transactions in securities.

A. Exchange Act Section 6(b)(5)

The Trust will hold both spot bitcoin and spot ether weighted according to their relative market capitalizations.¹⁸ The structure of the Trust, the terms of its operation and the trading of its Shares, and the representations in the Exchange's amended filing are substantially similar to those of the spot bitcoin and spot ether ETP proposals approved in prior Commission orders.¹⁹ As such, based on the record before the Commission the Commission is able to conclude that the Proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Exchange Act.

¹⁴ See *id.* at 8. Authorized participants will deliver only cash to create Shares and will receive only cash when redeeming Shares. See *id.* at 9.

¹⁵ In approving the Proposal, the Commission has considered the Proposal's impacts on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78k-1(a)(1)(C)(iii).

¹⁸ See Amendment No. 1 at 4. The Trust could also hold cash. See *id.* at 5.

¹⁹ See, e.g., Order Granting Approval of a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1, to List and Trade Shares of the Hashdex Nasdaq Crypto Index US ETF and Granting Accelerated Approval of a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1, to List and Trade Shares of the Franklin Crypto Trust, Securities Exchange Act Release No. 101998 (Dec. 19, 2024), 89 FR 106707 (Dec. 30, 2024) (SR-NASDAQ-2024-028; SR-CBOEBZX-2024-091) ("Spot Bitcoin & Ether ETP Approval Order"). See also *infra* Item III.B.

B. Exchange Act Section 11A(a)(1)(C)(iii)

The Proposal sets forth aspects of the proposed ETP, including the availability of pricing information, transparency of portfolio holdings, and types of surveillance procedures, that are consistent with other ETPs that the Commission has approved.²⁰ This includes commitments regarding: the availability of quotation and last-sale information for the Shares; the availability on the Trust's website of certain information related to the Trust, including NAV; the dissemination of an intra-day indicative value by one or more major market data vendors, updated every 15 seconds throughout the Exchange's core trading session; the Exchange's surveillance procedures and ability to obtain information regarding trading in the Shares; the conditions under which the Exchange would implement trading halts and suspensions; and the requirements of registered market makers in the Shares.²¹ In addition, the Exchange deems the Shares to be equity securities, thus rendering trading in the Shares subject to the Exchange's existing rules governing the trading of equity securities.²² Further, the listing rules of the Exchange require that all statements and representations made in its filing regarding, among others, the description of the Trust's holdings, limitations on such holdings, and the applicability of the Exchange's listing rules specified in the filing, will constitute continued listing requirements.²³ Moreover, the Proposal states that: the Trust's Sponsor has represented to the Exchange that it will advise the Exchange of any failure by the Trust to comply with the continued listing requirements; pursuant to obligations under Section 19(g)(1) of the Exchange Act, the Exchange will monitor for compliance with the continued listing requirements; and if the Trust is not in compliance with the applicable listing requirements, the Exchange will commence delisting procedures.²⁴

The Commission therefore finds that the Proposal, as with other ETPs that the Commission has approved,²⁵ is reasonably designed to promote fair disclosure of information that may be necessary to price the Shares appropriately, to prevent trading when

²⁰ See, e.g., Spot Bitcoin & Ether ETP Approval Order at 106709.

²¹ See Amendment No. 1 at 19–22.

²² See *id.* at 20.

²³ See NYSE Arca Rule 8.201-E(e)(2)(vii).

²⁴ See Amendment No. 1 at 22.

²⁵ See Spot Bitcoin and Ether ETP Approval Order.

a reasonable degree of transparency cannot be assured, to safeguard material non-public information relating to the Trust's portfolio, and to ensure fair and orderly markets for the Shares.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the Proposal is consistent with the Exchange Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-NYSEARCA-2024-104 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to file number SR-NYSEARCA-2024-104. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-NYSEARCA-2024-104 and should

be submitted on or before February 26, 2025.

V. Accelerated Approval

The Commission finds good cause to approve the Proposal prior to the 30th day after the date of publication of notice of Amendment No. 1²⁶ in the **Federal Register**. The amendment clarified the description of the Trust; further described the terms of the Trust; and conformed various representations in the amended filing to representations that exchanges have made for other ETPs that the Commission has approved.²⁷ The amended filing is now substantially similar to filings for other spot bitcoin and spot ether ETPs that the Commission has approved.²⁸ Accordingly, the Commission finds good cause, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Exchange Act,²⁹ to approve the Proposal on an accelerated basis.

VI. Conclusion

This approval order is based on all of the Exchange's representations and descriptions in the Proposal, which the Commission has carefully evaluated as discussed above.³⁰ For the reasons set forth above, the Commission finds, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Exchange Act,³¹ that the Proposal is consistent with the requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange, and in particular, with Section 6(b)(5) and Section 11A(a)(1)(C)(iii) of the Exchange Act.³²

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Exchange Act,³³ that the Proposal (SR-NYSEARCA-2024-104) be, and hereby is, approved on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.³⁴

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2025-0152]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of a Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Procedures for Non-Federal Navigation Facilities

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The collection involves aerial navigation aids (NavAids), electrical/electronic facilities, owned and operated by non-federal sponsors for use by the flying public. "Non-Federal sponsors" refers to entities such as State and local governments, businesses, and private citizens. The information to be collected is necessary to ensure that operation and maintenance of these non-federally owned facilities is in accordance with FAA safety standards. The FAA is not changing its information-collection practices pertaining to non-Federal facilities. It is merely renewing its legal authority to collect that information.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by April 7, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments:

By Electronic Docket:
www.regulations.gov (Enter docket number into search field).

By email: Non-Federal-Program@faa.gov (Enter docket number into subject line).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Schoen by email at Michael.J.Schoen@faa.gov; phone (202) 267-9841.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The collection involves the compilation of:

- Commissioning data, such as the initial standards and tolerances parameters for the aerial navigation aids (NavAids) and electrical/electronic facilities, owned and operated by non-federal sponsors;
- Maintenance activities and operational history, such as outages and repairs, for facilities owned and operated by non-federal sponsors; and
- The facilities' periodically verified parameters for the life of the facility.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120-0014.

Title: Procedures for Non-federal Navigation Facilities.

Form Numbers: FAA Form 6000-10; FAA Form 6000-8; FAA Form 6030-1.

Type of Review: Renewal of an information collection.

Background: Title 14 CFR part 171 establishes procedures and requirements for non-federal sponsors, ("non-federal sponsors" refers to entities such as state and local governments, businesses, and private citizens) to purchase, install, operate, and maintain electronic NavAids for use by the flying public, in the National Airspace System (NAS). Part 171 describes procedures for receiving permission to install a facility and requirements to keep it in service. Documenting the initial parameters during commissioning is necessary to have a baseline to reference during future inspections. Another requirement is recording maintenance tasks, removal from service, and any other repairs performed on these facilities in on-site logs to have an accurate history on the performance of the facility. In addition, at each periodic inspection, recording the facilities' current parameters provides performance information for the life of the facility. Records must be kept on site and the FAA must receive copies of the logs.

Respondents: Approximately 2,200 non-federal facilities/respondents.

Frequency: Information is collected (submitted to FAA Inspectors) on occasion.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 13.72 hours per year.

- Form 6000-10, 1.72 hours per response
- Form 6000-8, 30 minutes per response
- Form 6030-1, 30 minutes per response

Estimated Total Annual Burden: Approximately 26,429 hours per year.

²⁶ See *supra* note 4.

²⁷ See also *supra* Item III.B.

²⁸ See Spot Bitcoin and Ether ETP Approval Order.

²⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

³⁰ In addition, the Shares of the Trust must comply with the requirements of NYSE Arca Rule 8.201-E (Commodity-Based Trust Shares) to be listed and traded on the Exchange on an initial and continuing basis.

³¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

³² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5); 15 U.S.C. 78k-1(a)(1)(C)(iii).

³³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

³⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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Shelly Beauchamp,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2023-0066]

Program Approval: Georgia Central Railway, L.P. and Heart of Georgia Railroad, Inc.

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of approval.

SUMMARY: FRA is issuing this notice to approve a petition from Georgia Central Railway, L.P. (GC) and Heart of Georgia Railroad, Inc. (HOG) (collectively, Petitioners), subsidiaries of Genesee and Wyoming (G&W), for a Test Program designed to test self-propelled, zero-emission, battery-electric rail vehicles and their associated computer and telemetry technology systems, and to evaluate the effectiveness of the system and new operational approaches to rail vehicle technology in the short-haul movement of containers. The approval grants limited, temporary suspension of certain FRA rules necessary to facilitate the conduct of the Test Program, including an exemption for certain safety appliance laws (collectively, Impacted FRA Safety Standards).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew Brewer, Staff Director, FRA Engineering and Technology Division, Office of Railroad Safety at (509) 994-1978 or email: matthew.brewer@dot.gov; or Michael Masci, Senior Attorney Adviser, Office of the Chief Counsel, telephone: (202) 302-7117 or email: michael.masci@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Petitioners' submission (available in docket FRA-2023-0066 at www.regulations.gov) explains that the proposed Test Program involves a system of novel, self-propelled, zero-emission, battery-electric rail vehicles and their associated computer and telemetry technology systems, manufactured by Parallel Systems, Inc. The vehicle concept consists of a single intermodal container carried by two

autonomous rail vehicles (AVs). Each rail AV is propelled by a battery and traction motor and has the necessary sensors, radios, and computers to be independent. Through hand-held controls or via the dispatch center, the AVs receive instructions to move either individually (e.g., 2 AVs with one container) or with a group of AVs to operate in a platoon.¹ Petitioners note that following testing of the AVs' braking system and other components at a test site owned by MxV Rail, the Program, if approved, would take place in seven phases on a 160-mile segment of track in central Georgia,² to progressively test and aim to prove the technology and collect data to support the safety case.

Petitioners state that the goal of the technology is to provide smaller freight railroads an opportunity to meaningfully compete in the short-haul transportation of containers, and the technology would provide public benefits for the environment, the economy, the national highway system, and communities disproportionately impacted by highway movement of containers. Petitioners contend that "safety is an overriding focus of the proposed Program," and Petitioners have developed, and will adhere to, a Pilot Test Safety Plan (Safety Plan), Exhibit C of the submission, to ensure safety during testing. Petitioners explain the "Safety Plan includes protocols for hazard analysis, control, and verification of controls which will be reviewed by six technical working groups who will consider the risks associated with each phase and the necessary actions to mitigate each risk."

Petitioners provide that the Program, detailed in Exhibit B of the submission, "is based on seven phases of tightly structured and closely monitored field testing." The Program would use the "results of testing performed during each phase" "to evaluate the safety of the proceeding phase." The Program would collect "data and service history" and then "evaluate changes in the design of the System, its components, and the relevant operating procedures in support of further testing before any proposed use of the System outside of the Program." The Program includes a structured sequence of test phases to "allow collection and evaluation of the operating data in progressively more complex operating conditions."

¹ The AVs do not couple but rather receive commands to move together.

² See Petition Exhibit C, "Testing will take place between mileposts 503 and 577.8 on the [GC] and mileposts 577.8 and 663 on the [HOG], which are two Class III freight railroads that connect directly in Vidalia, GA."

Petitioners emphasize that the priority "of each phase of the Program is to assure safety of railroad employees, other persons and property, and the general public along the railroad lines that will be used for the Program."

Petitioners state that the Program is "designed to evaluate the effectiveness of the system and new operational approaches to rail vehicle technology in the short-haul movement of containers." As described in Exhibit B of the submission, the Program will gather "quantitative and qualitative data" in each phase and evaluate the reliability, compatibility, and cost of operation, along with a safety analysis. Additionally, phase-specific testing objectives are identified in the submission (e.g., to determine if conditions at the test track affect controllability of the vehicle, as well as identify any sources of variation between phases).

The testing is planned in seven phases, with defined success criteria that must be achieved prior to FRA approval to move to the next test phase:

- **Phase 1—Verification of Vehicle Communications, Traction and Braking:** Criteria to move to the next phase include successful validation of all vehicle controls and validation of all field test procedures, communication, and safety protocols.

- **Phase 2—Testing Over a Longer Distance and More Diverse Territory:** Criteria to move to the next phase include successful validation of all vehicle controls throughout the longer distances and more diverse territory, control of the vehicle is fully validated, and confirmation of shunting at a grade crossing.

- **Phase 3—Validation of Remote Capability of Vehicle With Direct Supervision:** Criteria to move to the next phase include successful validation of all vehicle controls over the broader environment, validation of remote monitoring and video links, including back-up when communications fail, and shunting validation over the territory.

- **Phase 4—Testing and Data Gathering With Extended Remote Operations:** Criteria to move to the next phase include final validation of all vehicle controls, validation of remote monitoring and video links, including back-up when there is a communications failure, and shunting validation over the territory.

- **Phase 5—Vehicle Upgrades To Enhance Reliability and Performance (Based on Previous Phases):** Criteria to move to the next phase include re-validation of all vehicle controls, re-validation of remote monitoring and video links, including back-up when

communications fail, and shunting re-validation over the territory with the upgraded vehicle.

- *Phase 6—Concurrent Operations of Vehicle With Conventional Train Service*: Criteria to move to the next phase include all vehicle controls and functionality are reliable, intermixed operations are validated, remote monitoring and video links are reliable, and shunting is validated.

- *Phase 7—Traverse Entire Route With Multiple Vehicles (Platooning)*: At the completion of Phase 7, the vehicle controls and functionality will be reliable, intermixed operations validated, platooning operations validated, remote monitoring and video links reliable, and shunting validated.

FRA conducted a public hearing on March 12, 2024, to provide the public an opportunity to provide oral comment on the petition. Additionally, as explained in Petitioners' submission, Petitioners have performed outreach to local, State, and federal government representatives, and local authorities in Georgia.

Evaluation of Petition

After review and analysis of Petitioners' submission and public comments, FRA approves temporary, limited suspension of compliance with Impacted FRA Safety Standards^{3 4} in connection with the Test Program, subject to certain conditions designed to ensure safety.⁵

³ 49 CFR part 218, Operating Practices: §§ 218.55 through 59.

49 CFR part 229, Locomotive Safety Standards: §§ 229.9(a)(3), 229.13, 229.15(a)(10), 229.29, 229.47, 229.53, 229.55(b), 229.71, 229.115(a) and (c), 229.117, 229.119, 229.127, 229.131(a), 229.137, 229.139, 229.141, 229.201 through 206, 229.301 through 319.

49 CFR part 231, Railroad Safety Appliance Standards: §§ 231.6(a), 231.6(d), 231.6(e).

49 CFR part 232, Brake System Safety Standards for Freight and Other Non-Passenger Trains and Equipment: §§ 232.103(f), (g), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n), (o), 232.205–212, 232.215, 232.303, 232.305, 232.503, 232.505.

49 CFR part 236—Rules, Standards, and Instructions Governing the Installation, Inspection, Maintenance and Repair of Signal and Train Control Systems, Devices, and Appliances, § 236.913.

49 CFR parts 240 and 242—Qualification and Certification of Engineers and Conductors: §§ 240.103 and 242.103.

49 U.S.C. 20302.

⁴ In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 20306, FRA may exempt Petitioners from the statutory requirements in 49 U.S.C. 20302 based on evidence received and findings developed at a hearing demonstrating that the statutory requirements "preclude the development or implementation of more efficient railroad transportation equipment or other transportation innovations under existing law" or an "agreement between national railroad labor representatives and the developer of the new equipment or technology." See 49 U.S.C. 20306(a), (b)(2).

⁵ Per 49 CFR 211.51.

FRA finds that the temporary, limited suspension of Impacted FRA Safety Standards is necessary to the conduct of the approved Test Program, which is specifically designed to test self-propelled, zero-emission, battery-electric rail vehicles and their associated computer and telemetry technology systems and evaluate the effectiveness of the system and new operational approaches to rail vehicle technology in the short-haul movement of containers. Many of the suspensions are necessary because the newly designed equipment does not have certain conventional mechanical elements to which the regulations apply. For example, the vehicle does not have a cab and does not couple to other equipment. Similarly, there is no need for hand holds, ladders, or other safety appliances, because the vehicle is autonomous. FRA acknowledges the Petitioners have installed some safety appliances for use during maintenance and in the event of failure recovery of the vehicle. Suspension of the prohibition against tampering with safety devices is also necessary to perform the testing. For these tests, other safety mitigations are in place to ensure the safety of the employees and public.

Furthermore, FRA also finds that the scope and application of the suspensions, as applied to the Test Program, are limited to that necessary to conduct the Test Program. Each of the seven phases would take place in a limited, clearly defined area as described in the Test Program. Ultimately, the entire Test Program is limited to a 160-mile segment of track in central Georgia.

Finally, FRA's temporary, limited suspension of compliance with Impacted FRA Safety Standards is conditioned on the observance of the following conditions (incorporated here, as listed in FRA's decision letter dated January 15, 2025)⁶ to ensure safety:

1. Petitioners must provide to FRA the projected scheduled testing for each phase outlined in their submission. FRA subject matter experts (SMEs) will use this information to plan and conduct site visits to monitor testing for compliance with the conditions outlined in this notice and for observation.

2. During each pilot phase readiness review, a multi-disciplinary team consisting of GC and HOG representatives (including operating and maintenance staff), Parallel Systems, and FRA, will review the results of each

phase of testing and evaluate the readiness and safety of transitioning to the next test phase. Documentation must be provided at the completion of each phase to verify and validate that the criteria and metrics are met. Prior to Phase 1, GC and HOG representatives (including operating and maintenance staff), Parallel Systems, and FRA will hold a safety design review to discuss in detail the specific safety features that are designed into the system to ensure safety, including brake system design, electrical storage/regenerative braking, and emergency stop procedures. Only upon FRA's written approval will Petitioners be able to continue with the next phase of testing.

3. The testing must be restricted to the territory and mileposts documented in the Petitioners' submission, in dark territory under track warrant control.

4. Only railroad or designated representatives trained and qualified on Federal safety rules⁷ and railroad safety rules will operate the equipment.

5. All mechanical inspections must be performed by a qualified inspector.

6. All grade crossings must be flagged for all phases where crossings are present.

7. Equipment must be inspected daily prior to use and each control console must be equipped with a digital banner indicating the equipment is safe to operate, or if there is a defective component, the banner must indicate the defect and prevent operation until the defect is repaired. Each control console must also have an accurate speed display.

8. Each vehicle must have an appropriate direction of movement indicator light on the end of the vehicle that faces the direction of travel. The trailing end of the vehicle must have a rear end marker identifying the rear of the vehicle.

9. Each vehicle must be equipped with an operable audible warning device (bells/whistle/alarm) that sounds at the required decibel level (see 49 CFR 229.129(a)) prior to vehicle movement or over grade crossings.

10. Each vehicle must be equipped with a manual safety bus cut out switch located in a safe accessible position not on the ends of the vehicle, as well as having electronic remote safety stop capability on each control device as a first option to ensure personnel are out of harm's way when initiating an emergency stop.

11. Documentation must include clear instructions on how to test, inspect, maintain, and operate the brake system

⁶ Conditions 1 through 23 are incorporated from FRA's decision letter.

⁷ 49 CFR parts 214, 218, 240, 242, and 243.

and what to do in the event of a brake failure.

12. Documentation must clearly define procedures to ensure the vehicle does not move (roll back or forward) when initiating a movement, including performing a standing braking test.

13. Brake calibration/inspection/maintenance processes must be clearly outlined and adhered to for the duration of the test.

14. Communications loss criteria between the vehicle and operator must be documented on the FRA Form 6180.49A (blue card). Length of communications loss before an automatic brake application must be documented prior to operation.

15. Test Program must address electronic safety features during the handoff between traction and braking. The Program must identify failsafe stop/emergency procedures in the event of a failure, outlining the electronics logic on how to enforce an emergency stop when there is a fault.

16. Test Program must provide a complete description of the braking technology process, including how energy stored in the batteries is managed to prevent overcharge from regenerative braking.

17. Petitioners must provide emergency response training for all emergency responders who might be called to respond in the event of an emergency.

18. Although these vehicles do not couple, there must be a provision for a rescue coupler or alternate process to provide a safe way to move the vehicle in the event of a system failure or emergency.

19. Petitioners must produce and provide FRA with a monthly test report in a common electronic format reviewable by FRA (such as in an Excel file). The report will contain information pertaining to the test area to include vehicle identification, date of each test, geographic (milepost) limits of the test, issues identified, anomalies and proposed solutions.

20. Prior to advancing beyond Phase 2 and in accordance with Condition 2, petitioners must provide FRA with specific documentation explaining how safety-critical products were developed, how the equipment is inspected, a concept of operations, maintenance schedule and a thorough testing plan indicating what constitutes a pass or fail. Petitioners must also describe how personnel working with safety-critical products will be trained to perform functions of the Program safely.

Petitioners must provide FRA with an updated Railroad Safety Program Plan and Product Safety Plan and obtain FRA

approval before any Phase 3 testing begins.

21. All personnel involved in the process outlined in this approval must be informed of the content and be aware of the conditions prior to participation in the process. Petitioners must make readily available at every test segment location a copy of the waiver decision letter and the test program and any amendments prior to participation in the test.

22. As this technology and operating approach does not involve a locomotive cab where facilities would normally be located, the Petitioners must make available lavatory facilities for operating and test crews.

23. End handholds and uncoupling levers are not applicable to this equipment because it does not couple. Based on evidence during the March 2024 hearing, FRA exempts Petitioners from the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 20302 for purposes of testing this new technology. The purpose of the statute is to protect employees who are between traditional rail equipment lacing air hoses and coupling equipment, but, because this novel equipment being tested does not couple or have air hoses, the risk has been engineered out.

Conclusion

This test program is approved. Based on the consideration and analysis of data gathered during the Program, or upon Petitioners' written request, FRA may modify or rescind the approval.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Kyle David Fields,

Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Agency Information Collection Activities: Information Collection Renewal; Submission for OMB Review; Company-Run Annual Stress Test Reporting Template and Documentation for Covered Institutions With Total Consolidated Assets of \$250 Billion or More Under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The OCC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites

comment on a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). In accordance with the requirements of the PRA, the OCC may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The OCC is soliciting comment concerning a revision to its information collection titled, "Company-Run Annual Stress Test Reporting Template and Documentation for Covered Institutions with Total Consolidated Assets of \$250 Billion or More under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act." The OCC also is giving notice that it has sent the collection to OMB for review.

DATES: Comments must be received by March 7, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Commenters are encouraged to submit comments by email, if possible. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* prainfo@occ.treas.gov.
- *Mail:* Chief Counsel's Office,

Attention: Comment Processing, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Attention: 1557-0319, 400 7th Street SW, Suite 3E-218, Washington, DC 20219.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* 400 7th Street SW, Suite 3E-218, Washington, DC 20219.

- *Fax:* (571) 293-4835.

Instructions: You must include "OCC" as the agency name and "1557-0319" in your comment. In general, the OCC will publish comments on www.reginfo.gov without change, including any business or personal information provided, such as name and address information, email addresses, or phone numbers. Comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. Do not include any information in your comment or supporting materials that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should also be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. You can find this information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

You may review comments and other related materials that pertain to this information collection following the

close of the 30-day comment period for this notice by the method set forth in the next bullet.

- *Viewing Comments Electronically:* Go to www.reginfo.gov. Hover over the “Information Collection Review” tab and click on “Information Collection Review” from the drop-down menu. From the “Currently under Review” drop-down menu, select “Department of Treasury” and then click “submit.” This information collection can be located by searching OMB control number “1557–0319” or “Company-Run Annual Stress Test Reporting Template and Documentation for Covered Institutions with Total Consolidated Assets of \$250 Billion or More under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.” Upon finding the appropriate information collection, click on the related “ICR Reference Number.” On the next screen, select “View Supporting Statement and Other Documents” and then click on the link to any comment listed at the bottom of the screen.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shaquita Merritt, Clearance Officer, (202) 649–5490, Chief Counsel’s Office, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20219. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7–1–1 to access telecommunications relay services.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the OMB for each collection of information that they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) to include agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. The OCC asks the OMB to extend its approval of the collection in this notice.

Title: “Company-Run Annual Stress Test Reporting Template and Documentation for Covered Institutions with Total Consolidated Assets of \$250 Billion or More under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act”.

OMB Control No.: 1557–0319.

Type of Review: Revision.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Description: Section 165(i)(2) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act) requires certain financial

companies, including national banks and Federal savings associations, to conduct annual stress tests and requires the primary financial regulatory agency of those financial companies to issue regulations implementing the stress test requirements. Under section 165(i)(2), a covered institution is required to submit to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) and to its primary financial regulatory agency a report at such time, in such form, and containing such information as the primary financial regulatory agency may require.

On October 9, 2012, the OCC published in the **Federal Register** a final rule implementing the section 165(i)(2) annual stress test requirement. This rule describes the reports and information collections required to meet the reporting requirements under section 165(i)(2). These information collections will be treated as confidential to the extent permitted by law.

In 2012, the OCC first implemented the reporting templates referenced in the final rule, and the OCC proposed changes to these templates on October 29, 2024.¹ The OCC is now finalizing those proposed changes. The OCC uses the data collected to assess the reasonableness of the stress test results of covered institutions and to provide forward-looking information to the OCC regarding a covered institution’s capital adequacy. The OCC also may use the results of the stress tests to determine whether additional analytical techniques and exercises could be appropriate to identify, measure, and monitor risks at the covered institution. The stress test results are expected to support ongoing improvement in a covered institution’s stress testing practices with respect to its internal assessments of capital adequacy and overall capital planning.

The OCC recognizes that many covered institutions with total consolidated assets of \$250 billion or more are required to submit reports using reporting form FR Y–14A. To the extent practical, the OCC will keep its reporting requirements consistent with the Board’s FR Y–14A to minimize burden on covered institutions.

The OCC’s changes include only limited updates, and the revised OCC reporting forms will substantially resemble the forms used by the OCC last year and the Board’s reporting forms. The OCC’s changes include removing the CECL Supplemental Schedule from the reporting instructions. The CECL Supplemental Schedule was a one-time schedule that reporting banks provided

during the first submission cycle following their implementation of the ASU 2016–13 standards. This collection was implemented to identify the effect and timing of the adoption of CECL and the associated transition provisions as provided by section 301 of the regulatory capital rules. As all firms have now adopted ASU 2016–13, this supplemental collection is not needed on a go-forward basis for modeling or analytic purposes. The changes also include minor corrections and eliminate references to LIBOR, which is no longer a reference rate, in the reporting instructions.

If the Board proposes additional changes to the FR Y–14A reporting forms after the publication of this notice, the OCC may make corresponding changes to the OCC’s reporting forms to minimize inconsistencies and reduce burden. The OCC’s proposed new reporting forms and instructions are available on the OCC’s website at <https://www.occ.treas.gov/publications-and-resources/forms/dodd-frank-act-stress-test/index-dodd-frank-act-stress-test.html>.

Estimated Burden:

Estimated Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4 annually and 5 biennially.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 2,881.67² hours.

Comments: On October 29, 2024, the OCC published a 60-day notice for this information collection, (89 FR 86079). No comments were received.

Comments continue to be invited on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the OCC, including whether the information has practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the OCC’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

² The updated burden estimate reflects updates to the Board’s burden estimates and one additional respondent. The burden of completing the OCC’s reporting forms should be substantially covered by the burden of completing the Board’s FR Y–14A reporting form (OMB No. 7100–0341) since the OCC’s form is substantially similar to the Board’s. The OCC estimates there will be only a limited marginal burden to complete the OCC’s forms in addition to the FR Y–14A and accordingly estimates the marginal burden of completing the OCC reporting form as one-third of the Board’s estimated burden to complete the FR Y–14A (1,330 hours).

¹ 89 FR 86079 (Oct. 29, 2024).

(e) Estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Patrick T. Tierney,
Assistant Director, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

National Academic Affiliations Council, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. ch. 10, that a meeting of VA's National

Academic Affiliations Council (NAAC) will be held on March 26, 2025–March 27, 2025 at The American Legion, 7th Floor, 1608 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20006. The meeting sessions will begin and end as follows:

Date	Time	Location	Open session
Wednesday, March 26, 2025 ..	9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST).	The American Legion, 7th Floor, 1608 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20006.	Yes.
Thursday, March 27, 2025	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST ..	The American Legion, 7th Floor, 1608 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20006.	Yes.

The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary on matters affecting partnerships between VA and its academic affiliates.

On March 26, 2025, the Council will convene an open session and receive presentations and updates beginning at 9 a.m. EST. The agenda will include updates on workforce pathways for mental health trainees, loan repayment and scholarships, mental health residency programs and the Strategic Academic Advisory Council (SAAC). In the afternoon, the Council will receive a presentation and open discussions including Artificial Intelligence updates in the VA. The meeting will adjourn that day at 4:30 p.m.

On March 27, 2025, the Council will convene an open session and receive presentations and updates beginning at

9 a.m. EST. The Council will receive updates from MISSION ACT, Section 403 Implementation and VHA Background, Suitability, Recruitment, and replacement issues with trainees. The Council will receive public comments from 11:20 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. EST. The meeting will adjourn at 12 p.m. EST.

Interested persons may attend and present oral statements to the Council on March 27, 2025, during the public comment period. The designated public dial in number to attend the conference is 872 701 0185. At the prompt, enter meeting ID 480 459 519#. A sign-in sheet for those who want to give comments will be available at the meeting. Individuals who speak are invited to submit a 1–2-page summary of their comments at the time of the meeting for inclusion in the official

meeting record. Oral presentations will be limited to five minutes or less, depending on the number of participants. Interested parties may also provide written comments for review by the Council prior to the meeting to Ms. Nellie Mitchell, Designated Federal Officer, or at any time via email to nellie.mitchell@va.gov. Any member of the public wishing to attend or seeking additional information should contact Ms. Mitchell via email or by phone at 608–358–9902.

Dated: January 30, 2025.

Jelessa M. Burney,
Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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The President

National Black History Month, 2025

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Today, I am very honored to recognize February 2025 as National Black History Month.

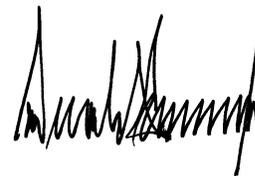
Every year, National Black History Month is an occasion to celebrate the contributions of so many black American patriots who have indelibly shaped our Nation's history.

Throughout our history, black Americans have been among our country's most consequential leaders, shaping the cultural and political destiny of our Nation in profound ways. American heroes such as Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Thomas Sowell, Justice Clarence Thomas, and countless others represent what is best in America and her citizens. Their achievements, which have monumentally advanced the tradition of equality under the law in our great country, continue to serve as an inspiration for all Americans. We will also never forget the achievements of American greats like Tiger Woods, who have pushed the boundaries of excellence in their respective fields, paving the way for others to follow.

This National Black History Month, as America prepares to enter a historic Golden Age, I want to extend my tremendous gratitude to black Americans for all they have done to bring us to this moment, and for the many future contributions they will make as we advance into a future of limitless possibility under my Administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim February 2025 as National Black History Month. I call upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized name, possibly "Donald Trump", written in a cursive script.

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Proclamation 10891 of January 31, 2025

National School Choice Week, 2025

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Throughout our Nation's history, our schools have been the gateway to the American Dream, the portal to American prosperity, and the foundation of the American spirit. During this National School Choice Week, we reaffirm our commitment to empowering American parents with the freedom to choose the education that best suits their values, matches their children's needs, and equips their families to lead long, flourishing, and fulfilling lives.

As American citizens, one of our most righteous obligations is to uplift the youngest among us, and to remove the hurdles obstructing the dreams of our children, our grandchildren, and generations yet unborn. During my first term, our Nation made tremendous progress on educational freedom. With support from my Administration, dozens of States enacted school choice programs that empowered millions of parents and inspired children to seize their futures. But there is still more work to do. As we return authority over education from Washington to the States, and from bureaucrats to parents, I recommit to working with State and Federal lawmakers to provide educational freedom for every American family.

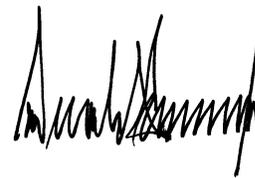
School choice is not only about returning freedom to our classrooms, but also about common sense. Freedom in education leads to higher graduation rates, increased competition among schools, and improved reading and math scores. School choice is also closely linked to school safety, as it allows parents to play a primary role in protecting their children. As we begin bringing down costs for families, educational freedom proves far more efficient than the outdated system we have been stuck with, generating up to \$23.8 billion in net fiscal savings for American taxpayers.

As President, I will never stop fighting for every American child to receive the world-class education they deserve. I will work tirelessly to ensure America's education system harnesses and achieves its full potential. Whether their education is through homeschooling or charter, public, or parochial schools, we will renew safety, security, and sanity in our classrooms.

This National School Choice Week, we resolve to promote a Nation, a culture, and a future that empowers our children, fortifies our freedom, secures our destiny, and unleashes the full potential of American ingenuity for many years to come. America's golden age begins in the classroom, and when we rebuild the best education system in the world, the future will truly be ours.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim January 26, 2025 to February 1, 2025, as National School Choice Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.

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