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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

8 CFR Part 264

[CIS No. 2810–25; DHS Docket No. USCIS–2025–0004]

RIN 1615–AC96

Alien Registration Form and Evidence of Registration

AGENCY: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”), Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”).

ACTION: Interim final rule (“IFR”) with request for comments.

SUMMARY: This IFR amends DHS regulations to designate a new registration form for aliens to comply with statutory alien registration and fingerprinting provisions. Aliens who are subject to alien registration requirements of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended (“INA”) who have not yet registered may use this registration form to satisfy their statutory obligations. This IFR also amends DHS regulations to designate additional documentation that may serve as evidence of alien registration.

DATES:

Effective date: This IFR is effective April 11, 2025.

Registration: Aliens may register using the revised form G–325R, Biographic Information (Registration) immediately.

IFR comment period: Comments on the rule must be received by April 11, 2025.

Information collection comment period: Comments on the information collection described in the *Paperwork Reduction Act* section below must be received by May 12, 2025.

ADDRESSES:

Comments on the IFR: You may submit comments on this IFR, identified by DHS Docket No. USCIS–2025–0004, through the Federal eRulemaking Portal

at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the website instructions for submitting comments.

Comments on the Information Collection: Submit comments on the information collection to the same docket as the IFR. In addition, all comments on the information collection must include the OMB Control Number 1615–NEW in the body of the comments.

Comments submitted in a manner other than the ones listed above, including emails or letters sent to the Department’s officials, will not be considered comments on the proposed rule and may not receive a response from the Department. Please note that the Department cannot accept any comments that are hand-delivered or couriered. In addition, the Department cannot accept comments contained on any form of digital media storage devices, such as CDs, DVDs, or USB drives. The Department is not accepting mailed comments at this time. If you cannot submit your comment by using <https://www.regulations.gov>, please contact Jerry Rigdon, Acting Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, by telephone at (240) 721–3000 for alternate instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Phillips, Residence and Naturalization Division Chief, Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 5900 Capital Gateway Drive, Camp Springs, MD 20746; telephone 240–721–3000 (not a toll-free call).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

Instructions for providing comments are in the **ADDRESSES** caption above.

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Docket: For access to the docket and to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, referencing DHS Docket No. USCIS–2025–0004. You may also sign up for email alerts on the online docket to be notified when comments are posted or when the final rule is published.

II. Background

A. Alien Registration Requirements of the INA

The Alien Registration Act of 1940, also known as the Smith Act, was enacted into law on June 28, 1940. See Public Law 76–670, 54 Stat. 670. The Act generally required all aliens in the country beyond 30 days to apply to register and to be fingerprinted. Congress later incorporated these requirements, as amended, in the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, Public Law 82–414, 66 Stat. 163. The registration and fingerprinting requirements currently appear, as amended, in part VII of subchapter II of chapter 12 of title 8, United States Code (8 U.S.C. 1301–1306). Throughout this preamble, we refer to such requirements as the alien registration requirements, or the alien registration requirements of the INA.

Under the alien registration requirements of the INA, with limited exceptions (*e.g.*, for visa holders who have already been registered and fingerprinted (through their application for a visa) and A and G visa holders, see 8 U.S.C. 1201(b)), all aliens above the age of 14 who remain in the United States for 30 days or longer must apply for registration and to be fingerprinted before the expiration of 30 days. See 8 U.S.C. 1302(a). Similarly, parents and legal guardians must ensure that their children below the age of 14 are registered. Within 30 days of reaching his or her 14th birthday, the alien child must “apply in person for registration and to be fingerprinted.” 8 U.S.C. 1302(b). The Secretary of Homeland Security (“Secretary”) may, in her discretion and on the basis of reciprocity pursuant to such regulations as she may prescribe, waive the requirement of fingerprinting specified in 8 U.S.C. 1302(a) and (b) in the case of any nonimmigrant. 8 U.S.C. 1302(c). As discussed in the next section, the Secretary has exercised this authority with respect to certain nonimmigrants.

An alien's willful failure or refusal to apply to register or to be fingerprinted is punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000 or imprisonment for up to six months, or both. 8 U.S.C. 1306(a).¹ The same applies to an alien's parent or legal guardian's willful failure or refusal to register. *Id.* Any alien or any parent or legal guardian of an alien who files a registration application "containing statements known by him to be false, or who procures or attempts to procure registration of himself or through another person by fraud" is subject to criminal prosecution. 8 U.S.C. 1306(c); *see, e.g.*, 18 U.S.C. 1001, 1546. A conviction for fraudulent registration constitutes a ground of deportability under 8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(3)(B)(i).

The Secretary has authority to "prepare forms for the registration and fingerprinting of aliens," which "shall contain inquiries with respect to (1) the date and place of entry of the alien into the United States; (2) activities in which he has been and intends to be engaged; (3) the length of time he expects to remain in the United States; (4) the police and criminal record, if any, of such alien; and (5) such additional matters as may be prescribed." 8 U.S.C. 1304(a). The Secretary also has authority to prescribe "special regulations and forms for the registration and fingerprinting of" certain classes of aliens, including "aliens of any other class not lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence," "[n]otwithstanding the provisions of" 8 U.S.C. 1301 and 1302. 8 U.S.C. 1303(a). Although this rule is fully consistent with 8 U.S.C. 1301 and 1302 and related authority, the Secretary also invokes 8 U.S.C. 1303(a) to the extent necessary to support this rulemaking.

Every alien in the United States who has been registered and fingerprinted under the alien registration requirements of the INA must "be issued a certificate of alien registration or an alien registration receipt card in such form and manner and at such time as shall be prescribed under regulations issued by the [Secretary]." 8 U.S.C. 1304(d).² Every registered alien 18 years

of age and over must at all times carry and have in their personal possession any certificate of alien registration or alien registration receipt card. Noncompliance is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both. 8 U.S.C. 1304(e); 18 U.S.C. 3559(a)(8), 3571(b)(6).

Finally, each alien required to be registered under the alien registration requirements of the INA who is within the United States must notify DHS in writing of each change of address and new address within ten days from the date of such change and provide such additional information as the Secretary may require by regulation. 8 U.S.C. 1305(a). Noncompliance is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both. 8 U.S.C. 1306(b); 18 U.S.C. 3559(a)(8), 3571(b)(6). In addition, any alien who has failed to comply with the change-of-address notification requirements of 8 U.S.C. 1305 is deportable unless the alien establishes that such failure was reasonably excusable or was not willful. *See* 8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(3)(A).

B. Current Regulations

Longstanding regulations provide that within 30 days after reaching the age of 14, any alien in the United States who is not exempt from alien registration must apply for registration and fingerprinting, unless fingerprinting is waived under 8 CFR 264.1(e) (which waives fingerprinting for certain nonimmigrants³), in accordance with applicable form instructions. 8 CFR 264.1(g).

If such alien is a lawful permanent resident of the United States and is temporarily absent from the United States when he reaches the age of 14, the alien must apply for registration and provide a photograph within 30 days of his or her return to the United States in accordance with applicable form

Homeland Security. 6 U.S.C. 557 (2003) (codifying HSA, Title XV, sec. 1517); 6 U.S.C. 542 note; 8 U.S.C. 1551 note.

³The Secretary may waive fingerprinting requirements for some nonimmigrants. Such waivers are in the Secretary's discretion, on the basis of reciprocity, and pursuant to such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe. 8 U.S.C. 1302(c). Applicable regulations waive fingerprinting requirements for some nonimmigrants. *See* 8 CFR 264.1(e)(1) and (2). The waiver covers various diplomatic and similar categories; other nonimmigrant aliens, while they maintain nonimmigrant status, who are nationals of countries which do not require fingerprinting of U.S. citizens temporarily residing therein; and nonimmigrants who depart from the United States within one year of admission. *Id.* A nonimmigrant who fails to maintain status must apply to be fingerprinted at once upon failing to maintain nonimmigrant status. 8 CFR 264.1(e)(3).

instructions. 8 CFR 264.1(g)(1). The alien, if a lawful permanent resident of the United States, must surrender any prior evidence of alien registration. *Id.* USCIS will issue the alien new evidence of alien registration. *Id.* In the case of an alien who is not a lawful permanent resident, the alien's previously issued registration document will be noted to show that he or she has been registered and the date of registration. 8 CFR 264.1(g)(2).

DHS has by regulation prescribed forms that satisfy registration requirements. *See* 8 CFR 264.1(a). The regulations also designate certain forms as constituting evidence of registration. 8 CFR 264.1(b).

DHS regulations identify the following forms as registration forms:

- I-67, Inspection Record—Hungarian refugees (Act of July 25, 1958).
- I-94, Arrival-Departure Record—Aliens admitted as nonimmigrants;⁴ aliens paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act; aliens whose claimed entry prior to July 1, 1924, cannot be verified, they having satisfactorily established residence in the United States since prior to July 1, 1924; aliens lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence who have not been registered previously; aliens who are granted permission to depart without the institution of deportation proceedings or against whom deportation proceedings are being instituted.
- I-95, Crewmen's Landing Permit—Crewmen arriving by vessel or aircraft.
- I-181, Memorandum of Creation of Record of Lawful Permanent Residence—Aliens presumed to be lawfully admitted to the United States under 8 CFR 101.1.
- I-485, Application for Status as Permanent Resident—Applicants under sections 245 and 249 of the Immigration and Nationality Act as amended, and section 13 of the Act of September 11, 1957.
- I-590, Registration for Classification as Refugee—Escapee—Refugee-escapees paroled pursuant to section 1 of the Act of July 14, 1960.
- I-687, Application for Status as a Temporary Resident—Applicants under section 245A of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended.
- I-691, Notice of Approval for Status as a Temporary Resident—Aliens adjusted to lawful temporary residence under 8 CFR 210.2 and 245A.2.

⁴This includes aliens admitted as B-1/B-2 nonimmigrants through the Visa Waiver Program who were issued Form I-94W.

¹ Section 1306(a) refers to a fine of up to \$1,000, but the general fine provisions of 18 U.S.C. 3571 supersedes that language. As a class B misdemeanor, the applicable fine is not more than \$5,000. *Id.*; 18 U.S.C. 3559(a)(7).

² As of March 1, 2003, in accordance with section 1517 of Title XV of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (HSA), Public Law 107-296, 116 Stat. 2135, any reference to the Attorney General in a provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act describing functions which were transferred from the Attorney General or other Department of Justice official to the Department of Homeland Security by the HSA "shall be deemed to refer to the Secretary" of

- I-698, Application to Adjust Status from Temporary to Permanent Resident—Applicants under section 245A of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended.

- I-700, Application for Status as a Temporary Resident—Applicants under section 210 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended.

- I-817, Application for Voluntary Departure under the Family Unity Program.

See 8 CFR 264.1(a).

The regulations identify the following forms as constituting evidence of registration:

- I-94, Arrival-Departure Record—Aliens admitted as nonimmigrants; aliens paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act; aliens whose claimed entry prior to July 1, 1924, cannot be verified, they having satisfactorily established residence in the United States since prior to July 1, 1924; and aliens granted permission to depart without the institution of deportation proceedings.

- I-95, Crewmen's Landing Permit—Crewmen arriving by vessel or aircraft.

- I-184, Alien Crewman Landing Permit and Identification Card—Crewmen arriving by vessel.

- I-185, Nonresident Alien Canadian Border Crossing Card—Citizens of Canada or British subjects residing in Canada.

- I-186, Nonresident Alien Mexican Border Crossing Card—Citizens of Mexico residing in Mexico.

- I-221, Order to Show Cause and Notice of Hearing—Aliens against whom deportation proceedings are being instituted.

- I-221S, Order to Show Cause, Notice of Hearing, and Warrant for Arrest of Alien—Aliens against whom deportation proceedings are being instituted.

- I-551, Permanent Resident Card—Lawful permanent resident of the United States.

- I-766, Employment Authorization Document (“EAD”).

- Form I-862, Notice to Appear—Aliens against whom removal proceedings are being instituted.

- Form I-863, Notice of Referral to Immigration Judge—Aliens against whom removal proceedings are being instituted.

See 8 CFR 264.1(b). In addition, under a note to section 264.1(b), a valid, unexpired nonimmigrant DHS admission or parole stamp in a foreign passport constitutes evidence of registration.

III. Basis and Purpose of the IFR

This rule would partially implement section 7 of Executive Order 14159, Protecting the American People Against Invasion (Jan. 20, 2025), 90 FR 8443 (Jan. 29, 2025). Section 7 directs the Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Attorney General, to take all appropriate action to:

- Immediately announce and publicize information about the legal obligation of all previously unregistered aliens in the United States to comply with the requirements of part VII of subchapter II of chapter 12 of title 8, U.S. Code (8 U.S.C. 1301–1306);

- Ensure that all previously unregistered aliens in the United States comply with 8 U.S.C. 1301–1306; and

- Ensure that failure to comply with the legal obligations of 8 U.S.C. 1301–1306 is treated as a civil and criminal enforcement priority.

90 FR 8444.

Following issuance of this Executive Order, DHS reviewed the registration regulations at 8 CFR part 264 and determined that it would be appropriate to designate a general registration form in addition to those already identified in the regulations. DHS believes that a general registration option may improve registration outcomes for certain groups of aliens. For instance, under current regulations, in general:

- Aliens who entered without inspection and have not otherwise been encountered by DHS lack a designated registration form.

- Even an alien who entered without inspection and who is later encountered by DHS, such as by applying for (or being granted) asylum or Temporary Protected Status (TPS), would not typically use the registration forms identified in § 264.1(a) when applying for asylum or TPS.⁵

- Many Canadian nonimmigrants for business or pleasure are not issued a Form I-94 even though they have not been registered through the visa process. See 8 CFR 212.1(a)(1), 235.1(f)(1)(ii).

- Some forms designated for registration in 8 CFR 264.1(a) (such as the Form I-485) are not normally used within 30 days of entry into the United States (the relevant time period for registration under 8 U.S.C. 1302 and 8 CFR 264.1(g)).

⁵ Such aliens may receive an EAD, which is designated as evidence of registration in § 264.1(b), but such aliens frequently are not required to apply for an EAD and may not be entitled to one. In addition, the application for an EAD (Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization) is not designated as a registration form in § 264.1(a), which could result in confusion.

- In some cases, the acceptable evidence of registration at 8 CFR 264.1(b) is the result of an approved application only, which may leave denied or pending applicants without any acceptable evidence that they have complied with the requirement to register.

- The regulatory registration structure does not use any of the petitions filed on behalf of children or other derivative beneficiaries who may be in the United States.

Consistent with the Executive Order and the alien registration requirements of the INA, this rule designates a general registration option available to all unregistered aliens regardless of their status. To use this option, aliens must create their own unique account, or an account for their child, in myUSCIS at <https://my.uscis.gov/> and then complete G-325R Biographic Information (Registration), which is currently free of charge.

Submission of the registration in myUSCIS initiates the process for the alien's Biometrics Services Appointment at a USCIS Application Support Center (ASC). USCIS contacts the registrant regarding the biometrics services appointment and the collection of biometrics, including fingerprints, photograph and signature. USCIS uses this information for purposes of identity verification, and background and security checks, including a check of criminal history records maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).⁶ USCIS sends an appointment notice with the date, time and location of the registrant's biometric services appointment.

Once an alien successfully completes his or her biometrics appointment at an ASC, the ELIS case management systems will trigger the creation of “Proof of Alien Registration” with a unique identifier printed on the document. For those aliens, such as Canadian nonimmigrants and aliens under the age of 14, required to register but for whom the fingerprint requirement is waived, the ELIS case management system will trigger the creation of the “Proof of Alien Registration” upon receipt of Form G-325R. This Proof of Alien Registration document will then be posted to the alien's myUSCIS account. In the myUSCIS account, the alien will be allowed to download a .PDF version of the document, and can print it. This document serves as evidence of the

⁶ See 8 CFR 103.16.

alien's registration for purposes of 8 U.S.C. 1304(d).⁷

This IFR fills the gaps in the regulatory regime by prescribing a registration form available to all aliens regardless of their status, in addition to the other forms already listed. Specifically, this IFR lists the new form at 8 CFR 264.1(a) and lists the corresponding evidence of registration at 8 CFR 264.1(b).

Consistent with 8 U.S.C. 1359, DHS interprets the registration and fingerprinting requirements of 8 U.S.C. 1302 to exclude from "all aliens" American Indians born in Canada who possess at least 50 per centum of blood of the American Indian race who are present in the United States under the authority of 8 U.S.C. 1359, as 8 U.S.C. 1302 and other provisions of subchapter II of Chapter 12, title 8 of the U.S. Code are construed consistent with their right to pass the borders of the United States.⁸ Therefore, the registration form added in this IFR would not be used by section 1359 entrants because such entrants do not have to register, although they may do so if they wish.

The rule does not impose any new registration or fingerprinting obligations separate from the obligations already contained in the Act. An alien who has previously registered consistent with 8 CFR 264.1(a), or an alien who has evidence of registration consistent with 8 CFR 264.1(b), need not register again, although such an alien is subject to ongoing change of address reporting requirements under 8 U.S.C. 1305(a) and 8 CFR 265.1.

IV. Request for Comment on Potential Fee

While DHS is not incorporating a fee for filing Form G-325R at this time, DHS welcomes comment on the option of adding a biometric services fee per registrant of \$30, for the collection, use, and storage of biometric information, pursuant to 8 CFR 103.16 and 17.

DHS has broad statutory authority to collect biometric information when

⁷ As noted above, every registered alien 18 years of age and over must at all times carry and have in their personal possession any certificate of alien registration or alien registration receipt card. Noncompliance is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both. 8 U.S.C. 1304(e); 18 U.S.C. 3559(a)(8), 3571(b)(6).

⁸ See *Akins v. Saxbe*, 380 F. Supp. 1210 (D. Me. 1974); *Matter of Yellowquill*, 16 I&N Dec. 576 (BIA 1978). Certain members of the Texas Band of Kickapoo Indians similarly are not required to register. See Texas Band of Kickapoo Act, Public Law 97-429, sec. 4(d) (1983) ("Notwithstanding the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1101, all members of the Band shall be entitled to freely pass and re-pass the borders of the United States and to live and work in the United States.").

such information is necessary or relevant to the administration of the INA, including 8 U.S.C. 1304(a). Pursuant to 8 CFR 103.2(b)(9), 8 CFR 103.16 and 17, DHS may collect, use, and store biometrics for purposes of conducting background and security checks, adjudicating benefits and performing other functions related to administering and enforcing the immigration laws. See 8 CFR 103.2(b)(9). USCIS may require the payment of any biometric services fee identified in 8 CFR 106.2, or also charge a fee that is required by law, regulation, form instructions, or **Federal Register** notice applicable to the request type. See 8 U.S.C. 1356(m); 8 CFR 103.2(b)(9), 103.7, 103.17; 8 CFR part 106.

In previous rules, USCIS has evaluated the cost to USCIS of conducting biometric activities, including FBI Name checks and fingerprints, ASC contractual support, and biometric service management overall, including the cost of federal employees at the ASC locations.⁹ USCIS currently pays approximately \$10.00 to the FBI for fingerprinting results.¹⁰ As part of USCIS' recent Fee Schedule rule, and for purposes of the creation of a separate biometric fee for certain programs, USCIS calculated that the biometric collection, storage and use at an ASC costs approximately \$19.50.¹¹ The sum of these costs is approximately \$29.50, which USCIS rounded up to the nearest \$5 increment, similar to other Immigration Examinations Fee Account (IEFA) fees, making the fee \$30.¹² Therefore, DHS welcomes comment on whether to cover these costs via a \$30 biometric services fee for this population. DHS welcomes comments on this potential fee, including the calculation of the fee.

⁹ See DHS, *U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Fee Schedule and Changes to Certain Immigration Benefit Requests*, 88 FR 402, 484-485 (Jan. 4, 2023). DHS finalized the proposed rule and published a final rule in January 2024, with an effective date of April 1, 2024. See 89 FR 6194 (Jan. 31, 2024).

¹⁰ See 88 FR at 485 (Jan. 4, 2023) (reflecting \$11.25 for fingerprint-based Centralized Billing Service Provider (CBSP) checks). Since the publication of the NPRM, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), U.S. Department of Justice, has revised its fee scheduled, effective January 1, 2025, and lowered the fee for CBSPs to \$10.00. See 89 FR 68930 (Aug. 28, 2024).

¹¹ See 88 FR at 485 (addressing the calculation of biometric services fee for purposes of applicants for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) under proposed 106.2(a)(48)(iii), now included at 8 CFR 106.2(a)(50)(iii), and DHS-EOIR biometric services fee under 8 CFR 103.7(a)(2)).

¹² See 88 FR at 485.

V. Statutory and Regulatory Requirements

A. Administrative Procedure Act

DHS has issued this IFR without prior notice and opportunity for comment because this is a rule of agency organization, procedure, or practice ("procedural rule"). See 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A). The procedural-rule exception "covers agency actions that do not themselves alter the rights or interests of parties, although it may alter the manner in which the parties present themselves or their viewpoints to the agency." *JEM Broad. Co., Inc. v. FCC*, 22 F.3d 320, 326 (D.C. Cir. 1994) (quoting *Batterton v. Marshall*, 648 F.2d 694, 707 (D.C. Cir. 1980)); see also *Mendoza v. Perez*, 754 F.3d 1002, 1023-24 (D.C. Cir. 2014); *Am. Hosp. Ass'n v. Bowen*, 834 F.2d 1037, 1047 (D.C. Cir. 1987) (holding that procedural rules are those that do not "encode a substantive value judgment or put a stamp of approval or disapproval on a given type of behavior").

The IFR merely adds another method (the myUSCIS registration process) for compliance with existing statutory registration requirements. It does not alter the rights or interests of any party, or encode a substantive value judgment on a given type of private behavior. Accordingly, DHS has proceeded without advance notice and opportunity for comment. DHS nonetheless welcomes post-promulgation comment on all aspects of this IFR consistent with the instructions provided in section I of this preamble.

B. Executive Order 12866 (Regulatory Planning and Review) and Executive Order 13563 (Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review)

Executive Orders 12866 (Regulatory Planning and Review) and 13563 (Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review), direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits. Executive Order 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying costs and benefits, reducing costs, harmonizing rules, and promoting flexibility. The Office of Management and Budget has determined that this rule is significant under Executive Order 12866 and has reviewed this regulation.

Summary

DHS is amending existing regulations to make available another method for aliens to comply with the alien registration requirements of the INA. The rule seeks to better ensure that all

aliens in the United States comply with such requirements. The rule does not impose any new registration or fingerprinting obligations separate from the obligations already contained in the INA.

DHS has assessed both the costs and benefits of this rule as required by Executive Orders 12866 and 13563. The rule will result in costs to aliens not currently complying with the requirements of the Act, which include the cost of time to complete and file a registration form as well as time spent submitting biometrics. DHS will incur additional costs due to the added activities from the collection of biometrics given the impacted population of aliens do not pay fees for registration or biometrics. However, the rule also offers benefits by providing a general registration option to allow all unregistered aliens to comply with their registration requirements, which will have direct benefits via improved DHS law enforcement efficacy and indirect benefits as a result of improved enforcement.

Affected Population

The most recent DHS population estimate for aliens without lawful status residing in the United States was 11 million as of January 1, 2022.¹³ Most of these aliens either entered the United States without inspection or were admitted temporarily and remained past the date they were required to depart. This population comprises aliens who may have filed one of the forms as discussed in the preamble as designated registration forms under 8 CFR 264.1(a), and may have evidence of registration under 8 CFR 264.1(b).

The population impacted by this rule are those who are currently unregistered and who would use the general registration form designated under this rule. DHS estimates the affected population to be between 2.2 million and 3.2 million, after accounting for groups who have engaged with DHS and have previously filed one of the designated registration forms discussed in the preamble (requirements under 8 CFR 264.1(a) or 8 CFR 264.1(b)).¹⁴ The

¹³ See DHS Office of Homeland Security Statistics (OHSS), Estimates of the Unauthorized Population Residing in the United States: January 2018–January 2022 (Apr. 2024), https://ohss.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/2024-06/2024_0418_ohss_estimates-of-the-unauthorized-immigrant-population-residing-in-the-united-states-january-2018%25E2%2580%2593january-2022.pdf.

¹⁴ Estimate calculated by the Office of Homeland Security Statistics. This estimate does not include aliens who have already met one or more conditions for registration, and accounts for changes to the alien population from 2022 through 2024 as well as emigration and mortality rates.

affected population includes, for instance:

- Aliens who are present in the United States without inspection and admission or inspection and parole and have not yet registered (*i.e.*, have not yet filed a registration form designated under 8 CFR 264.1(a), and do not have evidence of registration under 8 CFR 264.1(b)).
- Canadian visitors who entered the United States at land ports of entry and were not issued evidence of registration (*e.g.*, Form I–94).
- An alien, whether previously registered or not, who turns 14 years old in the United States and therefore must register within 30 days after their 14th birthday.

DHS recognizes there could be additional aliens subject to this rule in the future. Relying on this estimate may somewhat overstate those who need to fully comply as aliens under 14 years of age are required to be registered but do not need to provide fingerprinting.

Costs

DHS recognizes that there are costs to aliens to comply with registration requirements in the Executive Order and the INA's alien registration provisions. Because this rule does not impose any new alien registration or biometric obligations separate from those already contained in the Act, the costs described in this section are inherent to compliance with the statute and are not a result of this rule. DHS nonetheless assesses the effects of the increased compliance that may result from this rule. DHS similarly assesses the benefits in the following section.

Costs to aliens may include the time to complete and file a registration form, as well as time spent traveling to an ASC, submitting fingerprints, and record retention. There is currently no fee for applicants to file the prescribed form or to submit biometrics, but applicants take on the burden of time to complete the form.¹⁵ While travel times and distances vary, applicants would need to travel to an ASC in order to submit biometrics and spend an additional amount of time to complete the collection.¹⁶ The total filing burden

Other groups already considered registered for purposes of this analysis and not part of the affected population include those who have been issued an I–94 form, were paroled into the United States, were issued an EAD, or were issued a notice to appear in section 240 removal proceedings.

¹⁵ The respondent burden to file Form G–325R is discussed below in the Paperwork Reduction Act section.

¹⁶ See *Employment Authorization for Certain H–4 Dependent Spouses*, 80 FR 10284 (Feb. 25, 2015); and *Provisional and Unlawful Presence Waivers of Inadmissibility for Certain Immediate Relatives*, 78

for new registrations will include the cost of time to submit biometrics and the time burden of registration using the prescribed forms in the regulation.

Additional compliance with registration obligations would also result in more aliens needing to maintain evidence of registration in the mode prescribed by DHS. Aliens may also spend some marginal amount of time to become familiar with the process and specific steps they should take to be compliant.

This IFR has the potential impact of increasing the biometric activities for DHS, such as additional FBI Name checks, fingerprinting, and support from ASC locations, estimated to cost \$30 per applicant. The additional costs of the registration activities will be taken on by DHS given the population subject to this IFR currently does not pay fees for registration or biometric services, increasing costs to DHS. Earlier in this preamble, DHS has sought comment on a potential fee.

Benefits

The benefit of this IFR is the designation of a general registration form option that will improve registration outcomes for aliens identified in the Affected Population section above, consistent with the requirements of the alien registration provisions of the INA. This IFR provides a registration form available to all unregistered aliens regardless of their status. This rule fills a gap in registration by adding an online option to comply with existing statutory registration requirements.

The IFR is also expected to improve DHS law enforcement efficacy, because law enforcement personnel would have access to more comprehensive registration data. To the extent that the rule results in DHS receiving more comprehensive information about the location of aliens in the United States, the rule will make it easier and safer for DHS to enforce the law. In addition, increased compliance with fingerprinting requirements would provide DHS with additional information about an alien's criminal record, including whether the alien is a known or suspected terrorist. Such information provides greater situational awareness to law enforcement, including when executing arrest warrants. When DHS has more information about potential targets of

FR 536, 572 (Jan. 3, 2013); see also USCIS, DHS, "Instructions for Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Form I–485)," OMB No. 1615–0023 (expires Oct. 31, 2027), <https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/forms/i-485instr.pdf>.

law enforcement, it can make more efficient use of law enforcement resources and better protect public safety and officer safety.

C. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), as amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (SBREFA), requires an agency to prepare and make available to the public a regulatory flexibility analysis that describes the effect of the rule on small entities (*i.e.*, small businesses, small organizations, and small governmental jurisdictions). The RFA's regulatory flexibility analysis requirements apply only to those rules for which an agency is required to publish a general notice of proposed rulemaking pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law. *See* 5 U.S.C. 604(a). DHS did not issue a notice of proposed rulemaking for this action. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required for this rule. Nonetheless, DHS has determined that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This rule directly regulates individual aliens. However, the RFA's regulatory flexibility analysis requirements apply only to small entities subject to the requirements of the rule.¹⁷ The individual aliens subject to the requirements of this rule are not small entities as defined in 5 U.S.C. 601(6). Accordingly, DHS certifies that this rule does not have a significant economic impact to a substantial number of small entities.

D. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA) is intended, among other things, to curb the practice of imposing unfunded Federal mandates on State, local, and tribal governments. Title II of UMRA requires each Federal agency to prepare a written statement assessing the effects of any Federal mandate in a proposed rule, or final rule for which the agency published a proposed rule, which includes any Federal mandate that may result in a \$100 million or more expenditure (adjusted annually for inflation) in any one year by State, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector.¹⁸ The inflation adjusted value of \$100 million in 1995 is approximately \$200 million in 2023

¹⁷ Small Business Administration, A Guide for Government Agencies: How to Comply with the Regulatory Flexibility Act at 22 (Aug. 2017), <https://advocacy.sba.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/How-to-Comply-with-the-RFA-WEB.pdf>.

¹⁸ *See* 2 U.S.C. 1532(a).

based on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).¹⁹ This rule is exempt from the written statement requirement, because DHS did not publish a notice of proposed rulemaking for this rule. In addition, this final rule does not contain a Federal mandate as the term is defined under UMRA.²⁰ The requirements of title II of UMRA, therefore, do not apply, and DHS has not prepared a statement under UMRA.

E. Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Congressional Review Act)

This IFR is not a "rule" as defined by the Congressional Review Act (CRA), enacted as part of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, Public Law 104-121. *See* 5 U.S.C. 804(3)(C) (defining the term "rule" to exclude "any rule of agency organization, procedure, or practice that does not substantially affect the rights or obligations of non-agency parties"). DHS will nonetheless submit this IFR to both houses of Congress and the Comptroller General before the rule takes effect.

F. Executive Order 14192 (Unleashing Prosperity Through Deregulation)

This rule is exempt from Executive Order 14192 as it is a regulation issued with respect to national security, homeland security and the immigration-related function of the United States.

G. Executive Order 13132 (Federalism)

This rule does not have substantial direct effects 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. Therefore, in accordance with section 6 of E.O. 13132, Federalism, 64 FR 43255 (Aug. 4, 1999), this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the

¹⁹ *See* BLS, "Historical Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, all items, by month," <https://www.bls.gov/cpi/tables/supplemental-files/historical-cpi-u-202406.pdf> (last visited Aug. 6, 2024). Calculation of inflation: (1) Calculate the average monthly CPI-U for the reference year (1995) and the current year (2023); (2) Subtract reference year CPI-U from current year CPI-U; (3) Divide the difference of the reference year CPI-U and current year CPI-U by the reference year CPI-U; (4) Multiply by 100 = [(Average monthly CPI-U for 2023 - Average monthly CPI-U for 1995) ÷ (Average monthly CPI-U for 1995)] × 100 = [(304.702 - 152.383) ÷ 152.383] = (152.319 / 152.383) = 0.99958001 × 100 = 99.96 percent = 100 percent (rounded). Calculation of inflation-adjusted value: \$100 million in 1995 dollars × 2.00 = \$200 million in 2023 dollars.

²⁰ The term "Federal mandate" means a Federal intergovernmental mandate or a Federal private sector mandate. *See* 2 U.S.C. 1502(1), 656(6).

preparation of a federalism summary impact statement.

H. Executive Order 12988 (Civil Justice Reform)

This rule was drafted and reviewed in accordance with E.O. 12988, Civil Justice Reform. This final rule was written to provide a clear legal standard for affected conduct and was reviewed carefully to eliminate drafting errors and ambiguities, so as to minimize litigation and undue burden on the Federal court system. DHS has determined that this rule meets the applicable standards provided in section 3 of E.O. 12988.

I. Executive Order 13175 (Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments)

This rule does not have Tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it would not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian Tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian Tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian Tribes.

J. National Environmental Policy Act

DHS and its components analyze final actions to determine whether the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, applies to them and, if so, what degree of analysis is required. DHS Directive 023-01 Rev. 01 and Instruction Manual 023-01-001-01 Rev. 01 (Instruction Manual)²¹ establish the policies and procedures that DHS and its components use to comply with NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*²²

NEPA allows Federal agencies to establish categories of actions ("categorical exclusions") that experience has shown do not, individually or cumulatively, have a significant effect on the human

²¹ The Instruction Manual contains DHS's procedures for implementing NEPA and was issued November 6, 2014, available at <https://www.dhs.gov/publication/directive-023-01-rev-01-and-instruction-manual-023-01-001-01-rev-01-and-catex>.

²² The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations, 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508, also discuss NEPA implementing procedures. DHS is aware of the November 12, 2024 decision in *Marin Audubon Society v. FAA*, 121 F.4th 902 (D.C. Cir. 2024), *reh'g en banc denied*, No. 23-1067, 2025 WL 374897 (D.C. Cir. Jan. 31, 2025). To the extent that a court may conclude that the CEQ regulations implementing NEPA are not judicially enforceable or binding on this agency action, DHS notes that its NEPA procedures and approach here are fully consistent with the NEPA statute in addition to being consistent with the CEQ regulations. Even in the absence of the CEQ regulations, DHS would proceed as it has here.

environment and, therefore, do not require an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS).²³ See 42 U.S.C. 4336(a)(2), 4336e(1). The Instruction Manual, Appendix A lists the DHS Categorical Exclusions.²⁴

Under DHS NEPA implementing procedures, for an action to be categorically excluded, it must satisfy each of the following three conditions: (1) The entire action clearly fits within one or more of the categorical exclusions; (2) the action is not a piece of a larger action; and (3) no extraordinary circumstances exist that create the potential for a significant environmental effect.²⁵

This rule amends DHS's existing regulations at 8 CFR 264.1(a) to identify another method for aliens to apply to register and be fingerprinted under the alien registration requirements of the INA. DHS has reviewed the rule and finds that the rule is of a strictly administrative or procedural nature, and that no significant impact on the environment, or any change in environmental effect will result from the rule.

Accordingly, DHS finds that the promulgation of this final rule's amendments clearly fits within categorical exclusion A3 established in DHS's NEPA implementing procedures as an administrative change with no change in environmental effect, is not part of a larger federal action, and does not present extraordinary circumstances that create the potential for a significant environmental effect.

K. Family Assessment

DHS has reviewed this rule in line with the requirements of section 654 of the Treasury General Appropriations Act, 1999.²⁶ DHS has systematically reviewed the criteria specified in section 654(c)(1), by evaluating whether this regulatory action: (1) impacts the stability or safety of the family, particularly in terms of marital commitment; (2) impacts the authority of parents in the education, nurture, and supervision of their children; (3) helps the family perform its functions; (4) affects disposable income or poverty of families and children; (5) only financially impacts families, if at all, to the extent such impacts are justified; (6) may be carried out by State or local government or by the family; or (7) establishes a policy concerning the relationship between the behavior and

personal responsibility of youth and the norms of society. If the agency determines a regulation may negatively affect family well-being, then the agency must provide an adequate rationale for its implementation.

DHS has determined that the implementation of this regulation will not negatively affect family well-being and will not have any impact on the autonomy and integrity of the family as an institution.

L. Paperwork Reduction Act

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, DHS is required to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval any new collections of information. This rule requires the use of Form G–325R, Biographic Information (Registration). Consistent with 5 CFR 1320.13, USCIS has submitted and OMB has approved a request for emergency authorization of the required changes for a period of 6 months, as a new collection of information.

In this final rule, USCIS is requesting comments on this information collection. Comments are due by May 12, 2025. When submitting comments on the information collection, your comments should include OMB Control Number 1615—NEW and address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, such as permitting electronic submission of responses.

A summary of the information collection follows.

USCIS Form G–325R (OMB Control Number 1615—NEW)

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* New collection.

(2) *Title of Form/Collection:* Biographic Information (Registration).

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of DHS*

sponsoring the collection: Form G–325R; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond:* Aliens, Individuals or Households. Aliens who are subject to alien registration requirements of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, who have not yet registered.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection is 1,400,000 annually over a three-year period.²⁷ The estimated hour burden per response is 0.67 hours. The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection of biometrics is 1,400,000 annually over a three-year period and the estimated hour burden per response is 1.17 hours.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual hour burden associated with this collection is 2,576,000 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden (e.g., filing fees and postage) associated with this collection of information is \$0

In addition, for PRA purposes, the estimated total annual opportunity cost of responding to this collection is \$43,110,480 for completing the Form G–325R online and \$75,282,480 for obtaining biometrics. This burden cost is prepared for PRA purposes and does not include travel time.

For further information on the approved collection of information, including the estimated burden and the expiration date, please refer to the OMB Control Number 1615—NEW at www.reginfo.gov.

List of Subjects in 8 CFR Part 264

Aliens, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth in the preamble, DHS amends 8 CFR part 264 as follows:

²⁷ DHS notes that the estimate of annual filing volume in the PRA section is different from the average of the estimated population discussed in the Affected Population section above. DHS uses a different method for estimating the average annual number of respondents for the information collection over the 3-year OMB approval of the control number generally assuming more registrations may be expected to occur in year one than in later years. When the information collection request is nearing expiration USCIS will update the estimates of annual respondents based on actual results in the submission to OMB. The PRA burden estimates are generally updated at least every 3 years. Thus, the PRA estimated annual respondents would be updated to reflect the actual effects of this rule within a relatively short period after a final rule takes effect.

²³ See also 40 CFR 1507.3(e)(2)(ii) and 1501.4.

²⁴ See Appendix A, Table 1.

²⁵ *Instruction Manual 023–01* at V.B(2)(a)–(c).

²⁶ Public Law 105–277, 112 Stat. 2681 (1998).

PART 264—REGISTRATION AND FINGERPRINTING OF ALIENS IN THE UNITED STATES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 264 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1103, 1201, 1302–1305; 8 CFR part 2.

■ 2. Amend § 264.1 by:

■ a. In the table in paragraph (a), adding an entry, in alphabetical order, for “G–325R, Biographic Information (Registration), or its successor form”; and

■ b. In the table in paragraph (b), adding an entry, in alphabetical order, for “USCIS Proof of Alien G–325R Registration, or its successor form”.

The additions read as follows:

§ 264.1 Registration and fingerprinting

(a) * * *

Form No. and Class

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G–325R, Biographic Information (Registration), or its successor form.

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(b) * * *

Form No. and Class

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USCIS Proof of Alien G–325R Registration, or its successor form.

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Kristi Noem,

Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA–2024–2420; Project Identifier MCAI–2024–00143–T; Amendment 39–22978; AD 2025–05–06]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited (Type Certificate Previously Held by Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FAA is superseding Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2022–01–02, which applied to certain De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited Model DHC–8–400, –401, and –402 airplanes. AD 2022–01–02 required

inspecting for corrosion of the nacelle to wing rear spar attachment pins, and the nacelle to landing gear attachment pins, and doing all applicable corrective actions. This AD was prompted by a determination that some operators were unable to identify the airplanes subject to each requirement. This AD continues to require the actions specified in AD 2022–01–02, clarifies the affected airplanes for each required action, and revises the applicability by removing Model DHC–8–400 airplanes; as specified in Transport Canada AD, which is incorporated by reference. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: This AD is effective April 18, 2036.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of April 18, 2036.

ADDRESSES:

AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2024–2420; 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 final rule, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

Material Incorporated by Reference:

• For Transport Canada material identified in this AD, contact Transport Canada, Transport Canada National Aircraft Certification, 159 Cleopatra Drive, Nepean, Ontario K1A 0N5, Canada; telephone 888–663–3639; email *TC.AirworthinessDirectives-Consignesdenavigabilite.TC@tc.gc.ca*. You may find this material on the Transport Canada website at *tc.canada.ca/en/aviation*.

• You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206–231–3195. It is also available at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2024–2420.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fatin Saumik, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone 516–228–7300; email *9-avs-nyaco-cos@faa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 to supersede AD 2022–01–02, Amendment 39–21890 (87 FR 4145, January 27, 2022) (AD 2022–01–02). AD 2022–01–02 applied to certain De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited Model DHC–8–400, –401, and –402 airplanes. AD 2022–01–02 required doing a detailed visual inspection for corrosion of the nacelle to wing rear spar attachment pins, and the nacelle to landing gear attachment pins, and doing all applicable corrective actions. The FAA issued AD 2022–01–02 to address premature corrosion and subsequent failure of the nacelle to landing gear and nacelle to rear wing spar attachment pins, which, if undetected, could lead to a single or dual collapse of the main landing gear.

The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on November 12, 2024 (89 FR 88910). The NPRM was prompted by AD CF–2020–51R2, dated February 27, 2024, issued by Transport Canada, which is the aviation authority for Canada (Transport Canada AD CF–2020–51R2) (also referred to as the MCAI). The MCAI provides clarification of the applicability for each of its parts (Parts I through V) and otherwise maintains the requirements of Transport Canada AD CF–2020–51R1. It also revises the applicability section to remove Model DHC–8–400 airplanes since no Model DHC–8–400 airplanes have been delivered.

In the NPRM, the FAA proposed to continue to require the actions specified in AD 2022–01–02, clarify the affected airplanes for each required action, and revise the applicability by removing Model DHC–8–400 airplanes, as specified in Transport Canada AD CF–2020–51R2. The NPRM also proposed to correct an error in AD 2022–01–02, which included a compliance time that incorrectly used the number of flight cycles on the airplane instead of on the pins. The FAA is issuing this AD to address premature corrosion and subsequent failure of the nacelle to landing gear and nacelle to rear wing spar attachment pins. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result a single or dual collapse of the main landing gear.

You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2024–2420.

Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive

Comments

The FAA received a comment from Air Line Pilots Association,

International (ALPA), who supported the NPRM without change.

The FAA received an additional comment from Horizon Air. The following presents the comment received on the NPRM and the FAA's response to that comment.

Request for Corrections to Exception Paragraph

Horizon Air stated that the proposed AD incorrectly listed the FAA AD number as the Transport Canada AD number in the paragraph title and in paragraph (h)(1) of the proposed AD. Horizon Air requested that the number be replaced with the Transport Canada AD number, CF-2020-51R2, in the title and paragraph (h)(1) of the proposed AD.

The FAA agrees with the requested change to correctly identify the Transport Canada AD number. The FAA has changed this AD accordingly.

Conclusion

This product has been approved by the aviation authority of another country and is 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 reviewed the relevant data, considered the comment received, and determined that air safety requires adopting this AD as proposed. Accordingly, the FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on this product. Except for minor editorial changes, and any other changes described previously, this AD is adopted as proposed in the NPRM. None of the changes will increase the economic burden on any operator.

Material Incorporated by Reference Under 1 CFR Part 51

Transport Canada AD CF-2020-51R2 specifies procedures for doing a detailed

visual inspection of the nacelle to wing rear spar attachment pins, and the nacelle to landing gear attachment pins, for any corrosion; and doing all applicable corrective actions. Corrective actions include applying epoxy primer to the bore surface of the pins, performing a fluorescent magnetic particle inspection for any cracking, removing corrosion, reworking and part marking certain pins, and replacing any cracked or corroded pins with serviceable pins.

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.

Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates this AD affects 41 airplanes in the U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD:

ESTIMATED COSTS FOR REQUIRED ACTIONS

Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
Up to 25 work-hours × \$85 per hour = Up to \$2,125	Up to \$21	Up to \$2,146	Up to \$87,986.

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

This AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will 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 that this AD:

- (1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and
- (3) Will 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 Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 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(f), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

- 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by:

- a. Removing Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2022-01-02, Amendment 39-21890 (87 FR 4145, January 27, 2022); and

- b. Adding the following new AD:
2025-05-06 De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited (Type Certificate Previously Held by Bombardier, Inc.): Amendment 39-22978; Docket No. FAA-2024-2420; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00143-T.

(a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective April 18, 3036.

(b) Affected ADs

This AD replaces AD 2022-01-02, Amendment 39-21890 (87 FR 4145, January 27, 2022) (AD 2022-01-02).

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited (type certificate previously held by Bombardier, Inc.) Model DHC-8-401 and -402 airplanes, certificated in any category, as identified in Transport Canada AD CF-2020-51R2, dated February 27, 2024 (Transport Canada AD CF-2020-51R2).

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 54, Nacelles/pylons.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by a report that the epoxy primer on the internal bore of the

nacelle and landing gear attachment pins was not applied, and by corrosion found on the internal bore of the wing rear spar attachment pins. The FAA is issuing this AD to address premature corrosion and subsequent failure of the nacelle to landing gear and nacelle to rear wing spar attachment pins. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result a single or dual collapse of the main landing gear.

(f) Compliance

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

(g) Required Actions

Except as specified in paragraph (h) of this AD: Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, Transport Canada AD CF-2020-51R2.

(h) Exceptions to Transport Canada AD CF-2020-51R2

(1) Where Transport Canada AD CF-2020-51R2 refers to "the effective date of AD CF-2020-51, 9 December 2020," this AD requires using March 3, 2022 (the effective date of AD 2022-01-02).

(2) Where paragraph A. of Parts I, II, and III, and Parts IV and V, of Transport Canada AD CF-2020-51R2 specifies the compliance time, for this AD, the compliance time for paragraph A. of Parts I, II, and III, and for Parts IV and V, of Transport Canada AD CF-2020-51R2 is at the later of the times in paragraphs (h)(2)(i) and (ii) of this AD.

(i) Prior to the pins reaching 14 years from their entry-into-service or prior to the pins reaching 30,000 total flight cycles, whichever occurs first.

(ii) Within 30 days after the effective date of this AD.

(i) Additional AD Provisions

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)*: 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 responsible Flight Standards Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the International Validation Branch, mail it to the address identified in paragraph (j) of this AD. Information may be emailed to AMOC@faa.gov.

(i) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the responsible Flight Standards Office.

(ii) AMOCs approved previously for AD 2022-01-02 are approved as AMOCs for the corresponding provisions of Transport Canada AD CF-2020-51R2 that are required by paragraph (g) of this AD.

(2) *Contacting the Manufacturer*: For any requirement in this AD to obtain instructions from a manufacturer, the instructions must be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA; or Transport Canada; or De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited's Transport Canada Design Approval Organization (DAO). If approved by the DAO,

the approval must include the DAO-authorized signature.

(j) Additional Information

For more information about this AD, contact Fatin Saumik, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone 516-228-7300; email 9-avs-nyaco-cos@faa.gov.

(k) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference (IBR) 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 this AD specifies otherwise.

(i) Transport Canada AD CF-2020-51R2, dated February 27, 2024.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For Transport Canada material identified in this AD, contact Transport Canada, Transport Canada National Aircraft Certification, 159 Cleopatra Drive, Nepean, Ontario K1A 0N5, Canada; telephone 888-663-3639; email TC.AirworthinessDirectives-Consignesdenavigabilite.TC@tc.gc.ca. You may find this material on the Transport Canada website at tc.canada.ca/en/aviation.

(4) You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195.

(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 February 28, 2025.

Steven W. Thompson,

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

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 111

Securing Bundles of Flats

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service is amending *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®) in sections to modify the requirements for securing bundles of flats.

DATES: *Effective:* July 1, 2025.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Postal Service is revising the standards in DMM section 203.4.4 to include an

exemption for mailings of 500 flat-sized pieces or fewer entered at the BMEU from bundle preparation. Applicable mailings may be prepared loose in flat trays instead of in bundles. The Postal Service is also revising the standards in sections 203.4.5, 203.4.8, and 203.4.9 to require all bundles of flats to have two or more cross-strapped bands or be shrink-wrapped with one or more cross-strapped bands except for newspapers that are placed in a flat tray and entered as exceptional dispatch. These exceptional dispatch newspapers can use only one strap around the middle to prevent damage. Additionally, the Postal Service is eliminating the use of rubber bands and twine/string for securing bundles of flats except for bundles of First-Class Mail flats placed in flat trays. Furthermore, section 245.9.5(d) will be revised to reflect that shrink-wrapped multi carrier route bundles require two or more cross-strapped bands. These changes will become effective on July 1, 2025.

Comments on Proposed Changes and USPS Responses

The Postal Service received twenty-nine formal comments on the June 14, 2024, proposed rule.

- *Comment:* Original proposed implementation date of January 19, 2025, was too quick and did not allow enough time for purchasing equipment and modifying product lines.

Response: The Postal Service understands the time element was a concern and did not proceed with the January 19, 2025, date. To ensure the revised requirements are achievable, the new implementation date is July 1, 2025.

- *Comment:* Changes proposed would be too costly to implement or comply with.

Response: The Postal Service understands the industry's concerns surrounding potential costs. However, we must take into consideration the impact bundle breakage is having on the organization, impacting service, creating additional handling costs to manually process the broken bundles along with the damage to the mailpieces associated with the bundle breakage. The Postal Service believes this final rule will be proved to be less costly than originally proposed and more feasible for the mailers to implement.

- *Comment:* Mailers were concerned about the impacts to sustainability created by the additional waste from the extra strapping.

Response: The Postal Service believes that any additional waste would be managed by the existing USPS efforts around capture recyclable materials and

would not require additional measures to handle beyond those already in place.

- *Comment:* There isn't enough data to support the need for changes and that the proposed changes will not address the issues at hand.

Response: The Postal Service has implemented data tracking that reflects the ongoing need to address this issue along with the data provided in recent Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) and Office of Inspector General (OIG) studies. Mailers are being contacted in many cases based on this information.

- *Comment:* Several commenters were concerned about the elimination of string and rubber bands for securing bundles of flats. Mailers expressed that the Postal Service allow exceptions for First-Class Mail flats to allow use of either method of securing the bundles of flats.

Response: Both methods of securing bundles of flats were criticized in the PRC and OIG studies as not having enough tensions to adequately secure bundles for long periods of time. Postal Service reports also reflect increased numbers of incidents related to bundle breakage when using string or rubber bands. The Postal Service will allow First-Class Mail flats to continue to use string and rubber bands for flats prepared in flat tubs that will not be process on bundle/package sorting machines.

The Postal Service is committed to addressing the ongoing bundle breakage issue to reduce costs for flats products related to manual handling, to prevent operational disruptions caused by broken bundles, and eliminated product damage related to broken bundles.

The Postal Service adopts the described changes 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 amends *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM)*, incorporated by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations, as follows (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, 403, 404, 414, 416, 3001–3011, 3201–3219, 3403–3406, 3621, 3622, 3626, 3632, 3633, and 5001.

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

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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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203 Basic Postage Statement, Documentation, and Preparation Standards

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4.0 Bundles

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[Revise the title of 203.4.4 to read as follows:]

4.4 Exception to Bundle Preparation—Full Letter and Flat Trays and Small Flat Mailings

[Add a sentence at the end of 4.4 to read as follows:]

* * * In mailings of 500 or fewer flat-sized pieces, mailers are not required to prepare bundles and may place said pieces loose in flat trays.

4.5 Securing Bundles of Flats

Bundles must be able to withstand normal transit and handling without breakage or injury to USPS employees, and are subject to the following requirements:

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

a. Bundles must be secured with two or more cross-strapped bands or shrink-wrapped with one or more cross-strapped bands. Banding includes plastic bands, and similar material. Use of string, rubber bands, wire or metal banding is not permitted except as provided in (c) below.

[Delete current item (b) in its' entirety]

[Rename item (c) as item (b); then revise the text to read as follows:]

b. Bundles without polywrap materials must be cross-strapped (encircle the length and girth of the bundle at least once). Additional bands may be used if none lies within 1 inch of any bundle edge.

[Add a new item (c) to read as follows:]

c. With the exception of First-Class Mail flats placed in flat tubs, rubber bands and twine/string are not

permitted to use as banding materials to secure bundles.

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

e. Newspapers that are placed in a flat tray and entered as exceptional dispatch may use only one strap around the middle to prevent potential damage.

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4.8 Preparing Bundles in Sacks and Flat Trays

In addition to following the standards in 4.5 through 4.7, mailers must prepare bundles placed in flat trays and sacks as follows: * * *

[Revise item (d) to read as follows:]

d. Bundles of pieces with covers of “coated stock” (glossy covers) that are not individually enclosed in an envelope or mailing wrapper must be secured with at least two plastic straps or with shrinkwrap plus two plastic straps and must not exceed 6 inches in height.

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4.9 Preparing Bundles on Pallets

In addition to general bundling standards in 4.1, bundles on pallets must meet the following standards:

[Revise item 4.9(a) to read as follows:]

a. Bundles without polywrap coverings must be secured with be cross-strapped (encircle the length and girth of the bundle at least once) or shrink-wrap supplemented by one or more bands. Banding includes plastic bands (recommended) or similar material.

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5.0 Letter and Flat Trays

5.1 General Standards

Letter-size mailings must be prepared in letter trays with sleeves. First-Class Mail flat-size mailings must be prepared in flat trays with green lids under 235.7.0 and 235.8.0, unless prepared in extended managed mail (EMM) trays under 5.7. Periodicals and USPS Marketing Mail flat-size mailings must be prepared in flat trays with white lids under 207.22.7, 207.25.5, 245.8.7, and 245.10.4.3, and strapped under 5.6.2e.

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[Revise the text of 5.1(c) to read as follows:]

c. Flat trays used in a First-Class Mail, USPS Marketing Mail, or Periodicals flat-size mailing may be nested into each other on a pallet without lids and the pallet then shrink-wrapped.

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245 Mail Preparation

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9.0 Preparing Enhanced Carrier Route Flats

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9.5 Multi Carrier Routes Bundle

A mailer may combine individual eligible bundles of USPS Marketing Mail Enhanced Carrier Route basic price mail into a multi carrier routes bundle of the same 5-digit ZIP Code under these conditions: * * *

[Revise the text of item 9.5(d) to read as follows:]

d. The multi carrier routes bundle must be secured with at least two cross-strapped bands, one around the length and one around the girth, or shrink-wrapped with one or more cross-strapped bands.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 64

[WC Docket Nos. 12-375, 23-62; DA 25-23; FR ID 278652]

Incarcerated People’s Communications Services; Implementation of the Martha Wright-Reed Act; Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final order; filing deadline waiver.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Wireline Competition Bureau and the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (the Bureaus) of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) adopt an Order revising the instructions, reporting templates, and certification form for the annual reports submitted by providers of communications services to incarcerated people and waiving the filing deadline for the 2025 Annual Reports.

DATES: The April 1, 2025 filing deadline for the 2025 Annual Reports is waived and is extended to June 2, 2025. The Federal Communications Commission will publish a document in the **Federal Register** announcing the date the revisions to the annual reporting requirements, as described in the final rule published on September 20, 2024, at 89 FR 77244, will be effective.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephen Meil, Pricing Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-7233 or via email at stephen.meil@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission’s Order, in WC Docket Nos. 12-375 and 23-62, document DA 25-23, adopted and released on January 8, 2025. The full text of this document can be accessed electronically via the FCC’s Electronic Document Management System (EDOCS) website at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-25-23A1.pdf> or via the FCC’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) website at www.fcc.gov/ecfs. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov, or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice) or (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

Synopsis

I. Introduction

By this Order, the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) and the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) (collectively, the Bureaus) revise the instructions, reporting templates, and certification form for the Annual Reports that providers of incarcerated people’s communications services (IPCS) are required to submit pursuant to the Commission’s regulations in 47 CFR part 64. The revisions the Bureaus implement today primarily incorporate the expanded Commission authority under the Martha Wright-Reed Just and Reasonable Communications Act of 2022 (Martha Wright-Reed Act or Act), and largely adopt the proposals contained in documents released on August 3, 2023 and September 11, 2024, with certain refinements and modifications made in response to comments in support of streamlining reporting obligations. Martha Wright-Reed Act, Public Law 117-338, 136 Stat. 6156; DA 23-656, 88 FR 53850, August 10, 2023 (DA 23-656); DA 24-918, 89 FR 80449, October 3, 2024 (DA 24-918). The Bureaus’ revisions also reflect the Commission’s expanded authority under the Martha Wright-Reed Act, as well as the reporting requirements proposed in DA 23-656 regarding access to IPCS by persons with communication disabilities, including access to Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS).

II. Background

The Commission requires IPCS providers to make annual filings, which “enable the Commission and the public to monitor pricing practices and trends in the IPCS marketplace generally.” In 2015, pursuant to delegated authority, WCB created a standardized reporting template (FCC Form 2301(a)) for the Annual Reports and a related certification form (FCC Form 2301(b)), as well as instructions to guide providers through the reporting and certification process. Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services, 80 FR 79135, December 18, 2015. FCC Form 2301(a) is presently comprised of an Excel template and a Word template. WCB amended the instructions, reporting templates, and certification form in 2020 in order to improve the type and quality of the information collected. Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services, 85 FR 67450, October 23, 2020. In 2022, WCB again amended the instructions, reporting template, and certification form to reflect the reforms adopted in the *2021 ICS Order*, Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services, 86 FR 40682, July 28, 2021 (*2021 ICS Order*), including lower interim rate caps for interstate inmate calling services (ICS) calls, new interim rate caps for international ICS calls, and a rate cap structure that requires ICS providers to differentiate between legally mandated and contractually required site commissions. Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services, 87 FR 47103, August 2, 2022. The reforms also included expanded consumer disclosure requirements, as well as new reporting requirements for ICS providers seeking waiver of the Commission’s interstate and international rates.

Subsequent developments required additional changes to the instructions, reporting template, and certification form. First, in September 2022, the Commission adopted the *2022 ICS Order*, which included requirements to improve access to communications services for incarcerated people with communication disabilities and expanded the scope of the Annual Reports to reflect those new requirements. Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services, 87 FR 75496, December 9, 2022 (*2022 ICS Order*). Among the numerous reforms, the Commission required all ICS providers to provide access to all relay services eligible for TRS Fund support in any facility where broadband is available and where the average daily population incarcerated in that jurisdiction (*i.e.*, in that city, county, state, or the United States) totals 50 or more persons. The

Commission also adopted targeted reforms to lessen the financial burden on incarcerated people and their loved ones when using calling services.

As part of the 2022 ICS Order, the Commission required ICS providers to list, at a minimum, for each facility served, the types of TRS that can be accessed from the facility and the number of completed calls and complaints for TTY-to-TTY calling, point-to-point American Sign Language (ASL) video calls, and each type of TRS for which access is provided. The Commission also eliminated the safe harbor, adopted in 2015, that had exempted providers from any TRS-related reporting requirements if they either (1) operated in a facility that allowed the offering of additional forms of TRS beyond those mandated by the Commission or (2) had not received any complaints related to TRS calls. A provider that fell within the safe harbor was required to include a certification from an officer of the company stating which prong(s) of the safe harbor it had met. The Commission found that the safe harbor was no longer appropriate given the expanded reporting requirements for additional forms of TRS, and the importance of transparency regarding the state of accessible communications in incarceration settings. The Commission delegated authority to the Bureaus to implement the expanded reporting obligations and to develop a reporting form that would most efficiently and effectively elicit the required information.

Second, on January 5, 2023, the President signed into law the Martha Wright-Reed Act, which expanded the Commission's statutory authority over communications between incarcerated people and the non-incarcerated, including "any audio or video communications service used by inmates . . . regardless of technology used." The new Act also amended section 2(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Communications Act), to make clear that the Commission's authority extends to intrastate as well as interstate and international communications services used by incarcerated people.

The Act directed the Commission to "promulgate any regulations necessary to implement" the Act, including its mandate that the Commission establish a "compensation plan" ensuring that all rates and charges for IPCS "are just and reasonable," not earlier than 18 months and not later than 24 months after the Act's January 5, 2023 enactment date. The Act also required the Commission to consider, as part of its

implementation, the costs of "necessary" safety and security measures, as well as "differences in costs" based on facility size, or "other characteristics." It also allowed the Commission to "use industry-wide average costs of telephone service and advanced communications services and the average costs of service of a communications service provider" in determining just and reasonable rates.

Pursuant to the directive that the Commission implement the new Act and ensure just and reasonable rates and charges for IPCS, in 2023, the Commission sought comment on how to interpret the Act's language to ensure that the Commission implemented the statute in a manner that fulfilled Congress's directives. Incarcerated People's Communication Services; Implementation of the Martha Wright-Reed Act; Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services, 88 FR 20804, April 7, 2023 (DA 23-19). The Commission also reaffirmed and updated its prior delegation of authority to the Bureaus to modify, supplement, and update the instructions and templates for the Annual Reports. Incarcerated People's Communication Services; Implementation of the Martha Wright-Reed Act; Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services, 88 FR 19001, March 30, 2023. On August 3, 2023, the Bureaus sought comment on proposed revisions to the instructions and templates for the annual reports and annual certifications. The Bureaus received comments or reply comments in response from three IPCS providers.

Third, in July 2024, the Commission adopted the 2024 IPCS Order, which implemented the expanded authority granted to the Commission by the Martha Wright-Reed Act. Incarcerated People's Communication Services; Implementation of the Martha Wright-Reed Act; Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services, 89 FR 77244, September 20, 2024 (2024 IPCS Order). In that Order, the Commission revised its rules by, *inter alia*:

- Adopting permanent rate caps for audio IPCS and interim rate caps for video IPCS;
- Adopting new facility tiers for both audio and video IPCS;
- Prohibiting providers from imposing any ancillary service charges on IPCS consumers;
- Prohibiting providers from making site commission payments associated with IPCS;
- Allowing providers to offer alternate pricing plans for IPCS subject to certain conditions;

- Revising and strengthening existing consumer disclosure and inactive account requirements; and
- Revising and strengthening IPCS accessibility requirements for incarcerated people with disabilities.

We note that, in the 2024 IPCS Order, the Commission adopted the use of the terms "incarcerated people's communications services" and "IPCS," in place of "inmate calling services" or "ICS," to refer to "the broader range of communications services subject to the Commission's jurisdiction as a result of the [Martha Wright-Reed] Act."

The 2024 IPCS Order also modified the scope and content of the annual reporting requirements to reflect the reforms adopted under the Martha Wright-Reed Act. The Commission expanded its annual reporting and certification requirements to include the full scope of services and providers now subject to the IPCS rules. The Commission also eliminated the sections of the annual reporting rules mandating the reporting of information on ancillary service charges and site commissions, to reflect the prohibitions of those items adopted in the 2024 IPCS Order. The Commission also retained the rules describing the reporting requirements concerning TRS and related communications services, but renumbered them. Finally, the Commission reaffirmed and updated its prior delegation of authority to the Bureaus to revise the requirements for the Annual Reports, to reflect the Commission's expanded authority under the Martha Wright-Reed Act and the other actions taken in the 2024 IPCS Order, and directed the Bureaus to pay particular attention to the video IPCS marketplace and the availability and usage of Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) in exercising this delegated authority.

Pursuant to this updated delegated authority, the Bureaus released DA 24-918 seeking to "expand and refresh the record on revisions to the Annual Report instructions, templates, and certification form, in addition to those proposed in DA 23-656, and to implement the modifications to the annual reporting and certification requirements adopted by the Commission in the 2024 IPCS Order." The Bureaus also sought comment on "any additional modifications the Bureaus should consider to make these forms consistent with the new rules, including the varied compliance dates adopted in the 2024 IPCS Order" for the Commission's rate cap and site commission reforms. The Bureaus received comments from IPCS providers and public interest advocates.

III. Discussion

Pursuant to their delegated authority, the Bureaus adopt revised instructions and templates for the Annual Reports and certifications for IPCS providers, a link to which is provided in section V below. The reporting template consists of a Word document and Excel spreadsheets. For simplicity, this document refers to these respective portions of the reporting template as the Word template and the Excel template. These instructions and templates largely follow the proposals in DA 23–656 and DA 24–918, with revisions to both enhance the value and usefulness of the Annual Reports and reduce existing or proposed reporting burdens, while continuing to enable the Commission to monitor the IPCS marketplace. To that end, the Bureaus expect the detailed instructions and templates they adopt herein to result in reports that provide the Commission, its state counterparts, and the public with a clearer, more complete picture of IPCS providers' service offerings than was available under prior Annual Reports, while on balance decreasing reporting burdens on providers. The changes the Bureaus make to the instructions and templates will bring increased transparency to IPCS providers' rates, charges, and practices, help ensure compliance with the Commission's IPCS rules, and allow the Commission to "monitor pricing practices and trends in the IPCS marketplace generally."

A. Overall Structure of the Annual Reporting and Certification Requirements

Pursuant to their delegated authority, the Bureaus revise the Annual Report instructions, templates, and certification form to reflect the Commission's 2022 amendments to the Annual Reports rule and to include the additional services and providers now subject to the Commission's authority under the Martha Wright-Reed Act. These revised instructions and the associated template and certification form will consolidate and supplant the instructions and template for earlier iterations of the Annual Report instructions, template, and certification form. The Bureaus also implement additional improvements based on their experience reviewing prior Annual Reports, such as simplifying the collection in some respects and revising the instructions to facilitate providers' compliance with the collection. These improvements will make the submitted reports more useful to the Commission and consumers.

As a general matter, the Bureaus maintain the existing Excel-format

template and Word-format template for the Annual Reports to better separate providers' data and narrative responses. The Bureaus likewise retain the certification form with minor revisions.

General Categories of Information Requested. The revised instructions, like those for prior Annual Reports, require providers to submit certain types of information related to their operations, IPCS rates, and disability access, including data regarding their interstate, intrastate, and international audio and video IPCS rates.

In DA 23–656, the Bureaus proposed to expand the Annual Reports to collect information regarding video IPCS in light of the Martha Wright-Reed Act and to implement the expanded reporting obligations for TRS adopted in the 2022 ICS Order. In response, Securus argued that it was premature to collect such information, because at that time (*i.e.*, September 2023) "[t]he Commission's codified rules . . . d[id] not authorize the collection and reporting of this information." With regard to video IPCS, Securus argued that the codified version of § 64.6060 then in effect, was limited to "inmate calling services" and thus did not encompass video services. And with regard to reporting on TRS obligations, Securus argued that while the 2022 ICS Order "expanded the reporting obligations in the Annual Report to include the advanced forms for TRS and point-to-point video, those reporting rules [had been] delayed indefinitely pending OMB approval."

In subsequent advocacy in response to DA 24–918, Securus does not challenge the collection of information regarding video IPCS or TRS. In the 2024 IPCS Order, the Commission adopted regulations, including interim rate caps and a per-minute rate requirement, applicable to video IPCS and explicitly amended the scope and content of § 64.6060 to reflect the expansion of the Commission's jurisdiction over advanced communications services, including video services. The Commission also retain[ed] the reporting requirements concerning TRS and related communications services in § 64.6060(a)(5)–(7), but renumber[ed] them as § 64.6060(a)(2)–(4). With regard to TRS reporting, "Securus supports the current version of the TRS-related annual reporting revisions as set forth in § 64.6060(a)(2)–(4)." The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the TRS requirements adopted in the 2022 ICS Order. The Bureaus find these actions address the concerns raised by Securus in connection with DA 23–656.

B. Specific Data and Information Inquiries

1. Definitions

The Bureaus adopt the new and revised definitions in the instructions that they had proposed in August 2023 with modifications as discussed below. These new and revised definitions reflect the Commission's expanded authority over IPCS pursuant to the Martha Wright-Reed Act. In the 2024 IPCS Order, the Commission revised § 64.6060(a) "so the annual reporting requirement applies to IPCS providers, rather than the more limited universe of ICS providers." This change "makes providers of video IPCS and advanced communications services not previously covered by [the Commission's] IPCS rules subject to the annual reporting requirement." Accordingly, and in response to comments in the record, the definitions in the instructions have been revised to "encompass all IPCS providers offering any type of IPCS—audio or video, interstate/international or intrastate—regardless of the technology used to provide the service." The Bureaus agree with ViaPath that "[a]ll IPCS providers must be subject to the same set of rules," including the annual reporting and certification obligations. To eliminate any potential doubt, the Bureaus take this opportunity to emphasize that all providers that meet the Commission's definition of a "Provider" are required to comply with the Commission's IPCS rules, including the annual reporting and certification obligations.

Definition of Audio IPCS. Securus points out that "the definition of Audio IPCS includes all TRS services, including video relay and point to point video." Securus suggests that the Bureaus "clarify that for purposes of reporting rates in tabs C through E [of the Excel template], the rates exclude any rates associated with TRS." Securus argues that "[a]bsent this clarification the tabs providing rate information for Audio IPCS could be misinterpreted as applying to all TRS services." Securus notes that Tab L of the Excel template is used for reporting billed revenues for TTY-based services. The Bureaus agree and clarify that in reporting audio IPCS rates in Tabs C and D, the rates exclude any rates associated with TRS. The Bureaus find that the proposed Tab E, which collected information on audio IPCS rates above the Commission's rate cap rules, is rendered unnecessary and duplicative as a result of their decision to require reporting on a highest rate charged basis. Accordingly, they have removed Tab E from the Excel template

and the related instructions and Word template questions.

Definition of Video IPCS. ViaPath argues that the Bureaus should revise the definition of “Video IPCS” in the instructions such that certain content-based video programming is treated similarly regardless of whether it permits one-way or two-way communication. ViaPath argues that “some educational or vocational courses allow the incarcerated person to speak to the professor or interact with other classmates.” Securus adds that the exclusion of one-way content delivery “creates potential confusion regarding the treatment of potential two-way content programming, such as educational classes.” In the *2024 IPCS Order*, the Commission found that “[w]here two or more people can use a video conferencing service to share information with one another in real-time, that service is subject to [the Commission’s] section 276 authority in the incarceration context” and that “[t]his authority also extends to educational, vocational, or other programming in which incarcerated people participate in real-time in the incarceration context.” The Commission further found that “entertainment and other forms of content that are not real-time communications services are not included in [the Commission’s] authority over interoperable video conferencing.” Considering the Commission’s findings in the *2024 IPCS Order*, which was released after ViaPath filed its 2023 comments, the Bureaus amend the definition of “Video IPCS” in the instructions to be consistent with that Order. Specifically, for purposes of the Annual Reports, the Bureaus revise the definition of Video IPCS in the instructions to exclude entertainment and other forms of content that are not real-time communications. The Bureaus note that such services “may, however, be subject to [the Commission’s] authority under section 3(1)(E), which is not limited to real-time communications services.”

Definition of Safety and Security Measures. In the *2024 IPCS Order*, the Commission determined which safety and security costs are used and useful in the provision of IPCS and included those costs in the IPCS rate caps that it established. Given the Commission’s determination, the Bureaus find it unnecessary to collect information on safety and security measures through the Annual Reports, and therefore delete the definition of Safety and Security Measures from the instructions they adopt here. Consequently, the Bureaus find that the concerns raised in the

record regarding this definition are moot.

2. Facilities and Contract Information

The Excel template that the Bureaus adopt today includes a new worksheet that moves detailed contract and facility information already collected on multiple worksheets throughout the Excel template to Tab B. The Bureaus find that collecting this granular information once on a single worksheet will help ensure consistent facility and contract-level reporting, and eliminate the need to repeatedly enter such detailed information on other worksheets throughout the Excel template, thereby reducing the burden on IPCS providers. Below the Bureaus address several targeted revisions to the reporting of facility and contract information in the Excel template consistent with the record.

Excel Template Tab A. Securus argues that “the number and breakdown of facilities by type and size will produce numbers that will be over-inclusive of facilities at which an IPCS Provider provides both Audio and Video IPCS, Audio IPCS-only, or Video IPCS-only.” The Bureaus agree and have revised Tab A to allow IPCS providers to more accurately report those facilities at which they offer only audio IPCS, only video IPCS, or both.

Excel Template Tab B. Securus recommends adding columns to Tab B of the Excel template for providers to report whether they offer audio IPCS, video IPCS, or both at the facilities they serve. The Bureaus agree and simplify the recommendation by adding a single column with a drop-down menu for providers to report the service or services offered.

Excel Template Tabs C through L. Securus also suggests that using “a numerical contract and facility identifier alone for Tabs C through L will require a user to constantly go back and forth from Tab B to the other tabs to identify the applicable contract and facility.” To alleviate this concern, Securus suggests that the Commission consider “some additional contracting or facility data to allow easy reference from tab to tab” and “recommends including under the Contract and Facility Information columns for the Contracting Authority, Facility Name and Facility State.” While providers are welcome to add additional columns if it helps to ensure the accuracy of their filings, the Bureaus decline to require providers to report this additional information in order to minimize the reporting burden on IPCS providers.

3. Audio and Video IPCS Rates

The Bureaus streamline the reporting of audio and video IPCS rates as discussed below. In doing so, the Bureaus modify the approach they proposed in DA 23–656 based on comments in the record arguing that some of the proposed reporting requirements would be unnecessarily burdensome. The Bureaus find that the revisions described below properly balance the need for the Commission to obtain data sufficient to ensure compliance with its IPCS rules and inform the Commission of industry trends, while reducing reporting burdens on IPCS providers where feasible. In addition to these revisions, and to account for the staggered dates adopted by the Commission for providers’ compliance with the rate cap and site commission reforms adopted in the *2024 IPCS Order*, the Bureaus require IPCS providers to report for each facility, the date on which each facility became subject to the Commission’s new IPCS rate caps and site commission reforms. The Bureaus address each of these matters below.

Interstate and Intrastate Audio and Video IPCS. In DA 23–656, the Bureaus proposed to require IPCS providers to submit interstate and intrastate IPCS rates for audio services across a number of categories, including: (i) highest 15-minute rate; (ii) highest year-end 15-minute rate; and (iii) average per-minute rate. The Bureaus also proposed using the same reporting approach for video IPCS because “providers are already familiar with the [] reporting categories for audio IPCS” such that “using the same rate reporting approach for video IPCS will help minimize burdens associated with reporting this additional information regarding their video services.”

Some commenters contend that the proposed categories of rate data would be unnecessarily burdensome. ViaPath argues that the burden imposed by the proposed categories of rate data is not justified given the limited utility of the resulting data. ViaPath also notes that it “does not maintain historical rate data in 15-minute increments.” To reduce the burden, ViaPath suggests that the Bureaus only require providers to report the highest per-minute rate charged at a facility during the calendar year and eliminate the need for providers to calculate 15-minute increments. Securus contends that the collection of rate data “can be significantly streamlined without impairing the ability of the Commission to obtain meaningful information.” It argues that the Bureaus should “require providers

to identify their per-minute rate for each facility and the cost of a 15-minute call” and suggests that the Bureaus “abandon requiring the highest year-end rates as those seldom differ and the relevance of that information is unclear.” Securus also notes that “the current template is outdated as most providers no longer charge separate rates for the first minute of a call and remaining minutes.”

The Bureaus agree with ViaPath that “the highest per-minute rate charged at the facility during the calendar year . . . will confirm whether an IPCS provider is in compliance with the Commission’s rate cap rules in effect at that time.” Accordingly, the Bureaus streamline the proposed rate categories to require IPCS providers only to report their highest per-minute audio and video IPCS rates at each facility for the calendar year. The Bureaus eliminate the need to report rate information in 15-minute intervals, to calculate an average per-minute rate, and to report the first minute rate and the rate for additional minutes. Nothing in the record indicates that reporting interstate and intrastate audio and video IPCS rates in 15-minute intervals or requiring the calculation of an average per-minute rate is necessary to ensure compliance with the Commission’s rules. And, as ViaPath notes, these calculations may be “laborious” for certain providers. Furthermore, as Securus notes, most providers no longer charge separate rates for the first minute of a communication and remaining minutes, rendering this information of little utility in determining compliance with the Commission’s IPCS rate caps. To the extent a provider charges a different first minute rate and that rate is higher than the rate for subsequent minutes, that first minute rate would be reported as the highest per-minute rate for that facility. The Bureaus are therefore persuaded that streamlining the reporting in this way should provide the Commission with information sufficient to determine providers’ compliance with its IPCS rules while reducing reporting burdens on IPCS providers.

With regard to the reporting of video IPCS rates, Securus also argues that the proposed Excel template for reporting video IPCS rates is “unsuited to supply meaningful rate information to the Commission.” Securus explains that Tab F of the proposed Excel template “recognizes that providers’ unit of sale of Video IPCS may not be per-minute rates but per-session rates.” But, Securus contends that the worksheet “requires providers to enter the cost of the session as if it was 15 minutes, no matter the actual unit of sale.” Securus suggests that the Commission “have a

method to enter per session rate information or other alternatives to per minute billing that a provider may have been using.” Securus also suggests that the “Commission should consider providing separate tabs to reflect the different ways that providers charge for video services.”

The Bureaus find that their approach to the reporting of video IPCS rate data in the instructions and Excel template is consistent with reforms subsequently adopted in the *2024 IPCS Order* and therefore moots the concerns Securus raised in 2023. For video IPCS rates, the Bureaus require IPCS providers to begin reporting those data as of November 19, 2024, which is the date on which the *2024 IPCS Order* became effective, including the requirement to offer video IPCS on a per-minute basis. Because the Bureaus do not require providers to report their IPCS video rates prior to the date on which they were required to begin offering that service on a per-minute basis, the Bureaus decline to adopt the proposed instructions or Excel template that would enable providers to account for potential alternatives to per-minute rate structures that IPCS providers may have been using prior to the effective date of the *2024 IPCS Order*.

The Bureaus also adjust the reporting of interstate and intrastate audio and video IPCS rates. For calendar year 2024, during which no intrastate rate caps were in effect, the Bureaus require IPCS providers to separately report their highest per-minute interstate and intrastate rates except to the extent that a provider’s interstate and intrastate rates were the same, in which case they need not report separately for each jurisdiction. To further assist providers in determining whether they must report separate interstate and intrastate audio and video IPCS rates, the Bureaus include a question in each tab of the Excel template in which they seek interstate and intrastate rate data asking whether the provider’s interstate and intrastate audio and video IPCS rates were the same. If so, the instructions make clear that the provider need not fill in any duplicate or repetitive entries in that tab. The Bureaus take a similar approach in connection with international IPCS, as discussed below.

Finally, Securus suggests that the Bureaus “eliminate the facility-rate in light of the changes in the *2024 IPCS Order*,” which eliminated site commissions. The Bureaus agree and remove that requirement from the instructions and Excel template.

International Audio and Video IPCS. The Bureaus adjust the instructions and reporting templates to streamline the

reporting of international audio and video IPCS rates, consistent with the record. Securus notes that the “current template requires (on a per-facility basis) identification of international calls by destination, and then the highest, first and additional minute rates and maximum and average termination charge by [quarter].” Securus suggests that the “highly disaggregated nature of the international rate reporting is thus highly burdensome and requires reporting of insignificant detail.” To streamline the reporting of international rate information, Securus recommends that the Excel template have two tabs: one for facility information and a second for termination charges. The first tab would initially ask if a facility allows international calling. A “no” answer would eliminate the need for further reporting of international rate data for that facility. Another question would ask whether the interstate portion of the international rate is the same as the applicable interstate rate. A “yes” answer would mean the provider would not need to report further information regarding the interstate portion of the international rate, while a “no” answer would be subject to further explanation in the Word template. Another column would determine whether any rates are above the applicable rate caps and would require specifying rates only if the provider indicates that a rate is above the rate cap. In the second tab, providers would report their average quarterly termination charges for each international destination. In connection with video IPCS, Securus suggests the addition of a preliminary question asking whether the provider offers international video IPCS. If a provider answers “no,” then there would be no need to complete that relevant tab. Finally, Securus suggests that the Bureaus clarify the proposed requirement to explain how IPCS providers market video IPCS to consumers, including any bundles.

The Bureaus adopt a modified version of Securus’s proposal, which they find will substantially streamline the reporting of international audio and video IPCS rates while at the same time providing the Commission with sufficient data with which to determine compliance with its IPCS rules and monitor industry trends. As an initial matter, the Bureaus adopt Securus’s proposal that they request quarterly international termination data by destination rather than by facility. This change will eliminate the need for providers to provide data on each international destination at each facility.

The Bureaus ask two preliminary questions in the Excel template about whether IPCS providers offer international audio or video IPCS. The first is in Tab C, where providers are instructed to indicate if they offer international audio IPCS at each facility they serve. If a provider answers “no” for a given facility then the provider is not required to complete the international audio IPCS information in Tab D for that facility. Then in Tab E, providers are instructed to indicate whether they offer international video IPCS at each facility they serve. If the answer is “no” for a given facility then the provider is not required to complete the international video IPCS information in Tab F for that facility. Cumulatively, if a provider does not offer any international video IPCS at any facility it serves, that provider will not be required to complete the Excel Tab F for international video IPCS. The Bureaus find that these preliminary questions will help to streamline the reporting of international rate information as Securus suggests.

To streamline reporting obligations in connection with international audio IPCS, the Bureaus instruct providers to indicate whether the rate for the interstate portion of the international rate is the same as the applicable interstate rate the provider charges. If the provider answers “yes,” the instructions explain that the IPCS provider does not need to report its highest interstate per-minute rates in Tab D for each calendar quarter. This question reduces the need for providers to enter the same information twice. If a provider answers “no” the Bureaus have included a Word template question directing providers to explain how the interstate portion of its international rate differed from its interstate rate. The Bureaus then direct providers to report termination charges on a quarterly basis for each international destination, as suggested by Securus. Because the streamlined reporting obligations the Bureaus adopt today seek the highest per-minute rates providers charge, the Bureaus need not include a column in the Excel template asking IPCS providers to indicate whether they charge rates above the applicable rate caps. In obtaining the highest per-minute rate, the Commission should have sufficient information to determine if there are rates being charged that are above the applicable caps.

To streamline reporting obligations in connection with international video IPCS, the Bureaus adopt a similar reporting structure as for international audio IPCS, however with additional questions intended to more accurately

capture the development, deployment, and marketplace practices for video IPCS. The Bureaus include a question in Tab F asking whether a provider’s international video IPCS rates are the same as its interstate video rates. As indicated in the revised instructions, a provider should select “yes” only if its interstate rates are the same as its international video IPCS rates and if the provider does not charge or pass through termination charges for completing international video IPCS communications. If a provider selects “yes,” it will not be required to report its highest interstate per-minute rates in Tab F as the Commission will have collected interstate video rates in a separate tab. To account for scenarios in which providers may charge different rates for the interstate portion of an international video IPCS communication and interstate rates for video IPCS, the Bureaus ask a similar “yes” or “no” question as with audio IPCS and direct providers to respond in the Word template to explain any differences. In a similar vein, the Bureaus include an additional question in Tab F, which directs providers to indicate whether they impose international termination charges for video IPCS. If a provider does not impose international termination charges for video IPCS, then they are not required to report their quarterly average termination charges.

Finally, the Bureaus decline to require IPCS providers to explain how they market video IPCS to consumers, including any bundles, as originally proposed. The Bureaus find that gathering such data is unnecessary due to the rules the Commission adopted in the *2024 IPCS Order*, which require providers to offer rates for video IPCS on a per-minute basis. Separately, the Bureaus find that the information they direct providers to provide related to any alternate pricing plans offered in addition to per-minute video IPCS covers how those services are marketed differently. Thus, Securus’s request that the Bureaus clarify what “bundling” means is moot.

Compliance Dates. In the *2024 IPCS Order*, the Commission adopted staggered compliance dates for its new audio and video IPCS rate caps and the elimination of site commission payments. These compliance dates range from January 1, 2025 to April 1, 2026. Thus, starting in 2025, there may be periods during which some IPCS providers are not subject to the Commission’s new IPCS rate caps and prohibition on the payment of site commissions associated with IPCS. To enhance the Commission’s ability to

monitor compliance with its new rate caps and site commission reforms, the Bureaus require IPCS providers to provide, for each facility subject to these reforms as of the end of the reporting period in question, the date by which it was required to comply with the Commission’s new rate caps and site commission reforms, beginning with the 2026 Annual Reports. The Bureaus have therefore added a column in Tab B of the Excel template in which to report this information. For purposes of the 2025 Annual Reports (providing information for calendar year 2024), however, the Bureaus do not require IPCS providers to provide compliance dates. Identifying the compliance date applicable to each facility is critical to ascertaining providers’ compliance with the applicable rate cap and site commission rules. Providers are not required to report compliance dates prospectively; they are only required to report compliance dates that occur either during or prior to the reporting period in question.

4. Ancillary Service Charges

The Bureaus streamline the reporting of ancillary service charges by requiring providers to indicate in the Excel template whether they, or any subcontractors they use, assessed ancillary service charges in connection with audio and/or video IPCS during the reporting period following the effective date of the prohibition on such charges. If a provider answers “yes,” the instructions direct them to complete a Word template question explaining those charges. If a provider answers “no,” then nothing further is required. This is consistent with Securus’s suggestion that the Bureaus add a preliminary question to the tabs seeking information on ancillary service charges asking whether the provider imposed ancillary service charges with respect to video IPCS.

At the same time, the Bureaus decline to fully eliminate separate reporting for ancillary services as Securus requests. As is well documented throughout these proceedings, ancillary service charges have been the center of discussion around potential abuses which ultimately result in furthering the economic burdens faced by the incarcerated and their friends, families, and loved ones. While the Commission eliminated separate ancillary service charges in the *2024 IPCS Order*, the Annual Reports are used to monitor compliance with the Commission’s rules, including prohibitions such as those now in effect for ancillary service charges. The Bureaus therefore eliminate existing ancillary service

charge reporting obligations and instead require providers to respond to the streamlined instructions as described above. The Bureaus find that the burden of completing the “yes” or “no” question for 2024 and in subsequent years should be minimal, and will help the Commission continue to monitor compliance with its rules. In this case, the 2025 Annual Reports will require the submission of calendar year 2024 data, during which IPCS providers could charge separately for their ancillary services until November 19, 2024, the effective date of the Commission’s IPCS reforms concerning ancillary services in the *2024 IPCS Order*.

5. Site Commissions

The Bureaus take the same approach with site commissions that they take with ancillary service charges by requiring providers to indicate in the Excel template whether they paid site commissions associated with audio and/or video IPCS during the reporting period. If a provider answers “yes,” the instructions direct them to complete a Word template question explaining those charges. If a provider answers “no,” then nothing further is required. This is a significant reduction from the site commissions reporting initially proposed, which, among other things, would have required IPCS providers to: (1) report their average total monthly site commission payments on a facility-by-facility basis; (2) separate those payments between legally mandated and contractually prescribed site commission payments; (3) subdivide both types of payments between monetary and in-kind payments; and (4) within those subdivisions, to report the portions of the payments that were either fixed or variable.

Securus argues that because of the Commission’s elimination of site commissions in the *2024 IPCS Order*, “information regarding them for the 2024 calendar year will not provide relevant data points.” The Bureaus disagree. While it is true that the Commission eliminated site commission payments associated with IPCS in the *2024 IPCS Order*, compliance with that requirement is not required until January 1, 2025 at the earliest and April 1, 2026 at the latest. Thus, for calendar year 2024, IPCS providers were permitted to pay site commissions. And due to the staggered compliance dates with respect to the elimination of site commissions, there likely will be periods in 2025 and 2026 in which some IPCS providers will still be paying site commissions. The Bureaus thus find it appropriate to collect information

about providers’ site commission payments, as described above. After all of the compliance dates have passed and the prohibition on site commissions is in effect for all IPCS contracts, the burden of completing the yes or no question should be minimal and the providers’ responses will help the Commission to monitor compliance with its site commission rule.

6. Disability Access and Related Considerations

The revised instructions modify providers’ reporting obligations regarding the provision of TTY-based TRS and TTY-to-TTY calling for incarcerated people with hearing and speech disabilities, including any ancillary service charges that providers have assessed for or in connection with TTY-based calls. Consistent with the Bureaus’ proposal and the *2022 ICS Order*, providers are no longer required to report the number of dropped calls for TTY-based TRS or TTY-to-TTY calling, but are still required to report the number of calls and number of complaints related to TTY-based TRS and TTY-to-TTY calling. As the Commission explained in the *2024 IPCS Order*, the Commission had determined in the *2022 ICS Order* “that it was no longer necessary to collect data on dropped calls,” and so adopted corresponding modifications to 47 CFR 64.6060(a)(5)–(7). However, at the time the Commission adopted the *2024 IPCS Order*, the changes to those paragraphs “ha[d] not yet gone into effect,” as the Commission declined to “seek Paperwork Reduction Act review by the Office of Management and Budget until an order is released adopting any changes” to the annual reporting forms. Consequently, in the *2024 IPCS Order*, the Commission retained the revised reporting requirements adopted in the *2022 ICS Order*, but renumbered them as section 64.6060(a)(2)–(4).

Further, the revised instructions and the Excel template reflect the 2022 reforms to the Commission’s rules. As noted above, this modification is consistent with the changes adopted in the *2024 IPCS Order*, which incorporated the modifications to the annual reporting requirements adopted in the *2022 ICS Order*. The “Disability Access” worksheet of the Excel template requires providers to report, on a facility-by-facility basis, for each of the six kinds of TRS authorized by the Commission, (1) whether the service was available for use at the facility during the reporting period, (2) the number of calls made using the service, and (3) the number of complaints regarding the service. The same

information is now collected for point-to-point ASL video service and for TTY-to-TTY calling. TRS and the various kinds of TRS are defined in section 64.601 of the Commission’s rules. The six kinds of TRS are: Internet Protocol Captioned Telephone Service (IP CTS); Internet Protocol Relay Service (IP Relay); Speech-to-Speech Relay Service (STS); Traditional (TTY-Based) TRS; Video Relay Service (VRS); and Non-Internet Protocol Captioned Telephone Service (Non-IP CTS).

Securus argues that the Commission should eliminate the columns seeking information regarding ancillary services in connection with TTY-based TRS or TTY-to-TTY calling, including the jurisdiction column. The Bureaus find that Securus’s proposal would result in eliminating reporting of ancillary service charges associated with disability access entirely, leaving the Commission without the ability to monitor compliance. The Bureaus recognize, however, that the reporting of this information presents a significant burden on providers and the resulting data is of limited utility for the Commission. Accordingly, the Bureaus adopt less burdensome reporting instructions for ancillary service charges associated with billed TTY-to-TTY calling or TTY-based TRS that are similar to those used for such charges associated with audio IPCS and video IPCS. Providers need only respond to a “yes” or “no” question and complete a narrative response in the Word template if they assessed ancillary service charges associated with billed TTY-to-TTY calling or TTY-based TRS after November 19, 2024. The reporting structure the Bureaus adopt for this category of information mirrors the same structure they adopt for audio IPCS and video IPCS for the period following the Nov. 19, 2024 effective date; the Bureaus instruct providers to report if they charge any associated ancillary service charges after the prohibition took effect, and if so, require them to report additionally in the Word template.

ViaPath expresses concern about the availability of certain information in connection with TRS-related calls. ViaPath explains that while “IPCS providers can report the types of TRS available in each facility, they may not have access to information regarding the number of TRS-related calls or complaints.” This is because “[d]eployment of advanced TRS capability in correctional facilities cannot be accomplished without a third-party TRS provider.” ViaPath suggests that the third-party TRS provider is “the appropriate entity from which to obtain

information regarding the number of disability access communications in a correctional facility and any associated complaints.” The Commission’s IPCS rules apply to IPCS providers, not third-party TRS providers. IPCS providers must make all necessary contractual and technical arrangements for ensuring access to TRS, and such arrangements should include access to necessary data for ensuring the requirements for access and use of TRS are met. Given IPCS providers’ obligations under the Commission’s rules to ensure access to TRS, and the fact that TRS providers cannot provide their service without coordinating with IPCS providers, the Bureaus find that IPCS providers are in the best position to obtain and to report this information. To the extent they cannot, they are free to explain why they cannot do so in the Word template for the Commission’s consideration.

7. Other Issues

Revenue, Cost, Usage, or Similar Data for Video IPCS. The Bureaus decline to collect data regarding the costs, revenues, usage or other similar categories of data for video IPCS through the Annual Reports. One commenter suggests that the Commission require the reporting of a wide range of data designed to determine the costs associated with video IPCS, including cost, revenue, and usage data for all services provided on kiosks or tablets and data regarding the safety and security costs specific to the provision of video IPCS. Another commenter similarly argues that the Commission should require IPCS providers to submit, among other things, information about the use of kiosks and tablets for video calling and the breakdown between fixed and variable costs of providing IPCS. However, even to the extent that the Bureaus might find it appropriate to expand the Annual Reports to collect such data, it is not clear at this time that the benefit of collecting such data in this context would outweigh the burden it would impose, given, for example, the developing nature of the video IPCS market. Indeed, cost of service issues for video IPCS await further consideration by the Commission following the additional mandatory data collection that the Commission required in the *2024 IPCS Order*, and review of the record being developed in response to the request for comment accompanying the *2024 IPCS Order*. Incarcerated People’s Communication Services; Implementation of the Martha Wright-Reed Act; Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services, 89 FR 77065, September 20, 2024. In these

circumstances, the Bureaus find that the better course is to collect revenue, cost, usage, and similar data for video IPCS through the upcoming mandatory data collection, where, for example, they can provide detailed instructions on how providers should calculate their costs of providing video IPCS and any safety and security measures specific to the provision of video IPCS. Thus, the Bureaus decline to require reporting of such information in the Annual Reports at this time.

Quality of Service. For similar reasons, the Bureaus also decline to request quality of service data in the annual reports as some commenters suggest. This, too, is an issue pending further consideration by the Commission and is thus inappropriate for inclusion in the annual reporting requirements at this time.

Payments from IPCS Providers to Correctional Facilities. One commenter argues that the Bureaus should request data on payments from IPCS providers to correctional agencies for used and useful costs they incur in the provision of IPCS as a means to better understand whether the Commission should adopt a uniform rate additive to account for used and useful correctional facility costs. As noted above, collecting what is in effect data on the costs incurred by correctional agencies to provide IPCS is beyond the scope of the Annual Reports, which are focused primarily on providers’ rate data and compliance with Commission rules. The more appropriate setting for determining whether to collect such data would be in the context of the upcoming mandatory data collection. The Bureaus therefore decline to seek such information in the context of the Annual Reports at this time.

Audited Financial Statements. The Bureaus also decline to require IPCS providers to submit audited financial statements as part of their Annual Reports. The Wright Petitioners note that IPCS providers were required to submit audited financial statements as part of the 2023 Mandatory Data Collection. They argue that the financial statements “contain important information that can be helpful to the Commission’s ongoing efforts to ensure that IPCS rates are just and reasonable and providers are fairly compensated.” ViaPath argues that “[w]hile such information may have been appropriate for a Mandatory Data Collection to allow the Commission to review revenues, costs and expenses, such information is not needed to ensure compliance with the Commission’s IPCS rules.” The Bureaus agree that requiring audited financial statements, while appropriate

in the context of a data collection to determine the costs of service, are not necessary for the Commission to determine compliance with its IPCS rules in the Annual Reports or to monitor trends in the industry.

Excel Template and Certification Form. The Excel template the Bureaus adopt includes other minor changes designed to help reduce burdens and minimize provider error when completing the worksheets. For instance, the template includes “drop-down” menus for data entry when there are only a few answer options. It also includes new cell formatting that restricts the data that can be entered (e.g., numbers vs. text), which should help prevent inadvertent errors when completing the forms. For the worksheets that include rates paid for IPCS calls to international destinations, the Bureaus now require providers to enter their international destinations only once for each worksheet, instead of repeating this information multiple times on each worksheet. The Bureaus likewise adopt other minor updates to the certification form (e.g., inserting the word “Authorized” before “Officer”).

C. Extension of Filing Deadline

On their own motion, the Bureaus waive section 64.6060(a) of the Commission’s rules for the limited purpose of granting a one-time extension of the filing deadline for the 2025 IPCS Annual Reports from April 1, 2025 to Monday, June 2, 2025. Generally, the Commission’s rules may be waived for good cause shown. In evaluating whether good cause exists for waiver of its rules, the Commission considers whether the particular facts make strict compliance inconsistent with the public interest. The Commission may also take into account concerns of hardship, equity, or more effective implementation of overall policy on an individual basis. Waiver of the Commission’s rules is therefore only appropriate if special circumstances warrant a deviation from the general rule, and such deviation will serve the public interest.

The Bureaus find good cause to waive section 64.6060(a) of the Commission’s rules to extend the deadline for filing the 2025 IPCS Annual Reports to June 2, 2025. Under the Commission’s rules, Annual Reports are due April 1 of each year. However, the Annual Reports that are due in 2025 will be the first Annual Reports for which IPCS providers will be required to use the revised instructions, templates, and certification forms adopted herein reflecting the Commission’s expanded authority over IPCS pursuant to the Martha Wright-

Reed Act. The Annual Reports “enable the Commission to monitor and track trends in the IPCS marketplace, increase provider transparency, and ensure compliance with the Commission’s rules.” It is therefore vital that the Commission receive complete and accurate data to ensure IPCS rates are just and reasonable and IPCS providers are fairly compensated. Considering these objectives, the Bureaus find good cause to waive the Commission’s rules and extend the deadline for filing the 2025 Annual Reports. Doing so will make it more likely that the Commission receives complete and accurate data enabling it to monitor IPCS providers’ compliance with the Commission’s IPCS rules. At the same time, given the timing of the release of this Order and the additional delay involved in obtaining approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of this revised data collection, extending the April 1 deadline to June 2, 2025 should give providers sufficient time to compile their data submissions using the revised instructions, templates, and certification forms.

D. Effective Date and Implementation Date

Because this Order imposes new or modified information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), its effective date will be dependent upon approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). After such review, the Bureaus will publish a document in the **Federal Register** establishing the date of such publication as the effective date of the requirements adopted in this Order.

IV. Procedural Matters

Supplemental Final Regulatory Flexibility Act Analysis. As required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, as amended (RFA), the Bureaus have prepared a Supplemental Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (FRFA) relating to this Order. The RFA has been amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (SBREFA), Public Law 104–121, Title II, 110 Stat. 847 (1996). The SBREFA was enacted as Title II of the Contract with America Advancement Act of 1996 (CWAAA). The Supplemental FRFA is set forth in section V below.

Final Paperwork Reduction Act Analysis. The Order contains new or modified information collection requirements subject to the PRA. It will be submitted to OMB for review under section 3507(d) of the PRA. OMB, the

general public, and other Federal agencies will be invited to comment on the new or modified information collection requirements contained in this proceeding. In addition, the Bureaus note that pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107–198; see 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4), the Bureaus previously sought specific comment on how the Commission might further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The Bureaus have assessed the effects of the requirements for Annual Reports and certifications on small business concerns, including those having fewer than 25 employees, and find that to the extent such entities are subject to those requirements, any further reduction in the burden of the collection would be inconsistent with the objectives behind the collection.

Congressional Review Act. The Commission has determined, and the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, concurs, that this rule is non-major under the Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 804(2). The Commission will send a copy of this Order to the Government Accountability Office pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

V. Annual Reporting and Certification Instructions and Templates

The instructions and templates for the Annual Report and certification form are available at this link: <https://www.fcc.gov/document/annual-report-instructions>.

VI. Supplemental Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

As required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, as amended (RFA), a Supplemental Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (Supplemental IRFA) was incorporated in DA 23–656, released in August 2023. The RFA has been amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (SBREFA). The Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) and the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) (collectively, the Bureaus) sought written public comment on the proposals in DA 23–656 and DA 24–918, including comments on the Supplemental IRFA. No comments were filed addressing the Supplemental IRFA. The Bureaus received comments and reply comments on the proposals in DA 23–656 from Securus Technologies, LLC (Securus), Global Tel*Link Corporation D/B/A ViaPath Technologies (ViaPath), and Pay Tel Communications, Inc. (Pay Tel).

These comments are addressed herein. The Bureaus received comments and reply comments on proposals in DA 24–918 from Securus, ViaPath, the Wright Petitioners, Worth Rises, Pay Tel, and the United Church of Christ Media Justice Ministry. This Supplemental Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (Supplemental FRFA) conforms to the RFA.

A. Need for, and Objectives of, the Order

In the 2022 ICS Order, the Commission adopted requirements that necessitated further changes to the Annual Reporting instructions, reporting templates, and certification form. These requirements improve access to communications services for incarcerated people with communication disabilities by, for example, requiring IPCS providers to list, at a minimum, for each facility served, the types of TRS that can be accessed from the facility and the number of completed calls and complaints for TTY-to-TTY calling, point-to-point American Sign Language (ASL) video calls, and each type of TRS for which access is provided. The Commission also eliminated the safe harbor, adopted in 2015, that had exempted providers from any TRS-related reporting requirements if they either (1) operated in a facility that allowed the offering of additional forms of TRS beyond those mandated by the Commission or (2) had not received any complaints related to TRS calls. A provider that fell within the safe harbor was required to include a certification from an officer of the company stating which prong(s) of the safe harbor it had met. The Commission found that the safe harbor was no longer appropriate given the expanded reporting requirement for additional forms of TRS, and the importance of transparency regarding the state of accessible communications in incarceration settings. The Commission delegated authority to the Bureaus to implement the expanded reporting obligations and to develop a reporting form that will most efficiently and effectively elicit the required information.

On January 5, 2023, the President signed into law the Martha Wright-Reed Act, which expanded the Commission’s statutory authority over communications between incarcerated people and the non-incarcerated, including “any audio or video communications service used by inmates . . . regardless of technology used.” The new Act also amends section 2(b) of the Communications Act of 1934,

as amended (the Communications Act), to make clear that the Commission's authority extends to intrastate as well as interstate and international communications services used by incarcerated people.

The Act directs the Commission to "promulgate any regulations necessary to implement" the Act, including its mandate that the Commission establish a "compensation plan" ensuring that all rates and charges for IPCS "are just and reasonable," not earlier than 18 months and not later than 24 months after the Act's January 5, 2023 enactment date. The Act also requires the Commission to consider, as part of its implementation, the costs of "necessary" safety and security measures, as well as "differences in costs" based on facility size, or "other characteristics." It also allows the Commission to "use industry-wide average costs of telephone service and advanced communications services and the average costs of service of a communications service provider" in determining just and reasonable rates.

Pursuant to the directive that the Commission implement the new Act and establish just and reasonable rates for IPCS services, the Commission released DA 23–19, seeking comment on how to interpret the Act's language to ensure that the Commission implements the statute in a manner that fulfills Congress's intent. The Commission also reaffirmed and updated its prior delegation of authority to the Bureaus to revise the instructions and reporting templates for the Annual Reports. Specifically, the Commission delegated to the Bureaus authority to modify, supplement, and update the instructions and templates for the Annual Reports. On August 3, 2023, in DA 23–656, the Bureaus sought comment on proposed revisions to the instructions and templates for the Annual Reports and annual certifications. In response, the Bureaus received comments from providers, public interest advocates, and other interested parties.

In July 2024, the Commission adopted the *2024 IPCS Order*, which implemented the expanded authority granted to the Commission by the Martha Wright-Reed Act. In that Order, the Commission revised its rules by, inter alia:

- Adopting permanent rate caps for audio IPCS and interim rate caps for video IPCS;
- Adopting new facility tiers for both audio and video IPCS;
- Prohibiting providers from imposing any ancillary service charges on IPCS consumers;

- Prohibiting providers from making site commission payments associated with IPCS;

- Allowing providers to offer alternate pricing plans for IPCS subject to certain conditions;
- Revising and strengthening existing consumer disclosure and inactive account requirements; and
- Revising and strengthening IPCS accessibility requirements for incarcerated people with disabilities.

The *2024 IPCS Order* also modified the scope and content of the Annual Reports to reflect the reforms adopted under the Martha Wright-Reed Act. The Commission expanded its annual reporting and certification requirements to include the full scope of services and providers now subject to the IPCS rules. The Commission also eliminated the sections of the annual reporting rules mandating the reporting of information on ancillary service charges and site commissions, to reflect the prohibition of those items adopted in the *2024 IPCS Order*. The Commission also retained the rules describing the reporting requirements concerning TRS and related communications services, but renumbered them. Finally, the Commission reaffirmed and updated its prior delegation of authority to the Bureaus to revise the Annual Reports, to reflect the Commission's expanded authority under the Martha Wright-Reed Act and the other actions taken in the *2024 IPCS Order*, and directed that the Bureaus pay particular attention to the video IPCS marketplace and the availability and usage of Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) in exercising this delegated authority.

Pursuant to this delegated authority, the Bureaus released DA 24–918 seeking to "expand and refresh the record on revisions to the Annual Report instructions, templates, and certification form, in addition to those proposed in DA 23–656, and to implement the modifications to the annual reporting and certification requirements adopted by the Commission in the *2024 IPCS Order*." The Bureaus also sought comment on "any additional modifications the Bureaus should consider to make these forms consistent with the new rules, including the varied compliance dates adopted in the *2024 IPCS Order*." The Bureaus received comments from IPCS providers, public interest advocates, and other interested parties. Pursuant to its delegated authority, the Bureaus have prepared updates to the annual reporting and certification templates and is issuing the Order to adopt all aspects of these documents.

B. Summary of Significant Issues Raised by Public Comments in Response to the IRFA

There were no comments filed that specifically addressed the proposed rules and policies in the Supplemental IRFA.

C. Response to Comments by the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration

Pursuant to the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010, which amended the RFA, the Commission is required to respond to any comments filed by the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration (SBA), and to provide a detailed statement of any change made to the proposed rules as a result of those comments.

The Chief Counsel did not file any comments in response to the proposed rules in this proceeding.

D. Description and Estimate of the Number of Small Entities to Which Annual Report and Certification Requirements Will Apply

The RFA directs agencies to provide a description of, and where feasible, an estimate of the number of small entities that may be affected by the annual report and certification requirements. The RFA generally defines the term "small entity" as having the same meaning as the terms "small business," "small organization," and "small governmental jurisdiction." In addition, the term "small business" has the same meaning as the term "small-business concern" under the Small Business Act. A "small-business concern" is one which: (1) is independently owned and operated; (2) is not dominant in its field of operation; and (3) satisfies any additional criteria established by the SBA. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 601(3), the statutory definition of a small business applies "unless an agency, after consultation with the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration and after opportunity for public comment, establishes one or more definitions of such term which are appropriate to the activities of the agency and publishes such definition(s) in the **Federal Register**."

A Regulatory Flexibility Analysis was incorporated in DA 23–656. In this analysis, the Bureaus described in detail the small entities that might be affected. Accordingly, in this Order, for the Supplemental FRFA, the Bureaus hereby incorporate by reference the descriptions and estimates of the number of small entities from these previous Regulatory Flexibility Analyses.

E. Description of Projected Reporting, Recordkeeping, and Other Compliance Requirements for Small Entities

The annual report and certification requirements direct IPCS providers to submit, among other things, data and other information on IPCS rates, communications, demand, operations, company and contract information, information about facilities served, revenues, site commission payments, and ancillary fees and to certify as to their compliance with relevant Commission rules. The Bureaus estimate that approximately 35 IPCS providers will be subject to this reporting requirement and it will take each provider approximately 160 hours to complete the annual report. The Bureaus also estimate that it will take each IPCS provider approximately 5 hours to review and certify its submission.

F. Steps Taken To Minimize the Significant Economic Impact on Small Entities and Significant Alternatives Considered

The RFA requires an agency to describe any significant alternatives that it has considered in reaching its proposed approach, which may include the following four alternatives (among others): “(1) the establishment of differing compliance or reporting requirements or timetables that take into account the resources available to small entities; (2) the clarification, consolidation, or simplification of compliance and reporting requirements under the rules for such small entities; (3) the use of performance rather than design standards; and (4) an exemption from coverage of the rule, or any part thereof, for such small entities.”

The annual reporting and certification requirements impose a recurring obligation on providers. Because the Commission requires all IPCS providers to submit Annual Reports and certifications, the collection will affect smaller as well as larger IPCS providers. The Bureaus have taken steps to ensure that the reporting template is competitively neutral and not unduly burdensome for any set of providers and have considered the economic impact on small entities, as identified in comments filed in response to DA 23–656 and DA 24–918, in finalizing the instructions and reporting templates for the annual reports and certifications. In response to the comments, the Bureaus have refined and streamlined certain aspects of the instructions and reporting templates, including significantly reducing audio and video rate reporting requirements and eliminating detailed site commission and ancillary service charge reporting requirements. These modifications avoid unduly burdening responding providers while ensuring that providers have sufficiently detailed and specific instructions to respond to the data collection and that the Commission will continue to have access to the data necessary to monitor industry trends and industry compliance with its rules.

G. Report to Congress

The Commission will send a copy of the Order, including this Supplemental FRFA, in a report a report to be sent to Congress pursuant to the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996. In addition, the Commission will send a copy of the Order, including this Supplemental FRFA, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small

Business Administration. A copy of the Order, and Supplemental FRFA (or summaries thereof) will also be published in the **Federal Register**.

VII. Ordering Clauses

Accordingly, it is ordered that, pursuant to the authority contained in sections 1, 2, 4(i)–(j), 155(c), 201(b), 218, 220, 276, and 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151, 152, 154(i)–(j), 155(c), 201(b), 218, 220, 276, and 403, and the authority delegated pursuant to §§ 0.91, 0.201(d), and 0.291 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR 0.91, 0.201(d), 0.291, this Order is adopted.

It is further ordered that, pursuant to the authority contained in sections 1, 2, 4(i)–(j), 155(c), 201(b), 218, 220, 276, and 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151, 152, 154(i)–(j), 155(c), 201(b), 218, 220, 276, and 403, and the authority delegated pursuant to §§ 0.91, 0.201(d), 0.291, and 1.3 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR 0.91, 0.201(d), 0.291, 1.3, the April 1, 2025 filing deadline for the 2025 Annual Reports is waived and is extended to June 2, 2025.

It is further ordered that the Commission’s Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Reference Information Center, shall send a copy of this Order, including the Supplemental Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

Federal Communications Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2025-0342; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00477-T]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes

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 Airbus SAS Model A300 B4-2C, A300 B4-203, A300 B4-603, A300 B4-605R, A300 B4-622, A300 B4-622R, and A300 F4-605R airplanes. This proposed AD was prompted by reports of cracking of the main landing gear (MLG) support rib 5 lower flange on certain modified airplanes due to incorrect accomplishment of modification instructions. This proposed AD would require a special detailed inspection (geometrical inspection) of the MLG rib 5 lower flange holes on the left-hand wing and right-hand wing and repair if necessary, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD, which is proposed for incorporation by reference (IBR). The FAA is proposing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: The FAA must receive comments on this proposed AD by April 28, 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-2025-0342; 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; telephone +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. It is also available at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2025-0342.

- You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Rodina, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone 206-231-3225; email dan.rodina@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-2025-0342; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00477-T” 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 Dan Rodina, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone 206-231-3225; email dan.rodina@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 2024-0162, dated August 20, 2024 (EASA AD 2024-0162) (also referred to as the MCAI), to correct an unsafe condition for certain Airbus SAS Model A300 B4-2C, A300 B4-203, A300 B4-603, A300 B4-605R, A300 B4-622, A300 B4-622R, A300 C4-203, A300 C4-620, A300 F4-203, A300 F4-605R, and A300 F4-608ST airplanes. Model A300 C4-203, A300 F4-203, A300 C4-620, and A300 F4-608ST airplanes are not certificated by the FAA and are not included on the U.S. type certificate data sheet; this proposed AD therefore does not include those airplanes in the applicability.

The MCAI states that as a result of in-service cracking in an MLG attachment fitting at rib 5, the gear rib 5 lower flange area is the subject of two consecutive mandated retrofit modifications (mandated by EASA AD 2011-0029, dated February 24, 2011

(which corresponds to FAA AD 2012–01–05, Amendment 39–16917 (77 FR 26937, May 8, 2012)) and EASA AD 2011–0028, dated February 24, 2011 (for Model A300 F4–608ST airplanes)) to increase the corner radius, diameter, and depth of the critical spotfaces in order to decrease the stress level generated in the structure. Following occurrences of lower flange cracking reported on airplanes in mandated retrofit post-modification but production pre-modification 11912 configuration, Airbus published an all operators telex (AOT) to require a one-time fluorescent penetrant inspection for cracks of all pre-modification Airbus 11912 airplanes. Airbus conducted an additional investigation after that AOT was published, and determined the root cause of the cracking was the incorrect accomplishment of the instructions of a modification service bulletin, leading to deviation from approved design. This condition, if not detected and corrected, could reduce the structural integrity of the airplane. 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* under Docket No. FAA–2025–0342.

Material Incorporated by Reference Under 1 CFR Part 51

EASA AD 2024–0162 specifies procedures for a performing a one-time geometrical inspection of the spotfaces of the MLG rib 5 lower flange holes on

the left-hand wing and right-hand wing to assess geometric compliance to a terminating modification, including a spotface geometry check using “GO/NO–GO” gauges, and repair. 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

This product has been approved by the aviation authority of another country and is 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 in other products of the same type design.

Proposed AD Requirements in This NPRM

This proposed AD would require accomplishing the actions specified in EASA AD 2024–0162 described previously, except for any differences identified as exceptions in the regulatory text of this proposed AD.

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 2024–0162 by reference in the FAA final rule. This proposed AD would, therefore, require compliance with EASA AD 2024–0162 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 2024–0162 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 2024–0162. Material required by EASA AD 2024–0162 for compliance will be available at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2025–0342 after the FAA final rule is published.

Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD, if adopted as proposed, would affect 128 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this proposed AD:

ESTIMATED COSTS FOR REQUIRED ACTIONS

Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
137 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$11,645	\$0	\$11,645	\$1,490,560

The FAA has received no definitive data on which to base the cost estimates for the on-condition repair specified in this proposed AD.

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(f), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

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

Airbus SAS: Docket No. FAA–2025–0342; Project Identifier MCAI–2024–00477–T.

(a) Comments Due Date

The FAA must receive comments on this airworthiness directive (AD) by April 28, 2025.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to Airbus SAS Model A300 B4–2C, A300 B4–203, A300 B4–603, A300 B4–605R, A300 B4–622, A300 B4–622R, and A300 F4–605R airplanes, certificated in any category, as identified in European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2024–0162, dated August 20, 2024 (EASA AD 2024–0162).

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 57, Wings.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by reports of cracking of the main landing gear (MLG) support rib 5 lower flange on certain modified airplanes due to incorrect accomplishment of modification instructions. The FAA is issuing this AD to address such cracking, which, if not addressed, could result in reduced structural integrity of the airplane.

(f) Compliance

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

(g) Requirements

Except as specified in paragraph (h) of this AD: Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, EASA AD 2024–0162.

(h) Exceptions to EASA AD 2024–0162

(1) Where EASA AD 2024–0162 refers to its effective date, this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.

(2) This AD does not adopt the “Remarks” section of EASA AD 2024–0162.

(i) No Reporting Requirement

Although the material referenced in EASA AD 2024–0162 specifies to submit certain information to the manufacturer, this AD does not include that requirement.

(j) Additional AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs):* The Manager, AIR–520, Continued Operational Safety 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 responsible Flight Standards Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of AIR–520, Continued Operational Safety Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (k) of this AD and email to: AMOC@faa.gov. Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the responsible Flight Standards Office.

(2) *Contacting the Manufacturer:* For any requirement in this AD to obtain instructions from a manufacturer, the instructions must be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, AIR–520, Continued Operational Safety Branch, FAA; or EASA; or Airbus SAS’s EASA Design Organization Approval (DOA). If approved by the DOA, the approval must include the DOA-authorized signature.

(3) *Required for Compliance (RC):* Except as required by paragraphs (i) and (j)(2) of this AD, if any material contains procedures or tests that are identified as RC, those procedures and tests must be done to comply with this AD; any procedures or tests that are not identified as RC are recommended. Those procedures and tests that are not identified as RC may be deviated from using accepted methods in accordance with the operator’s maintenance or inspection program without obtaining approval of an AMOC, provided the procedures and tests identified as RC can be done and the airplane can be put back in an airworthy condition. Any substitutions or changes to procedures or tests identified as RC require approval of an AMOC.

(k) Additional Information

For more information about this AD, contact Dan Rodina, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone 206–231–3225; email dan.rodina@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 this AD specifies otherwise.

(i) European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2024–0162, dated August 20, 2024.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For EASA material identified in this AD, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +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.

(4) You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational

Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206–231–3195.

(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 March 6, 2025.

Peter A. White,

Deputy Director, Integrated Certificate Management Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 660

[RTID 0648–XE531]

Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Amendment 23 to the Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery Management Plan

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Announcement of availability of an amendment to a fishery management plan; announcement of availability of a draft environmental assessment; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council has submitted Amendment 23 to the Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for review by the Secretary of Commerce. If approved, Amendment 23 would implement a revised rebuilding plan for the northern subpopulation of Pacific sardine. This proposed amendment is intended to promote the goals and objectives of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act or MSA), the CPS FMP, and other applicable laws. NMFS will consider public comments in deciding whether to approve, disapprove, or partially approve Amendment 23. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, NMFS also announces the availability of a draft environmental assessment that analyzes the potential effects of the associated proposed amendment.

DATES: Comments must be received by May 12, 2025 to be considered in the

decision whether to approve, disapprove, or partially approve Amendment 23.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this document, identified by NOAA–NMFS–2024–0143, by the following method:

- **Electronic Submissions:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and enter NOAA–NMFS–2024–0143 in the Search box. Click the “Comment” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

Instructions: Comments must be submitted by the above method to ensure that the comments are received, documented, and considered by NMFS. Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on <https://www.regulations.gov> without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.) submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive or protected information. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). Please specify whether the comments provided are associated with the proposed amendment, draft environmental assessment, or other supporting documents.

Electronic Access

This action is accessible via the internet on the Office of the Federal Register website at <https://www.federalregister.gov/>. Additionally, background information and documents are available on the Pacific Fishery Management Council’s website at <https://www.pcouncil.org/fishery-management-plan-and-amendments/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Katie Davis, Sustainable Fisheries Division, NMFS, (323) 372–2126 katie.davis@noaa.gov; or Katrina Bernaus, Staff Officer, Pacific Fishery Management Council, (503) 820–2420, katrina.bernaus@pcouncil.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CPS fishery in the U.S. exclusive economic zone off the west coast is managed under the CPS FMP. The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) developed the CPS FMP pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*). The Secretary of Commerce approved the CPS FMP and

implemented the provisions of the plan through regulations at 50 CFR part 660, subpart I. Species managed under the CPS FMP include Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, jack mackerel, northern anchovy, market squid, and krill.

The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires each regional fishery management council to submit any amendment to an FMP to NMFS for review and approval, disapproval, or partial approval. The Magnuson-Stevens Act also requires that NMFS, upon receiving an amendment to an FMP, immediately publish notification in the **Federal Register** that the amendment is available for public review and comment. This notification announces that the proposed Amendment 23 to the CPS FMP and a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for public review and comment. The draft EA for this action is provided as a joint NEPA and MSA analysis, assessing the environmental impacts of the proposed action and its reasonable alternatives (the NEPA analysis), and analysis of how the alternatives align with the 10 National Standards in the MSA (the MSA analysis). NMFS will consider the public comments received during the comment period described above in determining whether to approve, disapprove, or partially approve Amendment 23.

Background

In June 2019, NMFS declared the northern subpopulation of Pacific sardine (hereafter, Pacific sardine) overfished. This determination was based on the results of an April 2019 stock assessment, which indicated that the biomass of Pacific sardine had dropped below the overfished threshold of 50,000 metric tons (mt), as defined in the CPS FMP. The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires that NMFS and the Council prepare and implement a rebuilding plan for a stock that is overfished within 2 years of a stock being declared overfished. In June 2021, the Council recommended and NMFS implemented a Pacific sardine rebuilding plan as Amendment 18 to the CPS FMP (86 FR 33142, June 14, 2021).

The purpose of this FMP amendment is to revise the rebuilding plan for Pacific sardine to rely on ABCs/ACLs to achieve the rebuilding target in compliance with a Court order in *Oceana v. Raimondo et al.*, No. 5:21–cv–05407–VKD (Northern District of California, filed July 14, 2021). The rebuilding target for Pacific sardine is 150,000 mt age 1+ biomass, the minimum time to rebuild is 12 years (T_{MIN}), and the maximum time for

rebuilding is 24 years (T_{MAX}). The CPS FMP already dictates a management framework that is precautionary, including prohibiting the directed commercial fishery when the biomass is below 150,000 mt.

At its November 2024 meeting, the Council considered six alternatives to revise the Pacific sardine rebuilding plan. The primary change from the alternatives considered for Amendment 18 is the addition of reasonable alternatives that would implement specific ACLs based on amounts analyzed in support of the Amendment 18 rebuilding plan. A discussion of the six alternatives and their relative impacts on the natural and human environment as a result of this action is provided in the draft EA.

The Council recommended Alternative 6—Mixed Rate U.S. Harvest—as their final preferred alternative (FPA). Under Alternative 6, an ACL would be set conditional upon certain tiered biomass levels, allowing the ACL to adjust based on the status of the stock.

Under 50,000 mt (Overfished Status)

If the age 1+ biomass is 50,000 mt or less in a given fishing year, the ACL for that year would be set at 2,200 mt or the calculated ABC, whichever is less.

Over 50,000 mt (Rebuilding Status)

If the age 1+ biomass is greater than 50,000 mt but less than 150,000 mt (rebuilding target) in a given fishing year, the ACL would be set at 5 percent of the age 1+ biomass for that year or the calculated ABC, whichever is less.

Alternative 6 is expected to provide stability for ongoing live bait, minor directed, and incidental fisheries at low stock biomass levels, while allowing flexibility for the ACL to increase if and when stock biomass increases.

The Council also considered whether T_{TARGET} (the specified time period for rebuilding the stock), which was 14 years under Amendment 18, had changed, given their final preferred rebuilding strategy. Alternative 6 is expected to rebuild within 17 years. Given this FPA, the Council selected a resulting T_{TARGET} of 17 years to reach the target rebuilding biomass level of 150,000 mt. This T_{TARGET} was determined to be the shortest time possible to rebuild the stock, taking into account the biology of the stock, the needs of fishing communities, and the interaction of the stock within the marine ecosystem.

Summary of Proposed Changes to the Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery Management Plan

Amendment 23 would revise the Pacific sardine rebuilding plan in section 4.5 of the CPS FMP to update the T_{TARGET} and include the proposed

ACLs for Pacific sardine (as detailed in the previous section of this notification). There are no implementing regulations associated with Amendment 23; therefore, NMFS will not promulgate proposed and final rules to implement this amendment.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: March 7, 2025.

Karen H. Abrams,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

2030 Census Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of meeting cancellation.

SUMMARY: The 2030 Census Advisory Committee (2030 CAC) meeting previously scheduled for April 3–4, 2025, is cancelled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shana Banks, Advisory Committee Branch Chief, Office of Program, Performance and Stakeholder Integration (PPSI), shana.j.banks@census.gov, Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, telephone 301–763–3815. For TTY callers, please use the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339.

Ron Jarmin, Acting Director, Census Bureau, approved the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 6, 2025.

Shannon Wink,

Program Analyst, Policy Coordination Office, U.S. Census Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XE661]

Permanent Advisory Committee To Advise the U.S. Commissioners to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission; Meeting Announcement

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces a public meeting of the Permanent Advisory Committee (PAC) to advise the U.S. Commissioners to the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC) on May 28, 2025. Meeting topics are provided under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

DATES: The meeting of the PAC will be held via web conference on May 28, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (HST) (or until business is concluded). Members of the public may submit written comments on meeting topics or materials; comments must be received by May 21, 2025.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be conducted via web conference. For details on how to call in to the web conference or to submit comments, please contact Katrina Poremba, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office; telephone: 808–725–5096; email: katrina.porembas@noaa.gov.

Documents to be considered by the PAC will be sent out via email in advance of the conference call. Please submit contact information to Katrina Poremba (telephone: 808–725–5096; email: katrina.poremba@noaa.gov) at least 7 days in advance of the call to receive documents via email. The audio portion of this meeting may be recorded for the purposes of generating notes of the meeting. As public comments will be made publicly available, participants and public commenters are urged not to provide personally identifiable information (PII) at this meeting. Participation in the meeting by web conference, or by telephone, constitutes consent to the audio recording.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katrina Poremba, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office; 1845 Wasp Blvd., Bldg. 176, Honolulu, HI 96818; telephone: 808–725–5096; email: katrina.poremba@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act (16 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*), the PAC has been formed to advise the U.S. Commissioners to the WCPFC. The PAC is composed of: (i) no less than 15 nor more than 20 individuals appointed by the Secretary of Commerce in consultation with the U.S. Commissioners to the WCPFC; (ii) the

chair of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council's Advisory Committee (or the chair's designee); and (iii) officials from the fisheries management authorities of American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands (or their designees). The PAC supports the work of the U.S. National Section to the WCPFC in an advisory capacity. The U.S. National Section is made up of the U.S. Commissioners, the Department of State, and the U.S. head of delegation. NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office provides administrative and technical support to the PAC in cooperation with the Department of State. More information on the WCPFC, established under the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean, can be found on the WCPFC website: <http://www.wcpfc.int>.

Meeting Topics

The purpose of the May 28, 2025 meeting is to discuss outcomes of the 21st Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC21) and U.S. objectives leading up to the 22nd Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC22) and its Subsidiary Body Meetings. There will also be an opportunity for the U.S. Participating Territories (American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) to present their priority issues to the U.S. Commissioners.

Special Accommodations

The web conference is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Katrina Poremba at pir.wcpfc@noaa.gov or 808–725–5096 by May 21, 2025.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 6902 *et seq.*

Dated: March 7, 2025.

Karen H. Abrams,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2025-OS-0008]

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces Proposed Rules Changes

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of proposed changes to the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

SUMMARY: This notice announces proposed changes to the Rules of Practice and Procedure, United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. Although these rules of practice and procedure fall within the Administrative Procedure Act's exemptions for notice and comment, the Department, as a matter of policy, has decided to make these changes available for public review and comment before they are implemented.

DATES: Comments on the proposed changes must be received by April 11, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov.
• Mail: Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency, Regulatory Directorate, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Attn: Mailbox 24, Suite 05F16, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at http://www.regulations.gov as they are received without change, including personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Malcolm H. Squires, Jr., Clerk of the Court, telephone (202) 761-1448.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces the following proposed changes to Rules 19, 21(b), 21A(c), 24, 26(f), 36(b), 37 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

Dated: March 7, 2025.

Aaron T. Siegel, Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

Rule 19

Rule 19—Time Limits—currently reads:

(a) Petition for Grant of Review/Supplement/Answer/Reply:

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(5) Filing of Petitions.

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(C) Grostefon Issues. Issues raised pursuant to United States v. Grostefon, 12 M.J. 431 (C.M.A. 1982), if not raised earlier, may be presented to the Court by motion filed pursuant to Rule 30(a) no later than thirty days following the filing of the supplement to the petition.

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(b) Certificate for Review/Brief/Answer/Reply:

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(3) Other Cases. In all other cases involving a decision by a Court of Criminal Appeals, a certificate for review filed by the Judge Advocate General must be filed either: (a) no later than sixty days after the date of the Court of Criminal Appeals' decision (see Rules 22, 34(a)); or (b) no later than thirty days after a petition for grant of review is granted. In cases that involve both granted and certified issues, the Clerk may establish a consolidated briefing schedule for all issues. In cases that involve only certified issue(s), an appellant's brief must be filed in accordance with Rule 24 no later than thirty days after the Clerk issues a notice that the certificate for review was docketed. An appellee's answer must be filed no later than thirty days after an appellant's brief is filed. The appellant may file a reply no later than fourteen days after the appellee's answer is filed.

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(f) Petition for New Trial. When a petition for new trial is filed with the Court in a case pending before the Court, a brief in support thereof, unless expressly incorporated in the petition, must be filed no later than thirty days after the Clerk issues a notice that the petition was filed. The appellee may file an answer no later than thirty days after the appellant's brief is filed. The appellant may file a reply no later than fourteen days after the appellee's answer is filed. See Rule 29.

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The proposed change to Rule 19 would read:

(a) Petition for Grant of Review/Supplement/Answer/Reply:

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(5) Filing of Petitions.

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(C) Grostefon Issues. Issues raised pursuant to United States v. Grostefon, 12 M.J. 431 (C.M.A. 1982), if not raised earlier, may be presented to the Court by motion filed pursuant to Rule 30(a) no later than twenty-eight days following the filing of the supplement to the petition.

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(b) Certificate for Review/Brief/Answer/Reply:

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(3) Other Cases. In all other cases involving a decision by a Court of Criminal Appeals, a certificate for review filed by the Judge Advocate General must be filed either: (a) no later than sixty days after the date of the Court of Criminal Appeals' decision (see Rules 22, 34(a)); or (b) no later than thirty days after a petition for grant of review is granted. In cases that involve both granted and certified issues, the Clerk may establish a consolidated briefing schedule for all issues. In cases that involve only certified issue(s), an appellant's brief must be filed in accordance with Rule 24 no later than twenty-eight days after the Clerk issues a notice that the certificate for review was docketed. An appellee's answer must be filed no later than twenty-eight days after an appellant's brief is filed. The appellant may file a reply no later than fourteen days after the appellee's answer is filed.

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(f) Petition for New Trial. When a petition for new trial is filed with the Court in a case pending before the Court, a brief in support thereof, unless expressly incorporated in the petition, must be filed no later than twenty-eight days after the Clerk issues a notice that the petition was filed. The appellee may file an answer no later than twenty-eight days after the appellant's brief is filed. The appellant may file a reply no later than fourteen days after the appellee's answer is filed. See Rule 29.

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Comment: Instances of a thirty-day time scheme have been changed to adhere to the twenty-eight-day time scheme found throughout the rest of the Rules.

Rule 21(b)

Rule 21(b)—Supplement to Petition for Grant of Review—currently reads:

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(b) The supplement to the petition must be filed in accordance with the applicable time limit set forth in Rule 19(a)(5), must include an Appendix containing an official copy of the

decision of the Court of Criminal Appeals, and must conform to the provisions of Rules 35A and 37. Unless authorized by Order of the Court or by motion of a party granted by the Court, the supplement and any answer thereto may not exceed 9,000 words. Any reply to the answer may not exceed 4,500 words. The supplement must contain:

(5) A direct and concise argument showing why there is good cause to grant the petition, demonstrating with particularity why the errors assigned are materially prejudicial to the substantial rights of the appellant. Where applicable, the supplement to the petition must indicate whether the court below has:

(D) decided the validity of a provision of the UCMJ or other act of Congress, the Manual for Courts-Martial, United States, a service regulation, a rule of court or a custom of the service the validity of which was directly drawn into question in that court;

(6) A supplement submitted under this Rule must include a certificate stating that the number of words in the supplement complies with the applicable type-volume limitations of this Rule and Rule 37. The person preparing the certificate may rely on the word count of the word-processing system used to prepare the supplement. The certificate must state the number of words in the supplement. Headings, footnotes, and quotations count toward the word limitation. The index, table of cases, statutes, and other relevant authorities, the appendix and any certificates of counsel do not count toward the limitation

The proposed change to Rule 21(b) would read:

(b) The supplement to the petition must be filed in accordance with the applicable time limit set forth in Rule 19(a)(5), must include an Appendix containing an official copy of the decision of the Court of Criminal Appeals, and must conform to the provisions of Rules 35A and 37. Unless authorized by Order of the Court or by motion of a party granted by the Court, the supplement and any answer thereto may not exceed 9,000 words. Any reply to the answer may not exceed 4,500 words. The supplement must contain:

(5) A direct and concise argument showing why there is good cause to grant the petition, demonstrating with

particularity why the errors assigned are materially prejudicial to the substantial rights of the appellant. Where applicable, the supplement to the petition must indicate whether the court below has:

(D) decided the validity of a provision of the Constitution, the UCMJ or other act of Congress, the Manual for Courts-Martial, United States, a service regulation, a rule of court or a custom of the service the validity of which was directly drawn into question in that court;

(6) A supplement submitted under this Rule must include a certificate stating that the number of words in the supplement complies with the applicable type-volume limitations of this Rule and Rule 37. Headings, footnotes, and quotations count toward the word limitation. The index, table of cases, statutes, and other relevant authorities, the appendix and any certificates of counsel do not count toward the limitation

Comment: "the Constitution" has been added to subsection (D), and the text that discusses the word count in Rule 21(b)(6) has been removed and placed in a new subsection of Rule 37, which stipulates style requirements.

Rules 21A(c)

Rule 21A(c)—Submissions under United States v. Grostefon—currently reads:

(c) Grostefon issues raised within thirty days of the filing of the supplement under Rule 19(a)(5)(C) are subject to and included within the fifteen-page limit in Rule 21A(a). An appellee's answer to Grostefon issues may be filed no later than twenty days after the filing of such issues.

The proposed change to Rule 21A(c) would read:

(c) Grostefon issues raised within twenty-eight days of the filing of the supplement under Rule 19(a)(5)(C) are subject to and included within the fifteen-page limit in Rule 21A(a). An appellee's answer to Grostefon issues may be filed no later than twenty-one days after the filing of such issues.

Comment: Instances of a thirty-day time scheme and a twenty-day time scheme have been changed to adhere to the twenty-eight-day and twenty-one-day time scheme found throughout the rest of the Rules.

Rule 24

Rule 24—Form, Content, and Type-Volume Limitations—currently reads:

(a) Form and Content. All briefs will conform to the printing, copying, and style requirements of Rule 37, be legible, and be substantially as follows:

Relevant Authorities

[The constitutional provisions, treaties, statutes, rules, ordinances, and regulations involved in the case, set out verbatim with appropriate citation. If the provisions involved are lengthy, their citation alone suffices at this point, and their pertinent text shall be set out in an appendix to the brief.]

(c) Certificate of Compliance. A brief submitted under Rule 24(b) must include a certificate stating that the number of words in the brief complies with the applicable type-volume limitations of this Rule and Rule 37. The person preparing the certificate may rely on the word count of the word-processing system used to prepare the brief. The certificate must state the number of words in the brief.

The proposed change to Rule 24 would read:

(a) Form and Content. All briefs will conform to the printing, copying, and style requirements of Rule 37, be legible, and be substantially as follows:

Relevant Authorities

[The constitutional provisions, treaties, statutes, rules, ordinances, and regulations involved in the case, set out verbatim with appropriate citation. Alternatively, if a citation of the provision alone suffices at this point, the provision's pertinent text may be subsequently set out in an appendix to the brief. All citations must adhere to the specifications set forth in Rule 36B.]

(c) Certificate of Compliance. A brief submitted under Rule 24(b) must include a certificate stating that the number of words in the brief complies with the applicable type-volume limitations of this Rule and Rule 37.

Comment: The "Relevant Authorities" section of Rule 24(a) has been revised to remove confusion of what constitutes "lengthy" and when an appendix for relevant authorities may be added to the brief. A cross reference to Rule 36B has been added to the end of the finalized version of the "Relevant Authorities" section to ensure that references to the UCMJ cite the relevant version of the statute, rule, or other provision, by date.

The text that discusses the word count in Rule 24(c) has been removed and placed in a new subsection of Rule 37, which stipulates style requirements.

Rule 26(f)

Rule 26(f)—Amicus Curiae Briefs—currently reads:

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(f) Except for good cause shown, a brief of an amicus curiae may be no more than one-half the maximum length authorized by Rule 24 for a brief of an appellant/petitioner. If the Court grants a party permission to file a longer brief, that does not affect the maximum length of an amicus curiae brief.

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The proposed change to Rule 26(f) would read:

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(f) Except for good cause shown, a brief of an amicus curiae may be no more than one-half the maximum length authorized by Rule 24 for a brief of an appellant/petitioner. If the Court grants a party permission to file a longer brief, that does not affect the maximum length of an amicus curiae brief. A brief submitted under this Rule must include a certificate stating that the number of words in the brief complies with the applicable type-volume limitations of this Rule and Rule 37.

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Comment: Language incorporating the new subsection, Rule 37(d), which discusses word count, has been added to this Rule for amicus curiae briefs.

Rule 36(b)

Rule 36(b)—Filing of Pleadings—currently reads:

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(b) Electronic Filing

(1) If the petition for grant of review and the supplement to the petition for grant of review are filed electronically, an appendix to the supplement (containing the decision of the Court of Criminal Appeals, matters submitted pursuant to *United States v. Grostefon*, 12 M.J. 431 (C.M.A. 1982), and other required matter) must also be filed electronically. Record matters in the form of video media on CD-ROM or DVD may be submitted in a separate volume of the appendix that is filed in accordance with Rule 21(b).

(2) The joint appendix to the brief, to include copies, must be filed both in paper form and must also be filed electronically. See Rule 24. Audio and video recordings are exempt from this paper requirement for the joint appendix to the brief. If the appellant or petitioner files the brief electronically,

the joint appendix must be filed on the same day the brief is filed.

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The proposed changes to Rule 36(b) would read:

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(b) Electronic Filing

(1) If the petition for grant of review and the supplement to the petition for grant of review are filed electronically, an appendix to the supplement (containing the decision of the Court of Criminal Appeals, matters submitted pursuant to *United States v. Grostefon*, 12 M.J. 431 (C.M.A. 1982), and other required matter) must also be filed electronically.

(2) The joint appendix to the brief must be filed in paper form and must also be filed electronically. See Rule 24. Record matters in the form of video and audio media on CD-ROM or DVD shall be submitted in a separate volume of the appendix that is filed in accordance with Rule 21(b). If the appellant or petitioner files the brief electronically, the joint appendix must be filed on the same day the brief is filed.

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Comment: The sentence regarding “record matters” in 36(b)(1) is better placed in 36(b)(2). The sentence stating the exemption for CDs or DVDs in Rule 36(b)(2) seems unnecessary and has been deleted.

Rule 37

Rule 37—Printing, Copying, and Style Requirements—currently reads:

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(c) Style.

(1) All pleadings that consist of ten or more pages must be preceded by a subject index of the matter contained therein, with page references, and a table of cases (alphabetically arranged with citations), statutes, and other authorities cited, referencing the pages cited.

(2) Citations must conform with *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation*.

(3) All references to the record of trial must include page numbers or exhibit designations, as appropriate.

(4) No pleading or other paper filed with the Court may incorporate by reference any material from any other source.

The proposed change to Rule 37 would read:

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(c) Style.

(1) All pleadings that consist of ten or more pages must be preceded by a subject index of the matter contained therein, with page references, and a table of cases (alphabetically arranged

with citations), statutes, and other authorities cited, referencing the pages cited.

(2) Citations must conform with *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation*.

(3) All references to the record of trial must include page numbers or exhibit designations, as appropriate.

(4) No pleading or other paper filed with the Court may incorporate by reference any material from any other source.

(d) Word Count. The person preparing the certificate may rely on the word count of the word-processing system used to prepare the pleading. The certificate must state the number of words in the pleading.

Comment: A new subsection of Rule 37, 37(d), has been added to discuss word count requirements.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Idaho Cleanup Project

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an in-person/virtual hybrid meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Idaho Cleanup Project (ICP). The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, April 17, 2025; 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. MDT.

ADDRESSES: Residence Inn, 635 W Broadway, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402. This meeting will be open to the public in-person at the Residence Inn and virtually via Zoom. To attend virtually, please contact Danielle Miller, ICP Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Administrator, by email at millerdc@id.doe.gov or phone (208) 526–5709, no later than 5 p.m. MDT on Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Danielle Miller, ICP CAB Administrator, by email at millerdc@id.doe.gov or phone (208) 526–5709 or visit the Board’s internet homepage at <https://energy.gov/em/icpcab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to provide advice and recommendations concerning the

following EM site-specific issues: clean-up activities and environmental restoration; waste and nuclear materials management and disposition; excess facilities; future land use and long-term stewardship. The Board may also be asked to provide advice and recommendations on any EM program components.

Tentative Agenda (agenda topics may change up to the day of the meeting; please contact Danielle Miller for the most current agenda):

1. Recent Public Outreach
2. ICP Progress Update
3. Program Presentations to the Board
4. ICP CAB Recommendation Discussion

Public Participation: The in-person/online virtual hybrid meeting is open to the public in-person at the Residence Inn and via Zoom. To sign-up for public comment, please contact the ICP CAB Administrator (above) no later than 5 p.m. MDT on Tuesday, April 15, 2025. In addition to participation in the live public comment sessions identified above, written statements may be filed with the Board either five days before or five days after the meeting by sending them to the ICP CAB Administrator at the aforementioned email address. Written public comment received prior to the meeting will be read into the record. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Danielle Miller, ICP Administrator, phone (208) 526-5709 or email millerdc@id.doe.gov. Minutes will also be available at the following website: <https://www.energy.gov/em/icpcab/listings/cab-meetings>.

Signing Authority: This document of the Department of Energy was signed on March 6, 2025, by David Borak, Committee Management Officer, pursuant to delegated authority from the 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 March 7, 2025.

Jennifer Hartzell,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

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

Docket Numbers: EC25-62-000.

Applicants: Anahau Energy, LLC.

Description: Application for

Authorization Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act of Anahau Energy, LLC.

Filed Date: 3/6/25.

Accession Number: 20250306-5149.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.

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

Docket Numbers: EG25-185-000.

Applicants: Yaupon Solar, LLC.

Description: Yaupon Solar, LLC

submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 3/6/25.

Accession Number: 20250306-5048.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25-186-000.

Applicants: Cherrywood Solar I, LLC.

Description: Cherrywood Solar I, LLC

submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 3/6/25.

Accession Number: 20250306-5073.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25-187-000.

Applicants: Yaupon Solar Energy

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

Filed Date: 3/6/25.

Accession Number: 20250306-5120.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25-188-000.

Applicants: Crane ProjectCo 1, LLC.

Description: Crane ProjectCo 1, LLC

submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 3/6/25.

Accession Number: 20250306-5179.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25-189-000.

Applicants: Crane ProjectCo 2, LLC.

Description: Crane ProjectCo 2, LLC

submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 3/6/25.

Accession Number: 20250306-5180.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25-190-000.

Applicants: Crane ProjectCo 3, LLC.

Description: Crane ProjectCo 3, LLC

submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 3/6/25.

Accession Number: 20250306-5181.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25-191-000.

Applicants: Crane ProjectCo 4, LLC.

Description: Crane ProjectCo 4, LLC

submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 3/6/25.

Accession Number: 20250306-5183.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25-192-000.

Applicants: Crane ProjectCo 5, LLC.

Description: Crane ProjectCo 5, LLC

submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 3/6/25.

Accession Number: 20250306-5185.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25-193-000.

Applicants: Crane ProjectCo 6, LLC.

Description: Crane ProjectCo 6, LLC

submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 3/6/25.

Accession Number: 20250306-5186.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25-194-000.

Applicants: Crane ProjectCo 7, LLC.

Description: Crane ProjectCo 7, LLC

submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 3/6/25.

Accession Number: 20250306-5187.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25-195-000.

Applicants: Crane ProjectCo 8, LLC.

Description: Crane ProjectCo 8, LLC

submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 3/6/25.

Accession Number: 20250306-5188.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25-196-000.

Applicants: Mendoza Trail BESS,

LLC.

Description: Mendoza Trail BESS,

LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 3/6/25.

Accession Number: 20250306-5189.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.

Docket Numbers: EG25-197-000.

Applicants: Headcamp ProjectCo 1,

LLC.

Description: Headcamp ProjectCo 1,

LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 3/6/25.

Accession Number: 20250306–5190.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.
Docket Numbers: EG25–198–000.
Applicants: Headcamp ProjectCo 2, LLC.
Description: Headcamp ProjectCo 2, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.
Filed Date: 3/6/25.
Accession Number: 20250306–5193.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.
Docket Numbers: EG25–199–000.
Applicants: Headcamp ProjectCo 3, LLC.
Description: Headcamp ProjectCo 3, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.
Filed Date: 3/6/25.
Accession Number: 20250306–5194.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.
Docket Numbers: EG25–200–000.
Applicants: Headcamp ProjectCo 4, LLC.
Description: Headcamp ProjectCo 4, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.
Filed Date: 3/6/25.
Accession Number: 20250306–5196.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.
Docket Numbers: EG25–201–000.
Applicants: Headcamp ProjectCo 5, LLC.
Description: Headcamp ProjectCo 5, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.
Filed Date: 3/6/25.
Accession Number: 20250306–5198.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.
Docket Numbers: EG25–202–000.
Applicants: Headcamp ProjectCo 6, LLC.
Description: Headcamp ProjectCo 6, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.
Filed Date: 3/6/25.
Accession Number: 20250306–5199.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.
Docket Numbers: EG25–203–000.
Applicants: Momentum Headcamp LLC.
Description: Momentum Headcamp LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.
Filed Date: 3/6/25.
Accession Number: 20250306–5200.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.
Docket Numbers: EG25–204–000.
Applicants: Pintail Pass BESS LLC.
Description: Pintail Pass BESS LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.
Filed Date: 3/6/25.
Accession Number: 20250306–5201.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.
Docket Numbers: EG25–205–000.
Applicants: Pintail Pass ProjectCo1, LLC.

Description: Pintail Pass ProjectCo1, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.
Filed Date: 3/6/25.
Accession Number: 20250306–5202.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.
Docket Numbers: EG25–206–000.
Applicants: Pintail Pass ProjectCo 2, LLC.
Description: Pintail Pass ProjectCo 2, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.
Filed Date: 3/6/25.
Accession Number: 20250306–5206.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.
Docket Numbers: EG25–207–000.
Applicants: Pintail Pass ProjectCo 3, LLC.
Description: Pintail Pass ProjectCo 3, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.
Filed Date: 3/6/25.
Accession Number: 20250306–5208.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.
Docket Numbers: EG25–208–000.
Applicants: Pintail Pass ProjectCo 4, LLC.
Description: Pintail Pass ProjectCo 4, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.
Filed Date: 3/6/25.
Accession Number: 20250306–5210.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.
Docket Numbers: EG25–209–000.
Applicants: Pintail Pass ProjectCo 5, LLC.
Description: Pintail Pass ProjectCo 5, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.
Filed Date: 3/6/25.
Accession Number: 20250306–5211.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.
Docket Numbers: EG25–210–000.
Applicants: Pintail Pass ProjectCo 6, LLC.
Description: Pintail Pass ProjectCo 6, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.
Filed Date: 3/6/25.
Accession Number: 20250306–5215.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.
Docket Numbers: EG25–211–000.
Applicants: Pintail Pass ProjectCo 7, LLC.
Description: Pintail Pass ProjectCo 7, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.
Filed Date: 3/6/25.
Accession Number: 20250306–5217.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.
Docket Numbers: EG25–212–000.
Applicants: Pintail Pass ProjectCo 8, LLC.
Description: Pintail Pass ProjectCo 8, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.
Filed Date: 3/6/25.

Accession Number: 20250306–5222.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.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.

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, community organizations, 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: March 6, 2025.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP25–83–000]

Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline; Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC

Take notice that on February 25, 2025, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia Gas), 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 1300, Houston, Texas 77002–2700, filed in the above referenced docket, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.208 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Columbia Gas' blanket certificate issued in Docket

No. CP82-76-000, for authorization to construct and operate a new booster compressor station and appurtenant facilities in Ottawa County, Ohio (D74 Booster Compressor Project). The project will allow Columbia Gas to increase the delivery capacity on Line D74 and connecting pipelines by 10,843 dekatherms per day. Columbia Gas states that the booster station will not provide mainline compression and it will not impact Columbia Gas' overall mainline capacity, but that the additional compression is necessary to align its pipeline system with evolving customer demands. The estimated cost for the project is \$16,000,000, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>). From the Commission's Home Page on the internet, this information is available on eLibrary. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field.

User assistance is available for eLibrary and the Commission's website during normal business hours from FERC Online Support at (202) 502-6652 (toll free at 1-866-208-3676) or email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or the Public Reference Room at (202) 502-8371, TTY (202) 502-8659. Email the Public Reference Room at public.referenceroom@ferc.gov.

Any questions concerning this request should be directed to David A. Alonzo, Manager of Project Authorizations, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 1300, Houston, Texas 77002-2700, at (832) 320-5477 or by email to david_alonzo@tcenergy.com.

Public Participation

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file a protest to the project, you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding, and you can file comments on the project. There is no fee or cost for filing protests, motions to intervene, or comments. The deadline for filing protests, motions to intervene, and comments is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 5, 2025. How to

file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

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, community organizations, 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.

Protests

Pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's regulations under the NGA,¹ any person² or the Commission's staff may file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed or if a protest is filed and then withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request for authorization will be considered by the Commission.

Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 157.205(e) of the Commission's regulations,³ and must be submitted by the protest deadline, which is May 5, 2025. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the protestor states it also seeks to be an intervenor.

Interventions

Any person has the option to file a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to request rehearing of Commission orders issued in this proceeding and to subsequently challenge the Commission's orders in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal.

To intervene, you must submit a motion to intervene to the Commission in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure⁴ and the regulations under the NGA⁵ by the intervention deadline for the project, which is May 5, 2025. As described further in Rule 214, your motion to intervene must state, to the

extent known, your position regarding the proceeding, as well as your interest in the proceeding. For an individual, this could include your status as a landowner, ratepayer, resident of an impacted community, or recreationist. You do not need to have property directly impacted by the project in order to intervene. For more information about motions to intervene, refer to the FERC website at <https://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp>.

All timely, unopposed motions to intervene are automatically granted by operation of Rule 214(c)(1). Motions to intervene that are filed after the intervention deadline are untimely and may be denied. Any late-filed motion to intervene must show good cause for being late and must explain why the time limitation should be waived and provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies (paper or electronic) of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties.

Comments

Any person wishing to comment on the project may do so. The Commission considers all comments received about the project in determining the appropriate action to be taken. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments on or before May 5, 2025. The filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. To become a party, you must intervene in the proceeding.

How To File Protests, Interventions, and Comments

There are two ways to submit protests, motions to intervene, and comments. In both instances, please reference the Project docket number CP25-83-000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your protest, motion to intervene, and comments by using the Commission's eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select "General" and then select "Protest", "Intervention", or "Comment on a Filing"; or⁶

¹ 18 CFR 157.205.

² Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

³ 18 CFR 157.205(e).

⁴ 18 CFR 385.214.

⁵ 18 CFR 157.10.

⁶ Additionally, you may file your comments electronically by using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's website at www.ferc.gov under the link to Documents and Filings. Using eComment is an easy method for

(2) You can file a paper copy of your submission by mailing it to the address below. Your submission must reference the Project docket number CP25–83–000.

To file via USPS: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

To file via any other method: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The Commission encourages electronic filing of submissions (option 1 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

Protests and motions to intervene must be served on the applicant either by mail at: David A. Alonzo, Manager of Project Authorizations, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 1300, Houston, Texas 77002–2700, or by email (with a link to the document) to david_alonzo@tcenergy.com. Any subsequent submissions by an intervenor must be served on the applicant and all other parties to the proceeding. Contact information for parties can be downloaded from the service list at the eService link on FERC Online.

Tracking the Proceeding

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Dated: March 6, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #2

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

Docket Numbers: ER25–785–001.
Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: Compliance filing; Compliance Filing in ER25–785 to be effective 2/21/2025.

Filed Date: 3/6/25.

Accession Number: 20250306–5218.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–1517–000.

Applicants: Walnut Bend Solar LLC.

Description: Tariff Amendment; Notice of Cancellation of Market-Based Rate Tariff to be effective 3/31/2025.

Filed Date: 3/6/25.

Accession Number: 20250306–5000.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–1520–000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing; Original NSA, Service Agreement No. 7608; Project Identifier No. AC1–189 to be effective 5/6/2025.

Filed Date: 3/6/25.

Accession Number: 20250306–5066.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–1522–000.

Applicants: SR Arlington II MT, LLC.

Description: Tariff Amendment; Notice of Cancellation of Market-Based Rate Tariff to be effective 3/7/2025.

Filed Date: 3/6/25.

Accession Number: 20250306–5111.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–1523–000.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing; Revisions to Short-Term Service System Impact Studies (RR 643) to be effective 5/6/2025.

Filed Date: 3/6/25.

Accession Number: 20250306–5203.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–1524–000.

Applicants: ISO New England Inc., NSTAR Electric Company.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing; ISO New England Inc. submits tariff filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii); ISO–NE and NSTAR; Local Service Agreement No. TSA–NU–50 to be effective 5/6/2025.

Filed Date: 3/6/25.

Accession Number: 20250306–5205.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–1525–000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing; Proposal to Extend Demand Resource Availability Window to be effective 5/6/2025.

Filed Date: 3/6/25.

Accession Number: 20250306–5209.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–1526–000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing; Original GIA, Service Agreement No. 7577; AF2–133 to be effective 2/4/2025.

Filed Date: 3/6/25.

Accession Number: 20250306–5221.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/27/25.

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

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Dated: March 6, 2025.

Carlos D. Clay,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2842-046]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment; City of Idaho Falls, Idaho

On December 2, 2024, supplemented on February 7, 2025, the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, licensee for the Idaho Falls Hydroelectric Project, filed an application for a temporary variance from Article 40 of the project license. The project is located on the Snake River in Bonneville County, Idaho, and occupies federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

The licensee is requesting a temporary variance of the required minimum flow to the bypassed reach at the Upper Development Dam #1 under Article 40 of the project license, for the construction of a cofferdam to facilitate maintenance activities on the pelican gates. The variance would entail cessation of the required minimum flows to the bypass reach, of which approximately 1,100 feet would be dewatered from approximately July to early December 2025. The Commission filed the notice of application for filing, soliciting comments, motions to intervene, and protests for this variance request on February 28, 2025. The public comment period will close on March 31, 2025.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the project.¹ Commission staff plans to issue an EA by June 27, 2025. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

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Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Brian Bartos at brian.bartos@ferc.gov or 202-502-6679.

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1741252839.

Dated: March 6, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. AD25-3-000]

Review of Cost Submittals by Other Federal Agencies for Administering Part I of the Federal Power Act; Notice of Technical Conference

In an order issued on October 8, 2004, the Commission set forth a guideline for Other Federal Agencies (OFAs) to submit their costs related to Administering Part I of the Federal Power Act. *Order on Rehearing Consolidating Administrative Annual Charges Bill Appeals and Modifying Annual Charges Billing Procedures*, 109 FERC ¶ 61,040 (2004) (October 8 Order). The Commission required OFAs to submit their costs using the OFA Cost Submission Form. The October 8 Order also announced that a technical conference would be held for the purpose of reviewing the submitted cost forms and detailed supporting documentation.

The Commission will hold a technical conference, via conference call, at the time identified below. The technical conference will address the accepted costs submitted by the OFAs. The purpose of the conference will be for OFAs and licensees to discuss costs reported in the forms and any other supporting documentation or analyses.

The technical conference will also be transcribed. Those interested in obtaining a copy of the transcript immediately for a fee should contact the Ace-Federal Reporters, Inc., at 202-347-3700, or 1-800-336-6646. Two weeks after the post-forum meeting, the transcript will be available for free on the Commission's e-library system. Anyone without access to the Commission's website or who has questions about the technical conference should contact Raven A. Rodriguez at (202) 502-6276 or via email at annualcharges@ferc.gov.

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), (202) 208-8659 (TTY), or send a FAX to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

Technical Conference Call

Date: Thursday, March 20, 2025

Time: 2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. (EST)

Microsoft Teams meeting: Join on your computer, mobile app or room device.

Join the Meeting Now

Meeting ID: 273 090 511 631.

Passcode: r2zg2CX3.

Or call in (audio only): +1 202-984-3352,,525824668# United States, Washington.

Find a local number.

Phone conference ID: 525 824 668#.

Dated: March 6, 2025.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Combined Notice of Filings**

Take notice that the commission received the following Accounting Request filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings*Docket Numbers:* AC25-56-000.

Applicants: Viking Gas Transmission Company.

Description: Viking Gas Transmission Company submits request for approval of certain adjustments to its deferred tax balances due to 100 percent acquisition of Viking Gas Transmission Company by DTM Interstate Transportation LLC, effective 12/31/2024.

Filed Date: 3/3/25.*Accession Number:* 20250303-5292.*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 3/24/25.

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

Docket Numbers: RP25-692-000.

Applicants: Cimarron River Pipeline, LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: 2025 Summer Fuel Reimbursement filing to be effective 4/1/2025.

Filed Date: 3/5/25.*Accession Number:* 20250305-5251.*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 3/17/25.*Docket Numbers:* RP25-693-000.

Applicants: Gulf Shore Energy Partners, LP.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Gulf Shore Limited Section 4 filing to be effective 4/5/2025.

Filed Date: 3/5/25.*Accession Number:* 20250305-5263.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/17/25.

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Filings in Existing Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP25–344–001.

Applicants: ANR Pipeline Company.

Description: Compliance filing: Probability of Default Compliance to be effective 2/6/2025.

Filed Date: 3/6/25.

Accession Number: 20250306–5027.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/18/25.

Docket Numbers: RP25–589–001.

Applicants: Adelphia Gateway, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: Adelphia Gateway Amended Penalty Crediting Report 2025 to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 3/6/25.

Accession Number: 20250306–5044.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/18/25.

Any person desiring to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date.

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

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Dated: March 6, 2025.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP25–79–000; PF24–3–000]

Notice of Application and Establishing Intervention Deadline; ANR Pipeline Company

Take notice that on February 20, 2025, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 1300, Houston, TX 77002–2700, filed an application under sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations requesting authorization for its Heartland Project (Project). The Project consists of: (1) installing approximately 68.9 miles of new pipeline looping; (2) replacing and upsizing of 1.5 miles of existing pipeline, along with restoration of the Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure on this segment; (3) constructing three new greenfield compressor stations (CS) totaling 25,150 horsepower (hp) and installing one 19,500 hp compressor unit at one existing CS; (4) installing two greenfield meter stations (MS) and upgrading/expanding three existing MS; (5) and constructing or modifying other existing appurtenant facilities. The proposed Heartland Project is located in Brown, Racine, Sheboygan, Waukesha, and Winnebago Counties, Wisconsin, and Bureau, Kendall, Kane, McHenry, and Will Counties, Illinois.

The proposed Project will provide up to 473,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of incremental firm transportation capacity to meet market demand for increased natural gas supply in the Midwest United States. ANR estimates the total cost of the Project to be \$902 million and proposes incremental reservation rates to apply to the Project capacity, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>). From the Commission's Home Page on the internet, this information is available on eLibrary.

The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field.

User assistance is available for eLibrary and the Commission's website during normal business hours from FERC Online Support at (202) 502–6652 (toll free at 1–866–208–3676) or email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or the Public Reference Room at (202) 502–8371, TTY (202) 502–8659. Email the Public Reference Room at public.referenceroom@ferc.gov.

Any questions regarding the proposed project should be directed to David A. Alonzo, Manager, Project Authorizations, ANR Pipeline Company, 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 1300, Houston, Texas 77002–2700, by phone at (832) 320–5477, or by email at david_alonzo@tcenergy.com.

On May 2, 2024, the Commission granted the Applicant's request to utilize the National Environmental Policy Act Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF24–3–000 to staff activities involved in the Project. Now, as of the filing of the February 20, 2025 application, the Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP25–79–000 as noted in the caption of this Notice.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,¹ within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental review and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or environmental assessment (EA) for this proposal. The filing of an EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

¹ 18 CFR 157.9.

Water Quality Certification

ANR stated that a water quality certificate under section 401 of the Clean Water Act is required for the project from Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. When available, ANR should submit to the Commission a copy of the request for certification for the Commission authorization, including the date the request was submitted to the certifying agency, and either (1) a copy of the certifying agency's decision or (2) evidence of waiver of water quality certification.

Public Participation

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file comments on the project, you can protest the filing, and you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding. There is no fee or cost for filing comments or intervening. The deadline for filing a motion to intervene is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 27, 2025. How to file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

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Comments

Any person wishing to comment on the project may do so. Comments may include statements of support or objections, to the project as a whole or specific aspects of the project. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be.

Protests

Pursuant to sections 157.10(a)(4)² and 385.211³ of the Commission's regulations under the NGA, any person⁴ may file a protest to the application. Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 385.2001⁵ of the Commission's

regulations. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the protestor states it also seeks to be an intervenor.

To ensure that your comments or protests are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments on or before March 27, 2025.

There are three methods you can use to submit your comments or protests to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the Project docket number CP25-79-000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's website at www.ferc.gov under the link to Documents and Filings. Using eComment is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You may file your comments or protests electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select "General" and then select "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments or protests by mailing them to the following address below. Your written comments must reference the Project docket number (CP25-79-000).
To file via USPS: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

To file via any other courier: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments (options 1 and 2 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

Persons who comment on the environmental review of this project will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, and will receive notification when the environmental documents (EA or EIS) are issued for this project and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process.

The Commission considers all comments received about the project in determining the appropriate action to be taken. *However, the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a*

party to the proceeding. To become a party, you must intervene in the proceeding. For instructions on how to intervene, see below.

Interventions

Any person, which includes individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities,⁶ has the option to file a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to request rehearing of Commission orders issued in this proceeding and to subsequently challenge the Commission's orders in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal.

To intervene, you must submit a motion to intervene to the Commission in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure⁷ and the regulations under the NGA⁸ by the intervention deadline for the project, which is March 27, 2025. As described further in Rule 214, your motion to intervene must state, to the extent known, your position regarding the proceeding, as well as your interest in the proceeding. For an individual, this could include your status as a landowner, ratepayer, resident of an impacted community, or recreationist. You do not need to have property directly impacted by the project in order to intervene. For more information about motions to intervene, refer to the FERC website at <https://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp>.

There are two ways to submit your motion to intervene. In both instances, please reference the Project docket number CP25-79-000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your motion to intervene by using the Commission's eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select "General" and then select "Intervention." The eFiling feature includes a document-less intervention option; for more information, visit <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/document-less-intervention.pdf>; or

(2) You can file a paper copy of your motion to intervene, along with three copies, by mailing the documents to the address below. Your motion to intervene must reference the Project docket number CP25-79-000.

To file via USPS: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy

⁶ 18 CFR 385.102(d).

⁷ 18 CFR 385.214.

⁸ 18 CFR 157.10.

² 18 CFR 157.10(a)(4).

³ 18 CFR 385.211.

⁴ Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

⁵ 18 CFR 385.2001.

Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

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All timely, unopposed⁹ motions to intervene are automatically granted by operation of Rule 214(c)(1).¹⁰ Motions to intervene that are filed after the intervention deadline are untimely, and may be denied. Any late-filed motion to intervene must show good cause for being late and must explain why the time limitation should be waived and provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations.¹¹ A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies (paper or electronic) of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties.

Tracking the Proceeding

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Intervention Deadline: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 27, 2025.

Dated: March 6, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[FR ID: 283803]

Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of a new matching program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended ("Privacy Act"), this document announces a new computer matching program the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission" or "Agency") and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) will conduct with the Department of Veterans Affairs. The purpose of this matching program is to verify the eligibility of applicants to and subscribers of Lifeline, and the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), both of which are administered by USAC under the direction of the FCC. More information about these programs is provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

DATES: Written comments are due on or before April 11, 2025. This computer matching program will commence on April 11, 2025, and will conclude 18 months after the effective date.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Elliot S. Tarloff, FCC, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554, or to Privacy@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elliot S. Tarloff at 202-418-0886 or Privacy@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Lifeline program provides support for discounted broadband and voice services to low-income consumers. Lifeline is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under FCC direction. Consumers qualify for Lifeline through

proof of income or participation in a qualifying program, such as Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), Federal Public Housing Assistance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit, or various Tribal-specific federal assistance programs.

In the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Public Law 116-260, 134 Stat. 1182, 2129-36 (2020), Congress created the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, and directed use of the National Verifier to determine eligibility based on various criteria, including the qualifications for Lifeline (Medicaid, SNAP, etc.). EBBP provided \$3.2 billion in monthly consumer discounts for broadband service and one-time provider reimbursement for a connected device (laptop, desktop computer or tablet). In the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117-58, 135 Stat. 429, 1238-44 (2021) (codified at 47 U.S.C. 1751-52), Congress modified and extended EBBP, provided an additional \$14.2 billion, and renamed it the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). A household may qualify for the ACP benefit under various criteria, including an individual qualifying for the FCC's Lifeline program.

In a Report and Order adopted on March 31, 2016, (81 FR 33026, May 24, 2016) (*2016 Lifeline Modernization Order*), the Commission ordered USAC to create a National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier ("National Verifier"), including the National Lifeline Eligibility Database (LED), that would match data about Lifeline applicants and subscribers with other data sources to verify the eligibility of an applicant or subscriber. The Commission found that the National Verifier would reduce compliance costs for Lifeline service providers, improve service for Lifeline subscribers, and reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in the program.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 directs the FCC to leverage the National Verifier to verify applicants' eligibility for ACP. The purpose of this matching program is to verify the eligibility of Lifeline and ACP applicants and subscribers by determining whether they receive Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension benefits administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Participating Agencies

Department of Veterans Affairs (source agency); Federal Communications Commission (recipient agency) and Universal Service Administrative Company.

⁹The applicant has 15 days from the submittal of a motion to intervene to file a written objection to the intervention.

¹⁰ 18 CFR 385.214(c)(1).

¹¹ 18 CFR 385.214(b)(3) and (d).

Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

The authority to conduct the matching program for the FCC's ACP is 47 U.S.C. 1752(a)–(b). The authority to conduct the matching program for the FCC's Lifeline program is 47 U.S.C. 254(a)–(c), (j).

Purpose(s)

The purpose of this new matching agreement is to verify the eligibility of applicants and subscribers to Lifeline, as well as to ACP and other Federal programs that use qualification for Lifeline as an eligibility criterion. This new agreement will permit eligibility verification for the Lifeline program and ACP by checking an applicant's/ subscriber's participation in Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension. Under FCC rules, consumers receiving these benefits qualify for Lifeline discounts and also for ACP benefits.

Categories of Individuals

The categories of individuals whose information is involved in the matching program include, but are not limited to, those individuals who have applied for Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; are currently receiving Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; are individuals who enable another individual in their household to qualify for Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; are minors whose status qualifies a parent or guardian for Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; or are individuals who have received Lifeline and/or ACP benefits.

Categories of Records

The categories of records involved in the matching program include the applicant's address, date of birth, and first or last name. The National Verifier will transfer these data elements to the Department of Veterans Affairs which will respond either "yes" or "no" that the individual is enrolled in a qualifying assistance program: Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

System(s) of Records

The records shared as part of this matching program reside in the Lifeline system of records, FCC/WCB–1, Lifeline, which was published in the **Federal Register** at 89 FR 28777 (Apr. 19, 2024).

The records shared as part of this matching program reside in the ACP system of records, FCC/WCB–3, Affordable Connectivity Program, which was published in the **Federal Register** at 89 FR 28780 (Apr. 19, 2024).

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[FR ID: 283816]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of a new matching program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended ("Privacy Act"), this document announces the re-establishment of a computer matching program that the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission" or "Agency") and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) will conduct with the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services ("Nevada"). The purpose of this matching program is to verify the eligibility of applicants to and subscribers of the Universal Service Fund (USF) Lifeline program, which is administered by USAC under the direction of the FCC. More information about this program is provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

DATES: Written comments are due on or before April 11, 2025. This computer matching program will commence on April 11, 2025, and will conclude 18 months later.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Elliot Tarloff, FCC, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554, or *Privacy@fcc.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elliot Tarloff at 202–418–0886 or *Privacy@fcc.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Lifeline program provides support for discounted broadband and voice services to low-income consumers. Lifeline is administered by USAC under FCC direction. Consumers qualify for Lifeline through proof of income or participation in a qualifying program, such as Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), Federal Public Housing Assistance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit, and/or various Tribal-specific federal

assistance programs. In a Report and Order adopted on March 31, 2016, the Commission ordered USAC to create a National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier ("National Verifier"), including the National Lifeline Eligibility Database (LED), that would match data about Lifeline applicants and subscribers with other data sources to verify the eligibility of an applicant or subscriber. The Commission found that the National Verifier would reduce compliance costs for Lifeline service providers, improve service for Lifeline subscribers, and reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in the program. The purpose of this particular matching program is to verify Lifeline eligibility by establishing that applicants or subscribers in Nevada are enrolled in the SNAP or Medicaid programs.

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES:

Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (source agency); Federal Communications Commission (recipient agency) and Universal Service Administrative Company.

AUTHORITY FOR CONDUCTING THE MATCHING PROGRAM:

47 U.S.C. 254; 47 CFR 54.400 *et seq.*; Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, et al., Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration, 31 FCC Rcd 3962, 4006–21, paras. 126–66 (2016) (2016 Lifeline Modernization Order).

PURPOSE(S):

In the 2016 Lifeline Modernization Order, the FCC required USAC to develop and operate the National Verifier to improve efficiency and reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in the Lifeline program. The stated purpose of the National Verifier is "to increase the integrity and improve the performance of the Lifeline program for the benefit of a variety of Lifeline participants, including Lifeline providers, subscribers, states, community-based organizations, USAC, and the Commission." 31 FCC Rcd 3962, 4006, para. 126. To help determine whether Lifeline applicants and subscribers are eligible for Lifeline benefits, the Order contemplates that the USAC-operated LED will communicate with information systems and databases operated by other Federal and State agencies. Id. at 4011–2, paras. 135–7.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS:

The categories of individuals whose information is involved in the matching program include those individuals (residing in a single household) who

have applied for Lifeline benefits; are currently receiving Lifeline benefits; are individuals who enable another individual in their household to qualify for Lifeline benefits; are minors whose status qualifies a parent or guardian for Lifeline benefits; are individuals who have received Lifeline benefits; or are individuals acting on behalf of an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) who have enrolled individuals in the Lifeline program.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS:

The categories of records involved in the matching program include the last four digits of the Lifeline applicant's Social Security Number, date of birth, and last name. The National Verifier will transfer these data elements to the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services which will respond either "yes" or "no" that the individual is enrolled in a Lifeline-qualifying assistance program: SNAP or Medicaid.

SYSTEM(S) OF RECORDS:

The USAC records shared as part of this matching program reside in the Lifeline system of records, FCC/WCB-1, Lifeline Program, a notice of which the FCC published at 89 FR 28777 (Apr. 19, 2024).

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

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.: 201272-003.

Agreement Name: KYOWA/SSL Pacific—Asia Slot Charter Agreement.

Parties: Kyowa Shipping Company, Ltd.; Swire Shipping Pte. Ltd.

Filing Party: Conte Cicala; Withers Worldwide.

Synopsis: The Amendment changes certain operational details relating to the service operating under the Agreement.

Proposed Effective Date: 4/20/2025.

Location: <https://www2.fmc.gov/FMC.Agreements.Web/Public/AgreementHistory/16283>.

Agreement No.: 201453.

Agreement Name: Maersk/Hapag-Lloyd Colombia Space Charter Agreement.

Parties: Hapag-Lloyd AG; Maersk AS. *Filing Party:* Wayne Rohde; Cozen O'Connor.

Synopsis: The Agreement authorizes Maersk to charter space to Hapag-Lloyd in the trade between the U.S. Gulf Coast and Cartagena, Colombia.

Proposed Effective Date: 4/19/2025.

Location: <https://www2.fmc.gov/FMC.Agreements.Web/Public/AgreementHistory/88605>.

Dated: March 7, 2025.

Alanna Beck,

Federal Register Alternate Liaison Officer.

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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 March 27, 2025.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Holly A. Rieser, Senior Manager) P.O. Box 442, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034. Comments can also be sent electronically to

Comments.applications@stls.frb.org:

1. *The Leland Phillips and Peggy Phillips Living Trust, dated March 22, 2007 FBO Mitchell Linn Phillips, Hannibal, Missouri, Mitchell Linn Phillips, San Tan Valley, Arizona, as Bank Stock Trustee; Leland Phillips and Peggy Phillips Living Trust dated March 22, 2007 FBO Michelle Phillips, Hannibal, Missouri, Michelle Phillips, Lewistown, Missouri, as Bank Stock Trustee; Leland Phillips and Peggy Phillips Living Trust dated March 22, 2007 FBO Melissa Phillips Pflantz, Hannibal, Missouri, Melissa Phillips Pflantz, Wilmington, North Carolina, as Bank Stock Trustee; Crystal Hawk, Hannibal, Missouri, as trust protector of each of the trusts; and HNB National Bank, Hannibal, Missouri, as successor trustee of each of the trusts; as a group acting in concert, to acquire voting shares of Monticello Bancshares, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Bank of Monticello, both of Monticello, Missouri.*

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Michele Taylor Fennell,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; RFA Panel: Building Sustainable Software Tools for Open Science (R03) A.

Date: March 28, 2025.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Megan Lynne Goodall, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-8334, megan.goodall@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; RFA Panel: NIH Research Software Engineer (RSE) Award (R50).

Date: March 31–April 1, 2025.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: John Harold Laity, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 402-8254, laityjh@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; RFA Panel: Building Sustainable Software Tools for Open Science (R03) B.

Date: April 3, 2025.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Joonil Seog, SCD Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-402-9791, joonil.seog@nih.gov.

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Dated: March 6, 2025.

David W. Freeman,

Supervisory Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

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Name of Committee: Infectious Diseases and Immunology B Integrated Review Group; Immunobiology of Transplantation and Alloimmunity Study Section.

Date: April 22–23, 2025.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Anthony David Foster, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-3297, anthony.foster@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Immune Mechanisms of Hypersensitivity and Allergy (IMHA).

Date: April 30–May 1, 2025.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Deanna C. Bublitz, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-4005, deanna.bublitz@nih.gov.

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Dated: March 7, 2025.

Patricia B. Hansberger,

Deputy Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

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Name of Committee: Biological Chemistry and Macromolecular Biophysics Integrated Review Group; Biochemistry and Biophysics of Membranes Study Section.

Date: April 15–16, 2025.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Irina V. Nesmelova, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-6496, irina.nesmelova@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Integrative, Functional and Cognitive Neuroscience Integrated Review Group; Neurotoxicology and Alcohol Study Section.

Date: April 16–17, 2025.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Eileen Marie Moore, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-8928, eileen.moore@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Aging and Neurodegeneration Integrated Review Group;

Clinical Neurodegeneration Translational Neuroscience Study Section.

Date: April 21–23, 2025.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Jordan M. Moore, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 1002A1, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 451–0293, jordan.moore@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Brain Disorders and Clinical Neuroscience Integrated Review Group; Brain Injury and Neurovascular Disorders Study Section.

Date: April 22–23, 2025.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Paula Elyse Schauwecker, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5201, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–760–8207, schauweckerpe@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Healthcare Delivery and Methodologies Integrated Review Group; Healthcare and Health Disparities Study Section.

Date: April 23–24, 2025.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Tara Roshell Earl, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 1007C, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 402–6857, earltr@mail.nih.gov.

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Dated: March 6, 2025.

Victoria E. Townsend,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Fellowships: Biophysical, Physiological, Pharmacological and Bioengineering Neuroscience and Vision.

Date: April 15–16, 2025.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Angela Monique Boutte, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Dr., Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594–0063, boutteam@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Imaging and Bioengineering Technology for Visual Systems (IBV).

Date: April 24–25, 2025.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Susan Gillmor, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, National Institutes of Health, Center for Scientific Review, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, 240–762–3076, susan.gillmor@nih.gov.

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Dated: March 7, 2025.

Patricia B. Hansberger,

Deputy Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Population Sciences and Epidemiology Integrated Review Group; Analytics and Statistics for Population Research Panel B Study Section.

Date: April 10–11, 2025.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Cynthia Chioma McOliver, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 1007G, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594–2081, mcolivercc@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Neuro Informatics, Computational and Data Analysis.

Date: April 21–22, 2025.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Aurea D. De Sousa, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5186, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 827–6829, aurea.desousa@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Population Sciences and Epidemiology Integrated Review Group; Analytics and Statistics for Population Research Panel A Study Section.

Date: April 22–23, 2025.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Emily Megan Kilroy, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Dr., Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-0813, kilroyem@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Topics in Health Services Research: Big Data, Health Information Technology, and Clinical Informatics.

Date: April 22–23, 2025.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Debasmitta Patra, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 1006E, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 827-5187, debasmitta.patra@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Healthcare Delivery and Methodologies Integrated Review Group; Organization and Delivery of Health Services Study Section.

Date: April 22–23, 2025.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Mary Kate Baker, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-594-5117, katie.baker2@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Applied Immunology and Disease Control Integrated Review Group; Vaccines Against Infectious Diseases Study Section.

Date: April 24–25, 2025.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Jian Wang, MD, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4218, MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 213-9853, wangjia@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Risk, Prevention and Health Behavior Integrated Review Group; HIV/AIDS Intra- and Inter-personal Determinants and Behavioral Interventions Study Section.

Date: April 24–25, 2025.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Mark P. Rubert, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for

Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5218, MSC 7852, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-806-6596, rubertm@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Healthcare Delivery and Methodologies Integrated Review Group; Clinical Data Management and Analysis Study Section.

Date: April 28–29, 2025.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Shivakumar V. Chittari, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 408-9098, chittari.shivakumar@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Healthcare Delivery and Methodologies Integrated Review Group; Health Services: Quality and Effectiveness Study Section.

Date: May 1–2, 2025.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Angela D. Thrasher, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 1000J, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 480-6894, thrasherad@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Topics in Health Services Research, Aging, and Workforce Issues.

Date: May 1–2, 2025.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Lauren Susan Penney, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-1968, penneys@csr.nih.gov.

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Victoria E. Townsend,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the Oncology 2—Translational Clinical Integrated Review Group, Molecular Cancer Diagnosis and Classification Study Section, May 01, 2025, 09:00 a.m. to May 02, 2025, 07:00 p.m., National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, which was published in the **Federal Register** on March 06, 2025, FR Doc. No. 2025-03580, 90 FR 11422.

This meeting is being amended to change the Scientific Review Officer Contact from Lawrence Ka-Yun Ng to Victor Panchenko, Ph.D., Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-867-5309. The meeting is closed to the public.

Dated: March 6, 2025.

Lauren A. Fleck,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2025-0002; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-B-2510]

Changes in Flood Hazard Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists communities where the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations (BFEs), base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway (hereinafter referred to as flood hazard determinations), as shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and where applicable, in the supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports, prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for each community, is appropriate because of new scientific or technical data. The FIRM, and where applicable, portions of the FIS report, have been revised to

reflect these flood hazard determinations through issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Federal Regulations. The currently effective community number is shown in the table below and must be used for all new policies and renewals.

DATES: These flood hazard determinations will be finalized on the dates listed in the table below and revise the FIRM panels and FIS report in effect prior to this determination for the listed communities.

From the date of the second publication of notification of these changes in a newspaper of local circulation, any person has 90 days in which to request through the community that the Deputy Associate Administrator for Insurance and Mitigation reconsider the changes. The flood hazard determination information may be changed during the 90-day period.

ADDRESSES: The affected communities are listed in the table below. Revised flood hazard information for each community is available for inspection at both the online location and the respective community map repository address listed in the table below. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov> for comparison.

Submit comments and/or appeals to the Chief Executive Officer of the community as listed in the table below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Sacbibit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Risk Analysis, Planning & Information Directorate, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or (email) patrick.sacbibit@fema.dhs.gov; or visit the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) online at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The specific flood hazard determinations are not described for each community in this notice. However, the online location and local community map repository address where the flood hazard determination information is available for inspection is provided.

Any request for reconsideration of flood hazard determinations must be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer of the community as listed in the table below.

The modifications are made pursuant to section 201 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4105, and are in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*, and with 44 CFR part 65.

The FIRM and FIS report are the basis of the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain

qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

These flood hazard determinations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. The flood hazard determinations are in accordance with 44 CFR 65.4.

The affected communities are listed in the following table. Flood hazard determination information for each community is available for inspection at both the online location and the respective community map repository address listed in the table below. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov> for comparison.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, "Flood Insurance.")

Kristin E. Fontenot,
Assistant Administrator, Risk Analysis, Planning & Information Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

State and county	Location and case No.	Chief executive officer of community	Community map repository	Online location of letter of map revision	Date of modification	Community No.
Arizona:						
Coconino	Unincorporated areas of Coconino County (23-09-0474P).	Andy Bertelsen, Coconino County Manager, 219 East Cherry Avenue, Flagstaff, AZ 86001.	Coconino County Administrative Center, 219 East Cherry Avenue, Flagstaff, AZ 86001.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	Jun. 6, 2025	040019
Mohave	City of Kingman (24-09-0955P).	The Honorable Ken Watkins, Mayor, City of Kingman, 310 North 4th Street, Kingman, AZ 86401.	City Hall, 310 North 4th Street, Kingman, AZ 86401.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 15, 2025	040060
Arkansas: Sebastian.	Unincorporated areas of Sebastian County (24-06-1908P).	The Honorable Steve Hotz, Sebastian County Judge, 35 South 6th Street, Room 106, Fort Smith, AR 72901.	Sebastian County Courthouse, 35 South 6th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	Jun. 2, 2025	050462
California:						
Riverside	City of Corona (23-09-0157P).	The Honorable Jim Steiner, Mayor, City of Corona, 400 South Vicentia Avenue, Corona, CA 92882.	Public Works Department, 400 South Vicentia Avenue, Corona, CA 92882.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 12, 2025	060250
Riverside	City of Corona (24-09-0762P).	The Honorable Jim Steiner, Mayor, City of Corona, 400 South Vicentia Avenue, Corona, CA 92882.	Public Works Department, 400 South Vicentia Avenue, Corona, CA 92882.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 22, 2025	060250
Riverside	City of Jurupa Valley (24-09-0110P).	The Honorable Guillermo Silva, Mayor, City of Jurupa Valley, 8930 Limonite Avenue, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509.	City Hall, 8304 Limonite Avenue, Suite M, Jurupa, CA 92509.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 30, 2025	060286

State and county	Location and case No.	Chief executive officer of community	Community map repository	Online location of letter of map revision	Date of modification	Community No.
Riverside	City of Lake Elsinore (24-09-0382P).	The Honorable Steve Manos, Mayor, City of Lake Elsinore, 130 South Main Street, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530.	City Hall, 130 South Main Street, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	Jun. 5, 2025	060636
Riverside	Unincorporated areas of Riverside County (23-09-0157P).	Chuck Washington, Chair, Riverside County Board of Supervisors, 4080 Lemon Street, 5th Floor, Riverside, CA 92501.	Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, 1995 Market Street, Riverside, CA 92501.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 12, 2025	060245
Riverside	Unincorporated areas of Riverside County (24-09-0382P).	Chuck Washington, Chair, Riverside County Board of Supervisors, 4080 Lemon Street, 5th Floor, Riverside, CA 92501.	Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, 1995 Market Street, Riverside, CA 92501.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	Jun. 5, 2025	060245
Tulare	Unincorporated areas of Tulare County (22-09-1345P).	Larry Micari, Chair, Tulare County Board of Supervisors, 2800 West Burrel Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291.	Tulare County Government Plaza, Resource Management Headquarters, 5961 South Mooney Boulevard, Visalia, CA 93277.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 12, 2025	065066
Ventura	City of Santa Paula (23-09-1150P).	The Honorable Leslie Cornejo, Mayor, City of Santa Paula, 970 East Ventura Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060.	City Hall, 970 East Ventura Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 15, 2025	060420
Ventura	Unincorporated areas of Ventura County (23-09-1150P).	Kelly Long, Chair, Ventura County Board of Supervisors, 1203 Flynn Road, Suite 200, Camarillo, CA 93012.	Ventura County Public Works Watershed Protection, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 15, 2025	060413
Colorado:						
El Paso	City of Colorado Springs (23-08-0277P).	The Honorable Yemi Mobolade, Mayor, City of Colorado Springs, 30 South Nevada Avenue, Suite 601, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.	Pikes Peak Regional Building Department, Floodplain Management Office, 2880 International Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80910.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 12, 2025	080060
El Paso	Unincorporated areas of El Paso County (23-08-0701P).	Carrie Geitner, Chair, El Paso County, Board of Commissioners, 200 South Cascade Avenue, Suite 100, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.	El Paso Pikes Peak Regional Building Department, Floodplain Management Office, 2880 International Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80910.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 28, 2025	080059
Florida:						
Lee	City of Bonita Springs (24-04-3955P).	The Honorable Rick Steinmeyer, Mayor, City of Bonita Springs, 9101 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34135.	City Hall, 9101 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34135.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 12, 2025	120680
Lee	City of Fort Myers (24-04-2834P).	Marty Lawing, Manager, City of Fort Myers, 2200 2nd Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901.	City Hall, 2200 2nd Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 12, 2025	120680
Orange	Unincorporated areas of Orange County (24-04-0093P).	The Honorable Jerry L. Demings, Mayor, Orange County, 201 South Rosalind Avenue, 5th Floor, Orlando, FL 32801.	Orange County Public Works Department, Stormwater Management Division, 4200 South John Young Parkway, Orlando, FL 32839.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	Jun. 2, 2025	120179
St. Johns	Unincorporated areas of St. Johns County (24-04-2968P).	Joy Andrews, St. Johns County Administrator, 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084.	St. Johns County Administration Building, 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	Jun. 2, 2025	125147
St. Johns	Unincorporated areas of St. Johns County (24-04-5086P).	Joy Andrews, St. Johns County Administrator, 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084.	St. Johns County Administration Building, 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	Jun. 4, 2025	125147
Illinois: Richland	City of Olney (25-05-0277P).	The Honorable Mark Lambird, Mayor, City of Olney, 300 South White Avenue, Olney, IL 62450.	City Hall, 300 South White Avenue, Olney, IL 62450.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 30, 2025	170581

State and county	Location and case No.	Chief executive officer of community	Community map repository	Online location of letter of map revision	Date of modification	Community No.
Michigan: Kalamazoo.	City of Portage (23-05-2858P).	The Honorable Patricia M. Randall, Mayor, City of Portage, 7900 South Westnedge Avenue, Portage, MI 49002.	City Hall, 7900 South Westnedge Avenue, Portage, MI 49002.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	Jun. 9, 2025	260577
Nevada: Independent City.	City of Carson City (22-09-1343P).	The Honorable Lori Bagwell, Mayor, City of Carson City, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701.	City Hall, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 15, 2025	320001
New Mexico: Bernalillo	City of Albuquerque (24-06-0847P).	The Honorable Tim Keller, Mayor, City of Albuquerque, 400 Marquette Avenue Northwest, Albuquerque, NM 87103.	Planning Department, 600 2nd Street Northwest, Albuquerque, NM 87102.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	Jun. 5, 2025	350002
Bernalillo	Unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County (24-06-0847P).	Cindy Chavez, Bernalillo County Manager, 415 Silver Avenue Southwest, 8th Floor, Albuquerque, NM 87102.	Bernalillo County Clerk's Office, 415 Silver Avenue Southwest, Albuquerque, NM 87102.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	Jun. 5, 2025	350001
North Carolina: Buncombe	City of Asheville (23-04-6455P).	The Honorable Esther E. Manheimer, Mayor, City of Asheville, P.O. Box 7148, Asheville, NC 28802.	Stormwater Services and Utility, 161 South Charlotte Street, Asheville, NC 28801.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 20, 2025	370032
Buncombe	Unincorporated areas of Buncombe County (23-04-6455P).	Amanda Edwards, Chair, Buncombe County Board of Commissioners, 200 College Street, Suite 300, Asheville, NC 28801.	Buncombe County Planning and Development, 46 Valley Street, Asheville, NC 28801.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 20, 2025	370031
South Carolina: Berkeley	City of Charleston (24-04-4598P).	The Honorable William S. Cogswell, Jr., Mayor, City of Charleston, 80 Broad Street, Charleston, SC 29401.	Building Inspection Department, 2 George Street, Suite 2100, Charleston, SC 29401.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 15, 2025	455412
Berkeley	Unincorporated areas of Berkeley County (24-04-4598P).	Johnny Cribb, Supervisor, Berkeley County Council, 1003 North Highway 52, Moncks Corner, SC 29461.	Berkeley County Building and Codes Enforcement, 1003 North Highway 52, Moncks Corner, SC 29461.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 15, 2025	450029
Texas: Collin	City of Plano (24-06-1256P).	The Honorable John B. Muns, Mayor, City of Plano, 1520 K Avenue, Plano, TX 75074.	City Hall, 1520 K Avenue, Plano, TX 75074.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	Jun. 2, 2025	480140
Dallas and Denton.	City of Carrollton (25-06-0171P).	The Honorable Steve Babick, Mayor, City of Carrollton, P.O. Box 110535, Carrollton, TX 75006.	City Hall, 1945 East Jackson Road, Carrollton, TX 75006.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	Jun. 3, 2025	480167
Kaufman	City of Terrell (24-06-1969P).	The Honorable Rick Carmona, Mayor, City of Terrell, P.O. Box 310, Terrell, TX 75160.	City Hall, 201 East Nash Street, Terrell, TX 75160.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 19, 2025	480416
Utah: Davis	City of Layton (24-08-0320P).	The Honorable Joy Petro, Mayor, City of Layton, 437 North Wasatch Drive, Layton, UT 84041.	City Hall, 437 North Wasatch Drive, Layton, UT 84041.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 27, 2025	490047
Washington: Lewis	Unincorporated areas of Lewis County (23-10-0525P).	Ryan Barrett, Lewis County Manager, 351 Northwest North Street, Chehalis, WA 98532.	Lewis County Community Services Office, 2025 Northeast Kresky Avenue, Chehalis, WA 98532.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 2, 2025	530102
Walla Walla	Unincorporated areas Walla Walla County (24-10-0146P).	Gunner Fulmer, Chair, Walla Walla County Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box 1506, Walla Walla, WA 99362.	Walla Walla County, Community Development Department, 310 West Poplar Street, Suite 200, Walla Walla, WA 99362.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	Jun. 10, 2025	530194

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2025-0002]

Final Flood Hazard Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Flood hazard determinations, which may include additions or modifications of Base Flood Elevations (BFEs), base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundaries or zone designations, or regulatory floodways on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and where applicable, in the supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports have been made final for the communities listed in the table below. The FIRM and FIS report are the basis of the floodplain management measures that a community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA’s) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

DATES: The date of June 18, 2025 has been established for the FIRM and, where applicable, the supporting FIS report showing the new or modified flood hazard information for each community.

ADDRESSES: The FIRM, and if applicable, the FIS report containing the final flood hazard information for each community is available for inspection at the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables below and will be available online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov> by the date indicated above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Sacbibit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Risk Analysis, Planning & Information Directorate, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or (email) patrick.sacbibit@fema.dhs.gov; or visit the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) online at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) makes the final determinations listed below for the new or modified flood hazard information for each community listed. Notification of these

changes has been published in newspapers of local circulation and 90 days have elapsed since that publication. The Deputy Associate Administrator for Insurance and Mitigation has resolved any appeals resulting from this notification.

This final notice is issued in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR part 67. FEMA has developed criteria for floodplain management in floodprone areas in accordance with 44 CFR part 60.

Interested lessees and owners of real property are encouraged to review the new or revised FIRM and FIS report available at the address cited below for each community or online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov>.

The flood hazard determinations are made final in the watersheds and/or communities listed in the table below.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, “Flood Insurance.”)

Kristin E. Fontenot,
Assistant Administrator, Risk Analysis, Planning & Information Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

Community	Community map repository address
Douglas County, Nevada and Incorporated Areas Docket No.: FEMA-B-2410	
Unincorporated Areas of Douglas County	Minden Inn—Douglas County Offices, 1594 Esmeralda Avenue, Minden, NV 89423.
Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California	Washoe Tribal Administrative Offices, 919 U.S. Highway 395 N, Gardnerville, NV 89410.
Tompkins County, New York (All Jurisdictions) Docket No.: FEMA-B-2384	
City of Ithaca	City Hall, 108 East Green Street, 4th Floor, Ithaca, NY 14850.
Town of Caroline	Caroline Town Offices, 2668 Slaterville Road, Slaterville Springs, NY 14881.
Town of Danby	Danby Town Hall, 1830 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY 14850.
Town of Dryden	Town Hall, 93 East Main Street, Dryden, NY 13053.
Town of Enfield	Enfield Town Hall, 168 Enfield Main Road, Ithaca, NY 14850.
Town of Groton	Town Hall, 101 Conger Boulevard, Groton, NY 13073.
Town of Ithaca	Town Hall, 215 North Tioga Street, Ithaca, NY 14850.
Town of Lansing	Town Hall, 29 Auburn Road, Lansing, NY 14882.
Town of Newfield	Town Hall, 166 Main Street, Newfield, NY 14867.
Town of Ulysses	Ulysses Town Hall, 10 Elm Street, Trumansburg, NY 14886.
Village of Dryden	Town Hall, 93 East Main Street, Dryden, NY 13053.
Village of Freeville	Village Office, 5 Factory Street, Freeville, NY 13068.
Village of Groton	Village Office, 143 East Cortland Street, Groton, NY 13073.
Village of Lansing	Lansing Village Offices, 2405 North Triphammer Road, Ithaca, NY 14850.
Village of Trumansburg	Village Offices, 56 East Main Street, Trumansburg, NY 14886.
Yates County, New York (All Jurisdictions) Docket No.: FEMA-B-2392	
Town of Barrington	Barrington Town Hall, 4424 Bath Road, Penn Yan, NY 14527.
Town of Benton	Benton Town Hall, 1000 Route 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.
Town of Italy	Italy Town Hall, 6060 Italy Valley Road, Naples, NY 14512.
Town of Jerusalem	Jerusalem Town Hall, 3816 Italy Hill Road, Branchport, NY 14418.

Community	Community map repository address
Town of Middlesex	Town Hall, 1216 Route 245, Middlesex, NY 14507.
Town of Milo	Milo Town Hall, 137 Main Street, Penn Yan, NY 14527.
Town of Potter	Potter Town Hall, 1226 Phelps Road, Middlesex, NY 14507.
Town of Starkey	Starkey Town Hall, 40 Seneca Street, Dundee, NY 14837.
Town of Torrey	Torrey Town Building, 56 Geneva Street, Dresden, NY 14441.
Village of Dresden	Village Office, 3 Firehouse Avenue, Dresden, NY 14441.
Village of Dundee	Code Officer's Office, 12 Union Street, Dundee, NY 14837.
Village of Penn Yan	Municipal Building, 111 Elm Street, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

Dickey County, North Dakota and Incorporated Areas
Docket No.: FEMA-B-2377

City of Ludden	City Hall, 106 3rd Avenue, Ludden, ND 58474.
City of Oakes	City Hall, 124 South 5th Street, Oakes, ND 58474.
Unincorporated Areas of Dickey County	Dickey County Courthouse, 309 2nd Street N, Ellendale, ND 58436.

LaMoure County, North Dakota and Incorporated Areas
Docket No.: FEMA-B-2377

City of Dickey	City Hall, 304 Main Street, Dickey, ND 58431.
City of Edgeley	City Hall, 519 Main Street, Edgeley, ND 58433.
City of LaMoure	City Hall, 27 Center Avenue W, LaMoure, ND 58458.
City of Marion	City Hall, 303 Main Avenue, Marion, ND 58466.
Township of Grand Rapids	Grand Rapids Township Hall, 6836 99 Avenue SE, LaMoure, ND 58458.
Unincorporated Areas of LaMoure County	LaMoure County Courthouse, 202 4th Avenue NE, LaMoure, ND 58458.

Stutsman County, North Dakota and Incorporated Areas
Docket No.: FEMA-B-2377

City of Jamestown	City Hall, 102 3rd Avenue SE, Jamestown, ND 58401.
City of Montpelier	City Hall, 4945 87th Avenue SE, Montpelier, ND 58472.
Unincorporated Areas of Stutsman County	Stutsman County Courthouse, 511 2nd Avenue SE, Jamestown, ND 58401.

Georgetown County, South Carolina and Incorporated Areas
Docket No.: FEMA-B-2409

Unincorporated Areas of Georgetown County	Georgetown County Building Department, 129 Screven Street, Room 249, Georgetown, SC 29440.
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2025-0002; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-B-2504]

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Comments are requested on proposed flood hazard determinations, which may include additions or modifications of any Base Flood Elevation (BFE), base flood depth, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundary or zone designation, or regulatory floodway on the Flood

Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and where applicable, in the supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports for the communities listed in the table below. The purpose of this notice is to seek general information and comment regarding the preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided to the affected communities. The FIRM and FIS report are the basis of the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

DATES: Comments are to be submitted on or before June 10, 2025.

ADDRESSES: The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location <https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/prelimdownload> and the respective Community Map Repository address

listed in the tables below. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov> for comparison.

You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. FEMA-B-2504, to Rick Sacbabit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Risk Analysis, Planning & Information Directorate, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or (email) patrick.sacbabit@fema.dhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Sacbabit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Risk Analysis, Planning & Information Directorate, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or (email) patrick.sacbabit@fema.dhs.gov; or visit the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) online at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FEMA proposes to make flood hazard

determinations for each community listed below, in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These proposed flood hazard determinations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These flood hazard determinations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP.

The communities affected by the flood hazard determinations are provided in the tables below. Any request for reconsideration of the revised flood hazard information shown

on the Preliminary FIRM and FIS report that satisfies the data requirements outlined in 44 CFR 67.6(b) is considered an appeal. Comments unrelated to the flood hazard determinations also will be considered before the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

Use of a Scientific Resolution Panel (SRP) is available to communities in support of the appeal resolution process. SRPs are independent panels of experts in hydrology, hydraulics, and other pertinent sciences established to review conflicting scientific and technical data and provide recommendations for resolution. Use of the SRP only may be exercised after FEMA and local communities have been engaged in a collaborative consultation process for at least 60 days without a mutually acceptable resolution of an appeal. Additional information regarding the SRP process can be found online at https://www.floodsrp.org/pdfs/srp_overview.pdf.

The watersheds and/or communities affected are listed in the tables below. The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location <https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/prelimdownload> and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables. For communities with multiple ongoing Preliminary studies, the studies can be identified by the unique project number and Preliminary FIRM date listed in the tables. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov> for comparison. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, "Flood Insurance.")

Kristin E. Fontenot,
Assistant Administrator, Risk Analysis, Planning & Information Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

Community	Community map repository address
Latimer County, Oklahoma and Incorporated Areas Project: 23-06-0038S Preliminary Date: September 18, 2024	
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Headquarters, 1802 Chukka Hina, Durant, OK 74701.
City of Wilburton	City Hall, 300 West Main Street, Wilburton, OK 74578.
Town of Fanshawe	Town Hall, 39461 Main Street, Fanshawe, OK 74935.
Town of Red Oak	City Hall, 208 North Main Street, Red Oak, OK 74563.
Town of Talihina	Town Hall, 207 1st Street, Talihina, OK 74571.
Unincorporated Areas of Latimer County	Latimer County Commissioners Office, 109 North Central Avenue, Room 109, Wilburton, OK 74578.
Pushmataha County, Oklahoma and Incorporated Areas Project: 23-06-0041S Preliminary Date: September 13, 2024	
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Headquarters, 1802 Chukka Hina, Durant, OK 74701.
Town of Albion	Community Center, 125 Park Circle, Albion, OK 74521.
City of Antlers	City Hall, 100 Southeast 2nd Street, Antlers, OK 74523.
Town of Clayton	City Hall, 150 East Pine Street, Clayton, OK 74536.
Town of Rattan	Town Hall, 101 West Main Street, Rattan, OK 74562.
Unincorporated Areas of Pushmataha County	Pushmataha County Commissioners Office, 304 Southwest B Street, Antlers, OK 74523.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2025-0002; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-B-2509]

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Comments are requested on proposed flood hazard determinations, which may include additions or modifications of any Base Flood Elevation (BFE), base flood depth, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundary or zone designation, or regulatory floodway on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and where applicable, in the supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports for the communities listed in the table below. The purpose of this notice is to seek general information and comment regarding the preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report that the

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided to the affected communities. The FIRM and FIS report are the basis of the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

DATES: Comments are to be submitted on or before June 10, 2025.

ADDRESSES: The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location <https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/prelimdownload> and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables below. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov> for comparison.

You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. FEMA-B-2509, to Rick Sacbibit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Risk Analysis, Planning & Information Directorate, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or (email) patrick.sacbibit@fema.dhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Sacbibit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Risk Analysis, Planning & Information Directorate, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or (email) patrick.sacbibit@fema.dhs.gov; or visit the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange

(FMIX) online at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FEMA proposes to make flood hazard determinations for each community listed below, in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These proposed flood hazard determinations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These flood hazard determinations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP.

The communities affected by the flood hazard determinations are provided in the tables below. Any request for reconsideration of the revised flood hazard information shown on the Preliminary FIRM and FIS report that satisfies the data requirements outlined in 44 CFR 67.6(b) is considered an appeal. Comments unrelated to the flood hazard determinations also will be considered before the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

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process. SRPs are independent panels of experts in hydrology, hydraulics, and other pertinent sciences established to review conflicting scientific and technical data and provide recommendations for resolution. Use of the SRP only may be exercised after FEMA and local communities have been engaged in a collaborative consultation process for at least 60 days without a mutually acceptable resolution of an appeal. Additional information regarding the SRP process can be found online at https://www.floodsrp.org/pdfs/srp_overview.pdf.

The watersheds and/or communities affected are listed in the tables below. The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location <https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/prelimdownload> and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables. For communities with multiple ongoing Preliminary studies, the studies can be identified by the unique project number and Preliminary FIRM date listed in the tables. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov> for comparison. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, "Flood Insurance.")

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Assistant Administrator, Risk Analysis,
Planning & Information Directorate, Federal
Emergency Management Agency, Department
of Homeland Security.

Community	Community map repository address
Decatur County, Georgia and Incorporated Areas Project: 18-04-0002S Preliminary Date: July 25, 2024	
City of Attapulgus	Bainbridge City Hall, 101 South Broad Street, Bainbridge, GA 39818.
City of Bainbridge	Bainbridge City Hall, 101 South Broad Street, Bainbridge, GA 39818.
City of Climax	Bainbridge City Hall, 101 South Broad Street, Bainbridge, GA 39818.
Town of Brinson	Bainbridge City Hall, 101 South Broad Street, Bainbridge, GA 39818.
Unincorporated Areas of Decatur County	Bainbridge City Hall, 101 South Broad Street, Bainbridge, GA 39818.
Dougherty County, Georgia and Incorporated Areas Project: 18-04-0002S Preliminary Date: July 25, 2024	
City of Albany	Dougherty County Planning and Development, 240 Pine Avenue, Suite 300, Albany, GA 31702.
Unincorporated Areas of Dougherty County	Dougherty County Planning and Development, 240 Pine Avenue, Suite 300, Albany, GA 31702.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2025-0002; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-B-2506]

Changes in Flood Hazard Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists communities where the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations (BFEs), base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway (hereinafter referred to as flood hazard determinations), as shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and where applicable, in the supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports, prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for each community, is appropriate because of new scientific or technical data. The FIRM, and where applicable, portions of the FIS report, have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Federal Regulations. The current effective community number is shown in the table below and must be used for all new policies and renewals.

DATES: These flood hazard determinations will be finalized on the dates listed in the table below and revise the FIRM panels and FIS report in effect prior to this determination for the listed communities.

From the date of the second publication of notification of these

changes in a newspaper of local circulation, any person has 90 days in which to request through the community that the Deputy Associate Administrator for Insurance and Mitigation reconsider the changes. The flood hazard determination information may be changed during the 90-day period.

ADDRESSES: The affected communities are listed in the table below. Revised flood hazard information for each community is available for inspection at both the online location and the respective community map repository address listed in the table below. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov> for comparison.

Submit comments and/or appeals to the Chief Executive Officer of the community as listed in the table below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Sacbibit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Risk Analysis, Planning & Information Directorate, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or (email) patrick.sacbibit@fema.dhs.gov; or visit the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) online at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The specific flood hazard determinations are not described for each community in this notice. However, the online location and local community map repository address where the flood hazard determination information is available for inspection is provided.

Any request for reconsideration of flood hazard determinations must be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer of the community as listed in the table below.

The modifications are made pursuant to section 201 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4105, and are in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*, and with 44 CFR part 65.

The FIRM and FIS report are the basis of the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

These flood hazard determinations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. The flood hazard determinations are in accordance with 44 CFR 65.4.

The affected communities are listed in the following table. Flood hazard determination information for each community is available for inspection at both the online location and the respective community map repository address listed in the table below. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov> for comparison.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, "Flood Insurance.")

Kristin E. Fontenot,
Assistant Administrator, Risk Analysis, Planning & Information Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

State and county	Location and case No.	Chief executive officer of community	Community map repository	Online location of letter of map revision	Date of modification	Community No.
Alabama: Limestone.	City of Athens (24-04-2174P).	The Honorable William Marks, Mayor, City of Athens, P.O. Box 1089, Athens, AL 35612.	Engineering & Community Development, 200 Hobbs Street West, Athens, AL 35611.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 8, 2025	010146
Arkansas: Pope	City of Russellville (24-06-1681P).	The Honorable Fred Teague, Mayor, City of Russellville, 203 South Commerce Avenue, Russellville, AR 72801.	City Hall, 203 South Commerce Avenue, Russellville, AR 72801.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 15, 2025	050178
Florida: Monroe	Unincorporated areas of Monroe County (25-04-0582P).	The Honorable Jim Scholl, Mayor, Monroe County Board of Commissioners, 102050 Overseas Highway, Suite 234, Key Largo, FL 33037.	Monroe County Building Department, 2798 Overseas Highway, Suite 300, Marathon, FL 33050.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 12, 2025	125129

State and county	Location and case No.	Chief executive officer of community	Community map repository	Online location of letter of map revision	Date of modification	Community No.
St. Johns	Unincorporated areas of St. Johns County (24-04-1214P).	Joy Andrews, Administrator, St. Johns County, 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084.	St. Johns County Administration Building, 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 16, 2025	125129
Sumter	City of Wildwood (23-04-2629P).	Jason F. McHugh, Manager, City of Wildwood, 100 North Main Street, Wildwood, FL 34785.	Sumter County Administration Building, 7375 Powell Road, Wildwood, FL 34785.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 23, 2025	120299
Sumter	Unincorporated areas of Sumter County (23-04-2629P).	Donald Wiley, Chair, Sumter County Board of Commissioners, 7375 Powell Road, Wildwood, FL 34785.	Sumter County Administration Building, 7375 Powell Road, Wildwood, FL 34785.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 23, 2025	120296
Kansas:						
Johnson	City of Olathe (24-07-0011P).	The Honorable John Bacon, Mayor, City of Olathe, 100 East Santa Fe Street, Olathe, KS 66061.	City Hall, 100 East Santa Fe Street, Olathe, KS 66061.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 28, 2025	200173
Johnson	City of Overland Park (24-07-0011P).	The Honorable Curt Skoog, Mayor, City of Overland Park, 8500 Santa Fe Drive, Overland Park, KS 66212.	City Hall, 8500 Santa Fe Drive, Overland Park, KS 66212.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 28, 2025	200174
Kentucky: Jefferson	Metropolitan Government of Louisville and Jefferson County (24-04-0693P).	The Honorable Craig Greenberg, Mayor, Metropolitan Government of Louisville and Jefferson County, 527 West Jefferson Street, Louisville, KY 40202.	Louisville/Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District, 700 West Liberty Street, Louisville, KY 40203.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	Apr. 25, 2025	210120
Missouri: Jackson	City of Kansas City (24-07-0136P).	The Honorable Quinton Lucas, Mayor, City of Kansas City, 414 East 12th Street, 29th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64106.	Planning and Development Department, 414 East 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 28, 2025	290173
Maine: Cumberland	Town of Scarborough (25-01-0009P).	April Sither, Chair, Town of Scarborough Council, P.O. Box 360, Scarborough, ME 04070.	Planning and Codes Department, 259 U.S. Highway 1, Scarborough, ME 04070.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 19, 2025	230052
Minnesota:						
Dakota	City of Lakeville (23-05-1132P).	The Honorable Luke Hellier, Mayor, City of Lakeville, 20195 Holyoke Avenue, Lakeville, MN 55044.	City Hall, 20195 Holyoke Avenue, Lakeville, MN 55044.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 5, 2025	270107
Todd	City of Long Prairie (24-05-0435P).	The Honorable David Wright, Mayor, City of Long Prairie, 615 Lake Street South, Long Prairie, MN 56347.	City Hall, 615 Lake Street South, Long Prairie, MN 56347.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 15, 2025	270479
New Mexico:						
Bernalillo	City of Albuquerque (24-06-0016P).	The Honorable Timothy M. Keller, Mayor, City of Albuquerque, 400 Marquette Avenue Northwest, Albuquerque, NM 87102.	Planning Department, 600 2nd Street Northwest, Albuquerque, NM 87102.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	Apr. 14, 2025	350002
Bernalillo	City of Albuquerque (24-06-1214P).	The Honorable Timothy M. Keller, Mayor, City of Albuquerque, 400 Marquette Avenue Northwest, Albuquerque, NM 87102.	Planning Department, 600 2nd Street Northwest, Albuquerque, NM 87102.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	Apr. 18, 2025	350002
Bernalillo	City of Rio Rancho (24-06-1214P).	The Honorable Gregory D. Hull, Mayor, City of Rio Rancho, 3200 Civic Center Circle Northeast, Rio Rancho, NM 87144.	City Hall, 3200 Civic Center Circle Northeast, Rio Rancho, NM 87144.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	Apr. 18, 2025	350146
Bernalillo	Unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County (24-06-0016P).	Cindy Chavez, Manager, Bernalillo County, 415 Silver Avenue Southwest, Albuquerque, NM 87102.	Bernalillo County Clerk's Office, 415 Silver Avenue Southwest, Albuquerque, NM 87102.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	Apr. 14, 2025	350001
North Carolina:						
Buncombe	City of Asheville (24-04-1389P).	The Honorable Esther Manheimer, Mayor, City of Asheville, P.O. Box 7148, Asheville, NC 28802.	Planning and Urban Design Department, 70 Court Plaza, Asheville, NC 28802.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	Apr. 9, 2025	370032

State and county	Location and case No.	Chief executive officer of community	Community map repository	Online location of letter of map revision	Date of modification	Community No.
Buncombe	Unincorporated areas of Buncombe County (24-04-1389P).	Amanda Edwards, Chair, Buncombe County Board of Commissioners, 200 College Street, Suite 300, Asheville, NC 28801.	Buncombe County Planning Department, 46 Valley Street, Asheville, NC 28801.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	Apr. 9, 2025	370031
Cabarrus	City of Concord (24-04-4752P).	The Honorable William C. Dusch, Mayor, City of Concord, P.O. Box 308, Concord, NC 28026.	GIS Division, 35 Cabarrus Avenue West, Concord, NC 28025.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	Apr. 23, 2025	370037
Cabarrus	City of Kannapolis (24-04-4752P).	The Honorable Darrell Hinnant, Mayor, City of Kannapolis, 401 Laureate Way, Kannapolis, NC 28081.	City Hall, 401 Laureate Way, Kannapolis, NC 28081.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	Apr. 23, 2025	370469
Mecklenburg ..	City of Charlotte (24-04-3395P).	The Honorable Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor, City of Charlotte, 600 East 4th Street, Charlotte, NC 28202.	Mecklenburg County Stormwater Services Department, 2145 Suttle Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28208.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 14, 2025	370159
Wake	Town of Apex (23-04-4722P).	The Honorable Jacques Gilbert, Mayor, Town of Apex, P.O. Box 250, Apex, NC 27502.	Engineering Department, 73 Hunter Street, Apex, NC 27502.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 20, 2025	370467
Texas:						
Bexar	City of Helotes (23-06-1989P).	The Honorable Rich Whitehead, Mayor, City of Helotes, P.O. Box 507, Helotes, TX 78023.	City Hall, 12951 Bandera Road, Helotes, TX 78023.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	Apr. 7, 2025	481643
Bexar	Unincorporated areas of Bexar County (24-06-0195P).	The Honorable Peter Sakai, Bexar County Judge, 101 West Nueva Street, 10th Floor, San Antonio, TX 78205.	Bexar County Public Works Department, 1948 Probandt Street, San Antonio, TX 78214.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	Apr. 7, 2025	480035
Dallas	City of Dallas (24-06-0429P).	Kimberly Bizor Tolbert, Manager, City of Dallas, 1500 Marilla Street, Room 4EN, Dallas, TX 75201.	City Hall, 1500 Marilla Street, Dallas, TX 75201.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	Apr. 7, 2025	480171
Tarrant	City of Fort Worth (23-06-2131P).	The Honorable Mattie Parker, Mayor, City of Fort Worth, 100 Fort Worth Trail, Fort Worth, TX 76102.	Department of Transportation and Public Works, Stormwater Management Division, 100 Fort Worth Trail, Fort Worth, TX 76102.	https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch .	May 12, 2025	480596

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2025-0002; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-B-2505]

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Comments are requested on proposed flood hazard determinations, which may include additions or modifications of any Base Flood Elevation (BFE), base flood depth, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundary or zone designation, or

regulatory floodway on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and where applicable, in the supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports for the communities listed in the table below. The purpose of this notice is to seek general information and comment regarding the preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided to the affected communities. The FIRM and FIS report are the basis of the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

DATES: Comments are to be submitted on or before June 10, 2025.

ADDRESSES: The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location <https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/>

and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables below. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov> for comparison.

You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. FEMA-B-2505, to Rick Sacbibt, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Risk Analysis, Planning & Information Directorate, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or (email) patrick.sacbibt@fema.dhs.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FEMA proposes to make flood hazard determinations for each community listed below, in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

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The communities affected by the flood hazard determinations are

provided in the tables below. Any request for reconsideration of the revised flood hazard information shown on the Preliminary FIRM and FIS report that satisfies the data requirements outlined in 44 CFR 67.6(b) is considered an appeal. Comments unrelated to the flood hazard determinations also will be considered before the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

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Kristin E. Fontenot,
Assistant Administrator, Risk Analysis,
Planning & Information Directorate, Federal
Emergency Management Agency, Department
of Homeland Security.

Community	Community map repository address
Whitman County, Washington and Incorporated Areas Project: 20–10–0004S Preliminary Date: June 28, 2024	
City of Colfax	City Hall, 400 Mill Street, Colfax, WA 99111.
City of Palouse	City Hall, 120 East Main Street, Palouse, WA 99161.
City of Pullman	City Hall, 190 Southeast Crestview Street, Building A, Pullman, WA 99163.
City of Tekoa	City Hall, 419 North Washington Street, Tekoa, WA 99033.
Town of Albion	Town Hall, 310 North F Street, Albion, WA 99102.
Town of Colton	Town Hall, 706 Broadway Street, Colton, WA 99113.
Town of Endicott	Town Hall, 201 C Street, Endicott, WA 99125.
Town of Farmington	Town Hall, 203 East Main Street, Farmington, WA 99128.
Town of Garfield	Town Hall, 405 West California Street, Garfield, WA 99130.
Town of Lamont	Town Hall, 302 8th Street, Lamont, WA 99017.
Town of Malden	Town Hall, 14 West Moreland Avenue, Malden, WA 99149.
Town of Oakesdale	Town Hall, 105 North 1st Street, Oakesdale, WA 99158.
Town of Rosalia	Town Hall, 110 West 5th Street, Rosalia, WA 99170.
Town of Saint John	Town Hall, 1 East Front Street, Saint John, WA 99171.
Town of Uniontown	Town Hall, 110 South Montgomery Street, Uniontown, WA 99179.
Unincorporated Areas of Whitman County	Whitman County Public Works Building, 310 North Main Street, Colfax, WA 99111.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA–2025–0002; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA–B–2507]

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Comments are requested on proposed flood hazard determinations, which may include additions or modifications of any Base Flood Elevation (BFE), base flood depth, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundary or zone designation, or regulatory floodway on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and where applicable, in the supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports for the communities listed in the table below. The purpose of this notice is to seek general information and comment regarding the preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report that the

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Use of a Scientific Resolution Panel (SRP) is available to communities in support of the appeal resolution

process. SRPs are independent panels of experts in hydrology, hydraulics, and other pertinent sciences established to review conflicting scientific and technical data and provide recommendations for resolution. Use of the SRP only may be exercised after FEMA and local communities have been engaged in a collaborative consultation process for at least 60 days without a mutually acceptable resolution of an appeal. Additional information regarding the SRP process can be found online at https://www.floodsrp.org/pdfs/srp_overview.pdf.

The watersheds and/or communities affected are listed in the tables below. The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location <https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/prelimdownload> and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables. For communities with multiple ongoing Preliminary studies, the studies can be identified by the unique project number and Preliminary FIRM date listed in the tables. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov> for comparison. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, "Flood Insurance.")

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Assistant Administrator, Risk Analysis,
Planning & Information Directorate, Federal
Emergency Management Agency, Department
of Homeland Security.

Community	Community map repository address
Lowndes County, Georgia and Incorporated Areas Project: 18-04-0005S Preliminary Date: September 27, 2024	
City of Hahira	City Hall, 102 South Church Street, Hahira, GA 31632.
City of Remerton	City Hall, 1757 Poplar Street, Remerton, GA 31601.
City of Valdosta	City Hall Annex, 300 North Lee Street, Valdosta, GA 31601.
Unincorporated Areas of Lowndes County	Lowndes County Judicial and Administrative Complex, 327 North Ashley Street, Valdosta, GA 31601.
Benton County, Mississippi and Incorporated Areas Project: 22-04-0018S Preliminary Date: October 22, 2024	
Unincorporated Areas of Benton County	Benton County Courthouse, 190 Ripley Avenue, Ashland, MS 38603.
Calhoun County, Mississippi and Incorporated Areas Project: 19-04-0009S Preliminary Date: January 8, 2025	
City of Calhoun City	City Hall, 102 South Monroe Street, Calhoun City, MS 38916.
Town of Derma	Town Hall, 120 South Main Street, Derma, MS 38839.
Unincorporated Areas of Calhoun County	Calhoun County Courthouse, 103 West Main Street, Pittsboro, MS 38951.
Panola County, Mississippi and Incorporated Areas Project: 22-04-0018S Preliminary Date: November 1, 2024	
City of Batesville	City Hall, 103 College Street, Batesville, MS 38606.

Community	Community map repository address
Unincorporated Areas of Panola County	Panola County Land Development Office, 245 Eureka Street, Batesville, MS 38606.

Tippah County, Mississippi and Incorporated Areas
Project: 22-04-0018S Preliminary Date: October 22, 2024

Unincorporated Areas of Tippah County	Tippah County Courthouse, 101 East Spring Street, Ripley, MS 38663.
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Yalobusha County, Mississippi and Incorporated Areas
Project: 22-04-0001S Preliminary Date: October 22, 2024

City of Water Valley	City Hall, 101 Blackmur Drive, Water Valley, MS 38965.
Unincorporated Areas of Yalobusha County	Yalobusha County Courthouse, 201 Blackmur Drive, Water Valley, MS 38965.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2025-0002]

Changes in Flood Hazard Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: New or modified Base (1-percent annual chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs), base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundaries or zone designations, and/or regulatory floodways (hereinafter referred to as flood hazard determinations) as shown on the indicated Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) for each of the communities listed in the table below are finalized. Each LOMR revises the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and in some cases the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports, currently in effect for the listed communities.

DATES: Each LOMR was finalized as in the table below.

ADDRESSES: Each LOMR is available for inspection at both the respective Community Map Repository address

listed in the table below and online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Sacbibit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Risk Analysis, Planning & Information Directorate, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or (email) patrick.sacbibit@fema.dhs.gov; or visit the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) online at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) makes the final flood hazard determinations as shown in the LOMRs for each community listed in the table below. Notice of these modified flood hazard determinations has been published in newspapers of local circulation and 90 days have elapsed since that publication. The Deputy Associate Administrator for Insurance and Mitigation has resolved any appeals resulting from this notification.

The modified flood hazard determinations are made pursuant to section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4105, and are in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*, and with 44 CFR part 65.

The current effective community number is shown and must be used for all new policies and renewals.

The new or modified flood hazard information is the basis for the floodplain management measures that

the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of being already in effect in order to remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

This new or modified flood hazard information, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities.

This new or modified flood hazard determinations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP. The changes in flood hazard determinations are in accordance with 44 CFR 65.4.

Interested lessees and owners of real property are encouraged to review the final flood hazard information available at the address cited below for each community or online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov>.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, "Flood Insurance.")

Kristin E. Fontenot,
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State and county	Location and case No.	Chief executive officer of community	Community map repository	Date of modification	Community No.
Arkansas:					
Jackson (FEMA Docket No.: B-2467).	City of Campbell Station (23-06-2514P).	The Honorable John Reed, Mayor, City of Campbell Station, 5005 Keeter Circle, Tuckerman, AR 72473.	City Hall, 5005 Keeter Circle, Tuckerman, AR 72473.	Jan. 17, 2025	050099
Jackson (FEMA Docket No.: B-2467).	City of Diaz (23-06-2514P).	The Honorable Perry Stegall, Mayor, City of Diaz, P.O. Box 136, Diaz, AR 72043.	City Hall, P.O. Box 136, Diaz, AR 72043.	Jan. 17, 2025	050100
Jackson (FEMA Docket No.: B-2467).	City of Newport (23-06-2514P).	The Honorable Derrick Ratliffe, Mayor, City of Newport, 615 3rd Street, Newport, AR 72112.	Economic Development Commission, 615 3rd Street, Newport, AR 72112.	Jan. 17, 2025	050103

State and county	Location and case No.	Chief executive officer of community	Community map repository	Date of modification	Community No.
Jackson (FEMA Docket No.: B-2467).	Town of Jacksonport (23-06-2514P).	The Honorable Marcus Dodson, Mayor, Town of Jacksonport, P.O. Box 116, Jacksonport, AR 72075.	Town Hall, P.O. Box 116, Jacksonport, AR 72075.	Jan. 17, 2025	050102
Jackson (FEMA Docket No.: B-2467).	Unincorporated areas of Jackson County (23-06-2514P).	The Honorable Jeff Phillips, Jackson County Judge, 208 Main Street, Newport, AR 72112.	Jackson County Courthouse, 208 Main Street, Newport, AR 72112.	Jan. 17, 2025	050096
Colorado:					
El Paso (FEMA Docket No.: B-2472).	City of Manitou Springs (24-08-0006P)	The Honorable John Graham, Mayor, City of Manitou Springs, 606 Manitou Avenue, Manitou Springs, CO 80829.	Pikes Peak Regional Building Department, Floodplain Management Office, 2880 International Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80910.	Jan. 21, 2025	080063
Larimer (FEMA Docket No.: B-2472).	Town of Wellington (24-08-0267P).	The Honorable Calar Chaussee, Mayor, Town of Wellington, P.O. Box 127, Wellington, CO 80549.	Town Hall, 3735 Cleveland Street, Wellington, CO 80549.	Jan. 29, 2025	080104
San Miguel (FEMA Docket No.: B-2479).	Town of Telluride (22-08-0762P).	The Honorable Teddy Errico, Mayor, Town of Telluride, P.O. Box 397, Telluride, CO 81435.	Town Hall, 113 West Columbia, Telluride, CO 81435.	Jan. 27, 2025	080168
San Miguel (FEMA Docket No.: B-2479).	Unincorporated areas of San Miguel County (22-08-0762P).	Lance Waring, Chair, San Miguel County Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box 1170, Telluride, CO 81435.	San Miguel County Planning Department, 333 West Colorado, Mira Monte Building, 3rd Floor, Telluride, CO 81435.	Jan. 27, 2025	080166
Connecticut: Fairfield (FEMA Docket No.: B-2467).	Town of Greenwich (24-01-0503P).	The Honorable Fred Camillo, First Selectman, Town of Greenwich Board of Selectmen, 101 Field Point Road, Greenwich, CT 06830.	Planning and Development Department, 101 Field Point Road, Greenwich, CT 06830.	Jan. 16, 2025	090008
Florida:					
Collier (FEMA Docket No.: B-2467).	Unincorporated areas of Collier County (24-04-6932X).	Chris Hall, Chair, Collier County Board of Commissioners, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Suite 303, Naples, FL 34112.	Collier County Growth Management Community Development Department, 2800 North Horseshoe Drive, Naples, FL 34104.	Jan. 21, 2025	120067
Monroe (FEMA Docket No.: B-2467).	Unincorporated areas of Monroe County (24-04-3770P).	The Honorable Holly Merrill Raschein, Mayor, Monroe County Board of Commissioners, 102050 Overseas Highway, Suite 234, Key Largo, FL 33037.	Monroe County Building Department, 2798 Overseas Highway, Suite 300, Marathon, FL 33050.	Jan. 17, 2025	125129
Polk (FEMA Docket No.: B-2472).	Unincorporated areas of Polk County (23-04-4569P).	Bill Beasley, Polk County Manager, 330 West Church Street, Bartow, FL 33830.	Polk County Land Development Division, 330 West Church Street, Bartow, FL 33830.	Jan. 23, 2025	120261
Illinois: DuPage (FEMA Docket No.: B-2472).	Unincorporated areas of DuPage County (23-05-1793P).	Deborah Conroy, Chair, DuPage County Board, 421 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187.	DuPage County Administration Building, Stormwater Management, 421 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187.	Jan. 27, 2025	170197
Kansas:					
Johnson (FEMA Docket No.: B-2467).	City of Lenexa (23-07-0423P).	The Honorable Julie Sayers, Mayor, City of Lenexa, 17101 West 87th Street Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66219.	City Hall, 17101 West 87th Street Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66219.	Jan. 22, 2025	200168
Johnson (FEMA Docket No.: B-2467).	City of Overland Park (23-07-0423P).	The Honorable Curt Skoog, Mayor, City of Overland Park, 8500 Santa Fe Drive, Overland Park, KS 66212.	City Hall, 8500 Santa Fe Drive, Overland Park, KS 66212.	Jan. 22, 2025	200174
Johnson (FEMA Docket No.: B-2467).	City of Shawnee (23-07-0423P).	The Honorable Michael Sandifer, Mayor, City of Shawnee, 11110 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KS 66203.	City Hall, 11110 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KS 66203.	Jan. 22, 2025	200177
Mississippi: Harrison (FEMA Docket No.: B-2467).	City of Pass Christian (23-04-5645P).	The Honorable Jimmy Rafferty, Mayor, City of Pass Christian, 200 West Scenic Drive, Pass Christian, MS 39571.	City Hall, 200 West Scenic Drive, Pass Christian, MS 39571.	Jan. 23, 2025	285261
North Carolina:					
Alexander (FEMA Docket No.: B-2472).	Unincorporated areas of Alexander County (24-04-1106P).	Marty Pennel, Chair, Alexander County Board of Commissioners, 621 Liledoun Road, Taylorsville, NC 28681.	Alexander County Planning and Development Department, 151 West Main Avenue, Suite 7, Taylorsville, NC 28681.	Jan. 23, 2025	370398
Avery (FEMA Docket No.: B-2472).	Unincorporated areas of Avery County (23-04-6256P).	Tim Phillips, Chair, Avery County Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box 640, Newland, NC 28657.	Avery County Planning Department, 200 Old Montezuma Road, Newland, NC 28657.	Jan. 9, 2025	370010
Caldwell (FEMA Docket No.: B-2472).	Unincorporated areas of Caldwell County (24-04-2160P).	Randy Church, Chair, Caldwell County Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box 220, Lenoir, NC 28645.	Caldwell County Planning and Development Department, 2345 Morganton Boulevard Southwest, Lenoir, NC 28645.	Jan. 22, 2025	370039
Iredell (FEMA Docket No.: B-2472).	Town of Mooresville (24-04-1233P)	The Honorable Chris Carney, Mayor, Town of Mooresville, 413 North Main Street, Mooresville, NC 28815.	Planning Department, 413 North Main Street, Mooresville, NC 28815	Jan. 27, 2025	370314

State and county	Location and case No.	Chief executive officer of community	Community map repository	Date of modification	Community No.
Mecklenburg (FEMA Docket No.: B-2472).	City of Charlotte (22-04-2871P).	The Honorable Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor, City of Charlotte, 600 East 4th Street, Charlotte, NC 28202.	Mecklenburg County Stormwater Services Division, 2145 Suttle Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28208.	Jan. 9, 2025	370159
Mecklenburg (FEMA Docket No.: B-2472).	Town of Pineville (22-04-2871P).	The Honorable David Phillips, Mayor, Town of Pineville, P.O. Box 249, Pineville, NC 28134.	Mecklenburg County Stormwater Services Division, 2145 Suttle Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28208.	Jan. 9, 2025	370160
Union (FEMA Docket No.: B-2472).	City of Monroe (24-04-2810P).	The Honorable Robert Burns, Mayor, City of Monroe, 300 West Corwell Street, Monroe, NC 28112.	City Hall, 300 West Corwell Street, Monroe, NC 28112.	Jan. 28, 2025	370236
Wake (FEMA Docket No.: B-2472).	Town of Cary (23-04-4024P).	The Honorable Harold Weinbrecht, Mayor, Town of Cary, P.O. Box 8005, Cary, NC 27512.	Stormwater Services Division, 316 North Academy Street, Cary, NC 27513.	Jan. 24, 2025	370238
Texas:					
Brazos (FEMA Docket No.: B-2467).	City of Bryan (23-06-2592P).	The Honorable Bobby Gutierrez, Mayor, City of Bryan, P.O. Box 1000, Bryan, TX 77805.	City Hall, 300 South Texas Avenue, Bryan, TX 77840.	Jan. 22, 2025	480082
Collin (FEMA Docket No.: B-2467).	City of McKinney (24-06-1316P).	The Honorable George Fuller, Mayor, City of McKinney, 222 North Tennessee Street, McKinney, TX 75069.	City Hall, 221 North Tennessee Street, McKinney, TX 75069.	Jan. 21, 2025	480135
Utah:					
Cache (FEMA Docket No.: B-2460).	City of Logan (24-08-0055P).	The Honorable Holly H. Daines, Mayor, City of Logan, 290 North 100 West, Logan, UT 84321.	Public Works Department, 290 North 100 West, Logan, UT 84321.	Jan. 17, 2025	490019
Cache (FEMA Docket No.: B-2460).	City of Millville (24-08-0055P).	The Honorable David Hair, Mayor, City of Millville, P.O. Box 308, Millville, UT 84326.	City Hall, P.O. Box 308, Millville, UT 84326.	Jan. 17, 2025	490021
Cache (FEMA Docket No.: B-2460).	City of Nibley (24-08-0055P).	The Honorable Larry Jacobsen, Mayor, City of Nibley, 455 West 3200 South, Nibley, UT 84321.	Public Works Department, 455 West 3200 South, Nibley, UT 84321.	Jan. 17, 2025	490023
Cache (FEMA Docket No.: B-2460).	City of Providence (24-08-0055P).	The Honorable Kathleen Alder, Mayor, City of Providence, 164 North Gateway Drive, Providence, UT 84332.	City Hall, 164 North Gateway Drive, Providence, UT 84332.	Jan. 17, 2025	490226
Cache (FEMA Docket No.: B-2460).	City of River Heights (24-08-0055P).	The Honorable Jason Thompson, Mayor, City of River Heights, 520 South 500 East, River Heights, UT 84321.	City Hall, 520 South 500 East, River Heights, UT 84321.	Jan. 17, 2025	490240
Cache (FEMA Docket No.: B-2460).	Unincorporated areas of Cache County (24-08-0055P).	The Honorable David Zook, Cache County Executive, 199 North Main Street, Logan, UT 84321.	Public Works Department, 179 North Main Street, Suite 305, Logan, UT 84321.	Jan. 17, 2025	490012

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-1392]

Certain Oil Vaporizing Devices, Components Thereof, and Products Containing the Same; Notice of Request for Submissions on the Public Interest

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that on March 6, 2025, the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) issued an Initial Determination on Violation of Section 337. The ALJ also issued a Recommended Determination on remedy and bonding should a violation be found in the above-captioned investigation. The Commission is soliciting submissions on public interest issues raised by the recommended relief should the Commission find a violation. This notice is soliciting comments from

the public and interested government agencies only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: B. Rashmi Borah, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205-2518. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>. For help accessing EDIS, please email EDIS3Help@usitc.gov. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at <https://www.usitc.gov>. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 provides that, if the Commission finds a violation, it shall exclude the articles concerned from the United States unless, after considering the effect of such exclusion upon the public health and welfare, competitive conditions in

the United States economy, the production of like or directly competitive articles in the United States, and United States consumers, it finds that such articles should not be excluded from entry. (19 U.S.C. 1337(d)(1)). A similar provision applies to cease and desist orders. (19 U.S.C. 1337(f)(1)).

The Commission is soliciting submissions on public interest issues raised by the recommended relief should the Commission find a violation, specifically: a limited exclusion order directed to certain oil vaporizing devices, components thereof, and products containing the same imported, sold for importation, and/or sold after importation by respondents STIIIZY IP LLC f/k/a STIIIZY, LLC; STIIIZY, Inc. d/b/a Shryne Group Inc. (collectively, “STIIIZY”); ALD Group Limited; and ALD (Hong Kong) Holdings Limited (collectively, “ALD”); and cease and desist orders directed to STIIIZY and ALD. Parties are to file public interest submissions pursuant to 19 CFR 210.50(a)(4).

The Commission is interested in further development of the record on the public interest in this investigation.

Accordingly, members of the public and interested government agencies are invited to file submissions of no more than five (5) pages, inclusive of attachments, concerning the public interest in light of the ALJ's Recommended Determination on Remedy and Bonding issued in this investigation on March 6, 2025. Comments should address whether issuance of the recommended remedial orders in this investigation, should the Commission find a violation, would affect the public health and welfare in the United States, competitive conditions in the United States economy, the production of like or directly competitive articles in the United States, or United States consumers.

In particular, the Commission is interested in comments that:

(i) explain how the articles potentially subject to the recommended remedial orders are used in the United States;

(ii) identify any public health, safety, or welfare concerns in the United States relating to the recommended orders;

(iii) identify like or directly competitive articles that complainant, its licensees, or third parties make in the United States which could replace the subject articles if they were to be excluded;

(iv) indicate whether complainant, complainant's licensees, and/or third-party suppliers have the capacity to replace the volume of articles potentially subject to the recommended orders within a commercially reasonable time; and

(v) explain how the recommended orders would impact consumers in the United States.

Written submissions must be filed no later than by close of business on April 7, 2025.

Persons filing written submissions must file the original document electronically on or before the deadlines stated above pursuant to 19 CFR 210.4(f). Submissions should refer to the investigation number ("Inv. No. 337-TA-1392") in a prominent place on the cover page and/or the first page. (See Handbook for Electronic Filing Procedures, https://www.usitc.gov/secretary/fed_reg_notices/rules/handbook_on_electronic_filing.pdf). Persons with questions regarding filing should contact the Secretary (202-205-2000).

Any person desiring to submit a document to the Commission in confidence must request confidential treatment by marking each document with a header indicating that the document contains confidential information. This marking will be

deemed to satisfy the request procedure set forth in Rules 201.6(b) and 210.5(e)(2) (19 CFR 201.6(b) & 210.5(e)(2)). Documents for which confidential treatment by the Commission is properly sought will be treated accordingly. Any non-party wishing to submit comments containing confidential information must serve those comments on the parties to the investigation pursuant to the applicable Administrative Protective Order. A redacted non-confidential version of the document must also be filed simultaneously with any confidential filing and must be served in accordance with Commission Rule 210.4(f)(7)(ii)(A) (19 CFR 210.4(f)(7)(ii)(A)). All information, including confidential business information and documents for which confidential treatment is properly sought, submitted to the Commission for purposes of this investigation may be disclosed to and used: (i) by the Commission, its employees and Offices, and contract personnel (a) for developing or maintaining the records of this or a related proceeding, or (b) in internal investigations, audits, reviews, and evaluations relating to the programs, personnel, and operations of the Commission including under 5 U.S.C. appendix 3; or (ii) by U.S. Government employees and contract personnel, solely for cybersecurity purposes. All contract personnel will sign appropriate nondisclosure agreements. All nonconfidential written submissions will be available for public inspection on EDIS.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and in part 210 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR part 210).

By order of the Commission.

Issued: March 6, 2025.

Lisa Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

National Institute of Corrections

[4410-36]

Advisory Board; Notice of Meeting

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) Advisory Board.

Name of the Committee: NIC Advisory Board.

General Function of the Committee: To aid the National Institute of

Corrections in developing long-range plans, advise on program development, and recommend guidance to assist NIC's efforts in the areas of training, technical assistance, information services, and policy/program development assistance to Federal, state, and local corrections agencies.

Date and Time: 1:45 p.m.–4:00 p.m. ET on Tuesday, March 25, 2025.

Location: Virtual.

Contact Person: Leslie LeMaster, Designated Federal Official (DFO) to the NIC Advisory Board, The National Institute of Corrections, 320 First Street NW, Room 901-3, Washington, DC 20534. To contact Ms. LeMaster, please call (202) 305-5773 or llemaster@bop.gov.

Agenda: On March 25, 2025, the Advisory Board will: (1) receive a brief Agency Report from the NIC Director, (2) receive project-specific updates from all NIC divisions, and (3) updates on NIC's 50th anniversary activities. Time for questions and counsel from the Board is built into the agenda.

Procedure: On Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 1:45 p.m.–4:00 p.m. ET, the meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may request to attend virtually, and present data, information, or views, orally and/or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Such requests must be made to the contact person on or before Thursday, March 20, 2025. The public comment period is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.–3:35 p.m. ET on March 25, 2025. The time allotted for each presentation and/or comment is limited. Those who wish to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names, titles, agencies, addresses, and email addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation on or before March 20, 2025.

General Information: NIC welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Leslie LeMaster by March 20, 2025. Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Leslie LeMaster,

Designated Federal Official, National Institute of Corrections.

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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Notice of Funding Availability and Request for Proposals for Calendar Year 2026 Basic Field Grant Awards

AGENCY: Legal Services Corporation.
ACTION: Notice of funding availability.

SUMMARY: The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) is a federally established and funded 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that funds civil legal aid organizations across the country and in the U.S. territories. Its mission is to expand access to justice by funding high-quality legal representation for low-income people in civil matters. In anticipation of a congressional appropriation to LSC for Fiscal Year 2026, LSC hereby announces the availability of funding for basic field grants with terms commencing in January 2026. LSC will publish a Request for Proposals (RFP) and seeks applications from interested parties who are qualified to provide effective, efficient, and high-quality civil legal services to eligible clients in the service area(s) of the states and territories identified below. The availability and the exact amount of congressionally appropriated funds, as well as the date, terms, and conditions of funds available for grants for calendar year 2026, have not yet been determined.

DATES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for grant application dates.

ADDRESSES: By email to lscgrants@lsc.gov or by other correspondence to Legal Services Corporation—Basic Field Grant Awards, 1825 I Street NW, Eighth Floor, Washington, DC 20006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Williams by phone at 202–295–1602 or email at lscgrants@lsc.gov, or visit the LSC website at <https://www.lsc.gov/grants/basic-field-grant>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) hereby announces the availability of funding for basic field grants with terms beginning in January 2026. LSC seeks grant proposals from interested parties who are qualified to provide effective, efficient, and high-quality civil legal services to eligible clients in the service area(s) of the states and territories identified below. Interested potential applicants must first file a Pre-Application. After approval by LSC of the Pre-Application, an applicant can submit an application in response to the RFP, which contains the grant proposal guidelines, proposal content requirements, and selection criteria. The Pre-Application and RFP will open in

GrantEase, LSC’s grants management system, on or around April 15, 2025. Additional information will be available at <https://www.lsc.gov/grants/basic-field-grant>.

The listing of all key dates for the LSC 2026 basic field grants process, including the deadlines for filing grant proposals, is available at <https://www.lsc.gov/grants/basic-field-grant/how-apply-basic-field-grant/basic-field-grant-key-dates>.

LSC seeks proposals from: (1) nonprofit organizations that have as a purpose the provision of legal assistance to eligible clients; (2) private attorneys; (3) groups of private attorneys or law firms; (4) state or local governments; and (5) sub-state regional planning and coordination agencies that are composed of sub-state areas and whose governing boards are controlled by locally elected officials.

The service areas for which LSC is requesting grant proposals for 2026 are listed below. LSC provides grants for three types of service areas: Basic Field-General, Basic Field-Native American, and Basic Field-Agricultural Worker. For example, the state of Idaho has three basic field service areas: ID–1 (General), NID–1 (Native American), and MID (Agricultural Worker). Service area descriptions are available at <https://www.lsc.gov/grants/basic-field-grant/lsc-service-areas>. LSC will post all updates and changes to this notice at <https://www.lsc.gov/grants/basic-field-grant/lsc-service-areas>. Interested parties can visit <https://www.lsc.gov/grants/basic-field-grant> or reach out to lscgrants@lsc.gov.

State or territory	Service area(s)
Arizona	MAZ, AZ–3, AZ–5, NAZ–6.
Arkansas	AR–8.
California	CA–1, NCA–1, CA–12, CA–27, CA–28.
Connecticut	CT–1.
Delaware	MDE.
District of Columbia	DC–1.
Florida	FL–18.
Guam/Micronesia	MP–2.
Illinois	IL–3, IL–7.
Kentucky	KY–2, KY–9, KY–10.
Louisiana	LA–13.
Massachusetts	MA–11, MA–4, MA–10.
Maryland	MMD, MD–1.
Michigan	MMI, MI–9, MI–12, MI–15, NMI–1.
Minnesota	MMN, MN–4, MN–5, MN–6.
Missouri	MO–4, MO–5.
New Hampshire	NH–1.
New Mexico	MNM, NM–5, NNM–4.
New York	NY–9.
North Dakota	MND.
Ohio	OH–18, OH–20, OH–21, MOH, OH–23.
Oklahoma	MOK, OK–3, NOK–1.
Pennsylvania	PA–24.
Puerto Rico	PR–2.
South Dakota	SD–2, SD–4, NSD–1.

State or territory	Service area(s)
Tennessee	TN–7, TN–9, TN–10.
Texas	MSX–2, TX–15, NTX–1, TX–13.
Virginia	VA–17, VA–19, VA–20.
West Virginia	WV–5.
Wisconsin	MWI, WI–5.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2996g(e).)

Dated: March 6, 2025.

Stefanie Davis,
Deputy General Counsel, Legal Services Corporation.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Humanities

Meeting of National Council on the Humanities

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Humanities; National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that the National Council on the Humanities will meet to advise the Chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) with respect to policies, programs and procedures for carrying out her functions; to review applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965 and make recommendations thereon to the Chair; and to consider gifts offered to NEH and make recommendations thereon to the Chair.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until adjourned, and Friday, March 21, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. until adjourned.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held by videoconference originating at Constitution Center, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Voyatzis, Committee Management Officer, 400 7th Street SW, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20506; (202) 606–8322; evoyatzis@neh.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Council on the Humanities is meeting pursuant to the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 951–960, as amended).

The following Committees of the National Council on the Humanities

will convene by videoconference on March 20, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., to discuss specific grant applications and programs before the Council:

- Challenge Programs;
- Education Programs;
- Digital Humanities;
- Preservation and Access;
- Public Programs; and
- Research Programs.

The Federal/State Partnership Committee of the National Council on the Humanities will convene by videoconference on March 20, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m., to discuss specific grant applications and programs before the Council.

The plenary session of the National Council on the Humanities will convene by videoconference on March 21, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. until adjourned. The agenda for the plenary session will be as follows:

- A. Minutes of Previous Meeting
- B. Reports
 - 1. Actions on Requests for Chair's Grants and Supplemental Funding
 - 2. Actions on Previously Considered Applications
- C. Challenge Programs
- D. Digital Humanities
- E. Education Programs
- F. Federal/State Partnership
- G. Preservation and Access
- H. Public Programs
- I. Research Programs

This meeting of the National Council on the Humanities will be closed to the public pursuant to sections 552b(c)(4), 552b(c)(6), and 552b(c)(9)(B) of Title 5 U.S.C., as amended, because it will include review of personal and/or proprietary financial and commercial information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants, and discussion of certain information, the premature disclosure of which could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action. I have made this determination pursuant to the authority granted me by the Chair's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee Meetings dated April 15, 2016.

Dated: March 7, 2025.

Jessica Graves,

Paralegal Specialist, National Endowment for the Humanities.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2025-1206 and K2025-1205]

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:* March 14, 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

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).

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 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):* MC2025-1206 and K2025-1205; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 633 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* March 6, 2025; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative:* Christopher Mohr; *Comments Due:* March 14, 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. 34-102534; File No. SR-NYSEARCA-2025-15]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change To List and Trade Shares of the Bitwise Bitcoin and Ethereum ETF Under NYSE Arca Rule 8.201-E (Commodity-Based Trust Shares)

March 6, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)² and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that on February 19, 2025, NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca” or the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to list and trade shares of the Bitwise Bitcoin and Ethereum ETF (the “Trust”) under NYSE Arca Rule 8.201-E (Commodity-Based Trust Shares). The proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at www.nyse.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of those statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to list and trade shares (“Shares”) of the Trust⁴ pursuant to NYSE Arca Rule 8.201-E, which governs the listing and trading of Commodity Based Trust Shares.⁵

According to the Registration Statement, the Trust will not be registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940,⁶ and is not required to register thereunder. The Trust is not a commodity pool for purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.⁷

The Exchange represents that the Shares satisfy the requirements of NYSE Arca Rule 8.201-E and thereby qualify for listing on the Exchange.

Operation of the Trust⁸

The Trust will issue the Shares which, according to the Registration Statement, represent units of undivided beneficial ownership of the Trust. The Trust is a Delaware statutory trust and will operate pursuant to a trust agreement (the “Trust Agreement”) between Bitwise Investment Advisers, LLC (the “Sponsor” or “Bitwise”) and Delaware Trust Company, as the Trust’s trustee (the “Trustee”). Coinbase Custody Trust Company, LLC will maintain custody of the Trust’s bitcoin and ether (the “Bitcoin and Ether Custodian”). Bank of New York Mellon will be the custodian for the Trust’s cash holdings (in such role, the “Cash Custodian”), the administrator of the Trust (in such role, the “Administrator”), and the transfer agent for the Trust (in such role, the “Transfer Agent”).

According to the Registration Statement, 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. The Trust’s allocation of its assets to bitcoin and ether will approximate the relative market capitalization of bitcoin and ether to one another.⁹ In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Trust will hold bitcoin and ether and establish its Net Asset Value (“NAV”) at the end of every business day by reference to the CME CF Bitcoin—New York Variant for its bitcoin holdings (the “Bitcoin Pricing Benchmark”) and to the CME CF Ether—Dollar Reference Rate—New York Variant for its ether holdings (the “Ether Pricing Benchmark,” and, with the Bitcoin Pricing Benchmark, the “Pricing Benchmarks”).¹⁰

The Trust’s only assets will be bitcoin, ether, and cash.¹¹ The Trust does not seek to hold any non-bitcoin or non-ether crypto assets and has

⁹ As of the date of this filing, the relative market capitalization of bitcoin and ether is 83% bitcoin and 17% ether. The Trust will calculate the market capitalization of bitcoin and ether by multiplying the Pricing Benchmarks 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.

¹⁰ The Pricing Benchmarks are calculated by CF Benchmarks Ltd. (the “Benchmark Provider”) based on an aggregation of executed trade flow of major bitcoin and ether trading platforms. As further discussed below, the Pricing Benchmarks are designed to provide a daily, 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time (“E.T.”) reference rate of the U.S. dollar price of one bitcoin or one ether that may be used to develop financial products.

¹¹ The Trust conducts creations and redemptions of its Shares for cash. Authorized Participants (defined below) will deliver cash to the Cash Custodian pursuant to creation orders for Shares and the Cash Custodian will hold such cash until such time as it can be converted to bitcoin or ether, which the Trust intends to do on the same business day in which such cash is received by the Cash Custodian. Additionally, the Trust will sell bitcoin and ether in exchange for cash pursuant to redemption orders of its Shares. In connection with such sales, an approved Digital Asset Trading Counterparty (defined below) will send cash to the Cash Custodian. The Cash Custodian will hold such cash until it can be distributed to the redeeming Authorized Participant, which it intends to do on the same business day in which it is received. In connection with the purchases and sales of bitcoin and ether pursuant to its creation and redemption activity, it is possible that the Trust may retain de minimis amounts of cash as a result of rounding differences. The Trust may also initially hold small amounts of cash to initiate Trust operations in the immediate aftermath of its Registration Statement being declared effective. Lastly, the Trust may also sell bitcoin and ether and temporarily hold cash as part of a liquidation of the Trust or to pay certain extraordinary expenses not assumed by the Sponsor. Under the Trust Agreement, the Sponsor has agreed to assume the normal operating expenses of the Trust, subject to certain limitations. For example, the Trust will bear any indemnification or litigation liabilities as extraordinary expenses. In any event, in the ongoing course of business, the amounts of cash retained by the Trust are not expected to constitute a material portion of the Trust’s holdings.

⁴ The Trust is a Delaware statutory trust. On November 26, 2024, the Trust filed with the Commission an initial registration statement (the “Registration Statement”) on Form S-1 under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a). The description of the operation of the Trust herein is based, in part, on the most recent Registration Statement. The Registration Statement is not yet effective, and the Shares will not trade on the Exchange until such time that the Registration Statement is effective.

⁵ Commodity-Based Trust Shares are securities issued by a trust that represents investors’ discrete identifiable and undivided beneficial ownership interest in the commodities deposited into the trust.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 80a-1.

⁷ 17 U.S.C. 1.

⁸ The description of the operation of the Trust, the Shares, and the bitcoin and ether markets contained herein is based, in part, on the Registration Statement. See note 4, *supra*.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

expressly disclaimed ownership of any such assets in the event the Trust ever involuntarily comes into possession of such assets.¹² The Trust will not use derivatives that may subject the Trust to counterparty and credit risks. The Trust will process creations and redemptions in cash. The Trust's only recurring ordinary expense is expected to be the Sponsor's management fee (the "Sponsor Fee"), which will accrue daily and will be payable in bitcoin and ether monthly in arrears. The Administrator will calculate the Sponsor Fee on a daily basis by applying an annualized rate to the Trust's total bitcoin and ether holdings, and the amount of bitcoin and ether payable in respect of each daily accrual shall be determined by reference to the Pricing Benchmarks. Financial institutions authorized to create and redeem Shares (each, an "Authorized Participant") will deliver, or cause to be delivered, cash in exchange for Shares of the Trust, and the Trust will deliver cash to Authorized Participants when those Authorized Participants redeem Shares of the Trust.

Custody of the Trust's Bitcoin and Ether

The Trust's Bitcoin and Ether Custodian will maintain custody of all of the Trust's bitcoin and ether, other than that which is maintained in a trading account (the "Trading Balance") with Coinbase, Inc. (the "Prime Execution Agent," which is an affiliate of the Bitcoin and Ether Custodian). The Bitcoin and Ether Custodian will maintain an account that holds the Trust's bitcoin (the "Trust Bitcoin Account") and an account that holds the Trust's ether (the "Trust Ether Account," and together with the Trust Bitcoin Account, the "Trust Digital Asset Accounts"), and will facilitate the transfer of bitcoin and ether required for the operation of the Trust. The Trading Balance will only be used in the limited circumstances in which the Trust is using the Agent Execution Model (as

¹² The Trust may, from time to time, passively receive, by virtue of holding bitcoin or ether, certain additional digital assets ("IR Assets") or rights to receive IR Assets ("Incidental Rights") through a fork of the Bitcoin network or Ethereum network or an airdrop of assets. The Trust will not seek to acquire such IR Assets or Incidental Rights. Pursuant to the terms of the Trust Agreement, the Trust has disclaimed ownership in any such IR Assets and/or Incidental Rights to make clear that such assets are not and shall never be considered assets of the Trust and will not be taken into account for purposes of determining the Trust's NAV or NAV per Share. Neither the Trust, nor the Sponsor, nor the Bitcoin and Ether Custodian, nor any other person associated with the Trust will, directly or indirectly, engage in action where any portion of the Trust's ether becomes subject to the Ethereum proof-of-stake validation or is used to earn additional ether or generate income or other earnings.

defined below) to effectuate the purchases and sales of bitcoin or ether. The Bitcoin and Ether Custodian provides safekeeping of bitcoin and ether using a multi-layer cold storage security platform designed to provide offline security of the bitcoin and ether held by the Bitcoin and Ether Custodian.

Valuation of the Trust's Bitcoin and Ether

The net assets of the Trust and its Shares are valued on a daily basis with reference to the Pricing Benchmarks, which are standardized reference rates published by the Benchmark Provider designed to reflect the performance of bitcoin and ether in U.S. dollars. The Bitcoin Pricing Benchmark and Ether Pricing Benchmark were created to facilitate financial products based on bitcoin and ether, respectively. The Bitcoin Pricing Benchmark serves as a once-a-day benchmark rate of the U.S. dollar price of bitcoin (USD/BTC), and the Ether Pricing Benchmark serves as a once-a-day benchmark rate of the U.S. dollar price of ether (USD/ETH), each calculated as of 4:00 p.m. E.T. The Bitcoin Pricing Benchmark aggregates the trade flow of several major bitcoin trading venues, and the Ether Pricing Benchmark aggregates the trade flow of several major ether trading venues, each during an observation window between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. E.T. into the U.S. dollar price of one bitcoin or ether, as applicable, at 4:00 p.m. E.T.

The Bitcoin Pricing Benchmark uses the same methodology as the CME CF Bitcoin Reference Rate ("BRR"), which was designed by the CME Group and the Benchmark Provider to facilitate the cash settlement of bitcoin futures contracts traded on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange ("CME").¹³ The CME Group also publishes the CME CF Bitcoin Real Time Index (the "CME Bitcoin Real Time Price"), which is a continuous measure of the U.S. dollar price of one bitcoin calculated once per second. Similarly, the Ether Pricing Benchmark uses the same methodology as the CME CF Ether-Dollar Reference Rate ("ERR"), which was designed by the CME Group and the Benchmark Provider to facilitate the cash settlement of ether futures contracts traded on the CME.¹⁴ The CME Group also publishes

¹³ The only material difference between the Bitcoin Pricing Benchmark and the BRR is that the BRR measures the U.S. dollar price of one bitcoin as of 4:00 p.m. London time and the Bitcoin Pricing Benchmark measures the U.S. dollar price of one bitcoin as of 4:00 p.m. E.T.

¹⁴ The only material difference between the Ether Pricing Benchmark and ERR is that the ERR measures the U.S. dollar price of one ether as of

the CME CF Ether Real Time Index (the "CME Ether Real Time Price"), which is a continuous measure of the U.S. dollar price of one ether calculated once per second. Each of the Pricing Benchmarks, BRR, ERR, CME Bitcoin Real Time Price, and CME Ether Real Time Price are representative of the bitcoin or ether trading activity, as applicable, on the Constituent Platforms,¹⁵ which include, as of the date of this filing, Bitstamp, Coinbase, Gemini, itBit, LMAX, and Kraken.

The Trust uses the Pricing Benchmarks to calculate its NAV, as described below in "Net Asset Value."

The Sponsor, in its sole discretion, may cause the Trust to price its portfolio based upon an index, benchmark, or standard other than the Pricing Benchmarks at any time, with prior notice to the shareholders, if investment conditions change or the Sponsor believes that another index, benchmark, or standard better aligns with the Trust's investment objective and strategy. The Sponsor may make this decision for a number of reasons, including, but not limited to, a determination that the Pricing Benchmarks price of bitcoin or ether differs materially from the global market price of bitcoin or ether and/or that third parties are able to purchase and sell bitcoin or ether on public or private markets not included among the Constituent Platforms, and such transactions may take place at prices materially higher or lower than the Pricing Benchmarks price. The Sponsor, however, is under no obligation whatsoever to make such changes in any circumstance. In the event that the Sponsor intends to establish the Trust's NAV by reference to an index, benchmark, or standard other than the Pricing Benchmarks, it will provide shareholders with notice in a prospectus supplement and/or through a current report on Form 8-K or in the Trust's annual or quarterly reports.¹⁶

Net Asset Value

The Trust's only assets will be bitcoin and ether and, under limited circumstances, cash. The Trust's 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.

4:00 p.m. London time, and the Ether Pricing Benchmark measures the U.S. dollar price of one ether as of 4:00 p.m. E.T.

¹⁵ The "Constituent Platforms" are the bitcoin and ether trading venues included in the Pricing Benchmarks.

¹⁶ The Sponsor will provide notice of any such changes in the Trust's periodic or current reports and, if the Sponsor makes such a change other than on an ad hoc or temporary basis, will file a proposed rule change with the Commission.

The Administrator will calculate the NAV by multiplying the number of bitcoin and ether held by the Trust by the Bitcoin Pricing Benchmark or Ether Pricing Benchmark, respectively, for such day, adding any additional receivables and subtracting the accrued but unpaid liabilities of the Trust. The NAV per Share is calculated by dividing the NAV by the number of Shares then outstanding. The Administrator will determine the price of the Trust's bitcoin and ether by reference to the Pricing Benchmarks, which are published and calculated as set forth above.

Intraday Trust Value

The Trust uses the CME Bitcoin Real Time Price and CME Ether Real Time Price to calculate an Indicative Trust Value ("ITV"). One or more major market data vendors will disseminate the ITV, updated every 15 seconds each trading day as calculated by the Exchange or a third-party financial data provider during the Exchange's Core Trading Session (9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., E.T.). The ITV will be calculated throughout the trading day by using the prior day's holdings at the close of business and the most recently reported price level of the CME Bitcoin Real Time Price and CME Ether Real Time Price. The ITV will be widely disseminated by one or more major market data vendors during the NYSE Arca Core Trading Session.

Creation and Redemption of Shares

The Trust creates and redeems Shares from time to time, but only in one or more Creation Units, which will initially consist of at least 10,000 Shares, but may be subject to change ("Creation Unit"). A Creation Unit is only made in exchange for delivery to the Trust or the distribution by the Trust of an amount of cash, equivalent to the value of bitcoin and ether represented by the Creation Unit being created or redeemed, the amount of which is representative of the combined NAV of the number of Shares included in the Creation Units being created or redeemed determined as of 4:00 p.m. E.T. on the day the order to create or redeem Creation Units is properly received. Except when aggregated in Creation Units or under extraordinary circumstances permitted under the Trust Agreement, the Shares are not redeemable securities.

Authorized Participants are the only persons that may place orders to create and redeem Creation Units. Authorized Participants must be (1) registered broker-dealers or other securities market participants, such as banks and other

financial institutions, that are not required to register as broker-dealers to engage in securities transactions described below, and (2) Depository Trust Company ("DTC") participants. To become an Authorized Participant, a person must enter into an Authorized Participant Agreement with the Trust and/or the Trust's marketing agent (the "Marketing Agent").

According to the Registration Statement, when purchasing or selling bitcoin or ether in response to the purchase of Creation Units or the redemption of Creation Units, which will be processed in cash, the Trust would do so pursuant to either (1) a "Trust-Directed Trade Model," or (2) an "Agent Execution Model," which are each described in more detail below.

The Trust intends to utilize the Trust-Directed Trade Model for all purchases and sales of bitcoin and ether and would only utilize the Agent Execution Model in the event that no digital asset trading counterparty approved by the Sponsor (a "Digital Asset Trading Counterparty")¹⁷ is able to effectuate the Trust's purchase or sale of bitcoin or ether. Under the Trust-Directed Trade Model, in connection with receipt of a purchase order or redemption order, the Sponsor, on behalf of the Trust, would be responsible for acquiring bitcoin and ether from an approved Digital Asset Trading Counterparty in an amount equal to the Basket Amount (as defined below). When seeking to purchase bitcoin and ether on behalf of the Trust, the Sponsor will seek to purchase bitcoin and ether at commercially reasonable prices and terms from any of the approved Digital Asset Trading Counterparties.¹⁸ Once agreed upon, the transaction will generally occur on an "over-the-counter" basis.

Whether utilizing the Trust-Directed Trade Model or the Agent Execution Model, the Authorized Participants will deliver only cash to create shares and will receive only cash when redeeming Shares. Further, Authorized Participants will not directly or indirectly purchase, hold, deliver, or receive bitcoin or ether as part of the creation or redemption process or otherwise direct the Trust or a third party with respect to purchasing, holding, delivering, or receiving bitcoin

¹⁷ The Digital Asset Trading Counterparties with which the Sponsor will engage in bitcoin and ether transactions are unaffiliated third parties that are not acting as agents of the Trust, the Sponsor or the Authorized Participant, and all transactions will be done on an arms-length basis. There is no contractual relationship between the Trust, the Sponsor or the Digital Asset Trading Counterparty.

¹⁸ The Sponsor will maintain ownership and control of bitcoin and ether in a manner consistent with good delivery requirements for spot commodity transactions.

or ether as part of the creation or redemption process. Additionally, under either the Trust-Directed Trade Model or the Agent Execution Model, the Trust will create Shares by receiving bitcoin and ether from a third party that is not the Authorized Participant and is not affiliated with the Sponsor or the Trust, and the Trust—not the Authorized Participant—is responsible for selecting the third party to deliver the bitcoin and ether. The third party will not be acting as an agent of the Authorized Participant with respect to the delivery of the bitcoin and ether to the Trust or acting at the direction of the Authorized Participant with respect to the delivery of the bitcoin and ether to the Trust. Additionally, the Trust will redeem Shares by delivering bitcoin and ether to a third party that is not the Authorized Participant and is not affiliated with the Sponsor or the Trust, and the Trust—not the Authorized Participant—is responsible for selecting the third party to receive the bitcoin and ether. Finally, the third party will not be acting as an agent of the Authorized Participant with respect to the receipt of the bitcoin or ether from the Trust or acting at the direction of the Authorized Participant with respect to the receipt of the bitcoin or ether from the Trust.

Acquiring and Selling Bitcoin and Ether Pursuant to Creation and Redemption of Shares Under the Trust-Directed Trade Model

Under the Trust-Directed Trade Model and as set forth in the Registration Statement, on any business day, an Authorized Participant may create Shares by placing an order to purchase one or more Creation Units with the Transfer Agent through the Marketing Agent. Such orders are subject to approval by the Marketing Agent and the Transfer Agent. For purposes of processing creation and redemption orders, a "business day" means any day other than a day when the Exchange is closed for regular trading ("Business Day"). To be processed on the date submitted, creation orders must be placed before 4:00 p.m. E.T. or the close of regular trading on the Exchange, whichever is earlier, but may be required to be placed earlier at the discretion of the Sponsor. A purchase order will be effective on the date it is received by the Transfer Agent and approved by the Marketing Agent ("Purchase Order Date").

Creation Units are processed in cash. By placing a purchase order, an Authorized Participant agrees to deposit, or cause to be deposited, an amount of cash equal to the quantity of bitcoin and ether attributable to each

Share of the Trust (net of accrued but unpaid expenses and liabilities) multiplied by the number of Shares (10,000) comprising a Creation Unit (such quantity, the "Basket Amount"). That cash amount is derived by multiplying the Basket Amount by the value of bitcoin and ether ascribed by the Pricing Benchmarks. The Sponsor will cause to be published each Business Day, prior to the commencement of trading on the Exchange, the Basket Amount relating to a Creation Unit applicable for such Business Day. However, the Authorized Participant is also responsible for any additional cash required to account for the prices at which the Trust agrees to purchase the requisite amount of bitcoin and ether from a Digital Asset Trading Counterparty to the extent it is greater than the Pricing Benchmarks' price on each Purchase Order Date.

Prior to the delivery of Creation Units, the Authorized Participant must also have wired to the Transfer Agent the nonrefundable transaction fee due for the creation order. Authorized Participants may not withdraw a creation request. If an Authorized Participant fails to consummate the foregoing, the order may be cancelled.

Following the acceptance of a purchase order, the Authorized Participant must wire the cash amount described above to the Cash Custodian, and the Digital Asset Trading Counterparty must deposit the required amount of bitcoin and ether with the Bitcoin and Ether Custodian by the end of the day E.T. on the Business Day following the Purchase Order Date. The bitcoin and ether will be purchased from Digital Asset Trading Counterparties that are not acting as agents of the Trust or agents of the Authorized Participant. These transactions will be done on an arms-length basis, and there is no contractual relationship between the Trust, the Sponsor, or the Digital Asset Trading Counterparty to acquire such bitcoin and ether. Prior to any movement of cash from the Cash Custodian to the Digital Asset Trading Counterparty or movement of Shares from the Transfer Agent to the Authorized Participant's DTC account to settle the transaction, the bitcoin and ether must be deposited at the Bitcoin and Ether Custodian.

The Digital Asset Trading Counterparty must deposit the required amount of bitcoin and ether by end of day E.T. on the Business Day following the Purchase Order Date prior to any movement of cash from the Cash Custodian or Shares from the Transfer Agent. Upon receipt of the deposit amount of bitcoin and ether at the

Bitcoin and Ether Custodian from the Digital Asset Trading Counterparty, the Bitcoin and Ether Custodian will notify the Sponsor that the bitcoin and ether have been received. The Sponsor will then notify the Transfer Agent that the bitcoin and ether have been received, and the Transfer Agent will direct DTC to credit the number of Shares ordered to the Authorized Participant's DTC account and will wire the cash previously sent by the Authorized Participant to the Digital Asset Trading Counterparty to complete settlement of the Purchase Order and the acquisition of the bitcoin and ether by the Trust, as described above.

As between the Trust and the Authorized Participant, the expense and risk of the difference between the value of bitcoin and ether calculated by the Administrator for daily valuation using the Pricing Benchmarks and the price at which the Trust acquires the bitcoin and ether will be borne solely by the Authorized Participant to the extent that the Trust pays more for bitcoin and ether than the price used by the Trust for daily valuation. Any such additional cash amount will be included in the amount of cash calculated by the Administrator on the Purchase Order Date, communicated to the Authorized Participant on the Purchase Order Date, and wired by the Authorized Participant to the Cash Custodian on the day following the Purchase Order Date. If the Digital Asset Trading Counterparty fails to deliver the bitcoin and ether to the Bitcoin and Ether Custodian, no cash is sent from the Cash Custodian to the Digital Asset Trading Counterparty, no Shares are transferred to the Authorized Participant's DTC account, the cash is returned to the Authorized Participant, and the Purchase Order is cancelled.

Under the Trust-Directed Trade Model and according to the Registration Statement, the procedures by which an Authorized Participant can redeem one or more Creation Units mirror the procedures for the creation of Creation Units. On any Business Day, an Authorized Participant may place an order with the Transfer Agent through the Marketing Agent to redeem one or more Creation Units. To be processed on the date submitted, redemption orders must be placed before 4:00 p.m. E.T. or the close of regular trading on the Exchange, whichever is earlier, or earlier as determined by the Sponsor. A redemption order will be effective on the date it is received by the Transfer Agent and approved by the Marketing Agent ("Redemption Order Date"). The redemption procedures allow Authorized Participants to redeem

Creation Units and do not entitle an individual shareholder to redeem any Shares in an amount less than a Creation Unit, or to redeem Creation Units other than through an Authorized Participant. In connection with receipt of a redemption order accepted by the Marketing Agent and Transfer Agent, the Sponsor, on behalf of the Trust, is responsible for selling the bitcoin and ether to an approved Digital Asset Trading Counterparty in an amount equal to the Basket Amount.

The redemption distribution from the Trust will consist of a transfer to the redeeming Authorized Participant, or its agent, of the amount of cash the Trust received in connection with a sale of the Basket Amount of bitcoin and ether to a Digital Asset Trading Counterparty made pursuant to the redemption order. The Sponsor will cause to be published each Business Day, prior to the commencement of trading on the Exchange, the redemption distribution amount relating to a Creation Unit applicable for such Business Day. The redemption distribution amount is derived by multiplying the Basket Amount by the value of bitcoin and ether ascribed by the Pricing Benchmarks. However, as between the Trust and the Authorized Participant, the expense and risk of the difference between the value of bitcoin and ether ascribed by the Pricing Benchmarks and the price at which the Trust sells the bitcoin and ether will be borne solely by the Authorized Participant to the extent that the Trust receives less for bitcoin and ether than the value ascribed by the Pricing Benchmarks. Prior to the delivery of Creation Units, the Authorized Participant must also have wired to the Transfer Agent the nonrefundable transaction fee due for the redemption order.

The redemption distribution due from the Trust will be delivered by the Transfer Agent to the Authorized Participant once the Cash Custodian has received the cash from the Digital Asset Trading Counterparty. The Bitcoin and Ether Custodian will not send the Basket Amount of bitcoin and ether to the Digital Asset Trading Counterparty until the Cash Custodian has received the cash from the Digital Asset Trading Counterparty and is instructed by the Sponsor to make such transfer. Once the Digital Asset Trading Counterparty has sent the cash to the Cash Custodian in an agreed upon amount to settle the agreed upon sale of the Basket Amount of bitcoin and ether, the Transfer Agent will notify the Sponsor. The Sponsor will then notify the Bitcoin and Ether Custodian to transfer the bitcoin and ether to the Digital Asset Trading

Counterparty, and the Transfer Agent will wire the cash proceeds to the Authorized Participant once the Trust's DTC account has been credited with the Shares represented by the Creation Unit from the redeeming Authorized Participant. Once the Authorized Participant has delivered the Shares represented by the Creation Unit to be redeemed to the Trust's DTC account, the Cash Custodian will wire the requisite amount of cash to the Authorized Participant. If the Trust's DTC account has not been credited with all of the Shares of the Creation Unit to be redeemed, the redemption distribution will be delayed until such time as the Transfer Agent confirms receipt of all such Shares. If the Digital Asset Trading Counterparty fails to deliver the cash to the Cash Custodian, the transaction will be cancelled, and no transfer of bitcoin or ether or Shares will occur.

Acquiring and Selling Bitcoin and Ether Pursuant to Creation and Redemption of Shares Under the Agent Execution Model

Under the Agent Execution Model, the Prime Execution Agent, acting in an agency capacity, would conduct bitcoin and ether purchases and sales on behalf of the Trust with third parties through its Coinbase Prime service pursuant to the Prime Execution Agent Agreement. To utilize the Agent Execution Model, the Trust may maintain some bitcoin, ether, or cash in the Trading Balance with the Prime Execution Agent. The Prime Execution Agent Agreement provides that the Trust does not have an identifiable claim to any particular bitcoin or ether (and cash); rather, the Trust's Trading Balance represents an entitlement to a pro rata share of the bitcoin or ether (and cash) the Prime Execution Agent holds on behalf of customers who hold similar entitlements against the Prime Execution Agent. In this way, the Trust's Trading Balance represents an omnibus claim on the Prime Execution Agent's bitcoin or ether (and cash) held on behalf of the Prime Execution Agent's customers.

To avoid having to pre-fund purchases or sales of bitcoin or ether in connection with cash creations and redemptions and sales of bitcoin or ether to pay Trust expenses not assumed by the Sponsor, to the extent applicable, the Trust may borrow bitcoin, ether, or cash as trade credit ("Trade Credit") from Coinbase Credit, Inc. (the "Trade Credit Lender") on a short-term basis pursuant to the Coinbase Credit Committed Trade Financing Agreement (the "Trade Financing Agreement").

On the day of the Purchase Order Date, the Trust would enter into a transaction to buy bitcoin and ether through the Prime Execution Agent for cash. Because the Trust's Trading Balance may not be funded with cash on the Purchase Order Date for the purchase of bitcoin and ether in connection with the Purchase Order under the Agent Execution Model, the Trust may borrow Trade Credits in the form of cash from the Trade Credit Lender pursuant to the Trade Financing Agreement or may require the Authorized Participant to deliver the required cash for the Purchase Order on the Purchase Order Date. The extension of Trade Credits on the Purchase Order Date allows the Trust to purchase bitcoin and ether through the Prime Execution Agent on the Purchase Order Date, with such bitcoin and ether being deposited in the Trust's Trading Balance.

On the day following the Purchase Order Date (the "Purchase Order Settlement Date"), the Trust would deliver Shares to the Authorized Participant in exchange for cash received from the Authorized Participant. Where applicable, the Trust would use the cash to repay the Trade Credits borrowed from the Trade Credit Lender. On the Purchase Order Settlement Date for a Purchase Order utilizing the Agent Execution Model, the bitcoin and ether associated with the Purchase Order and purchased on the Purchase Order Date is swept from the Trust's Trading Balance with the Prime Execution Agent to the Trust Digital Asset Account with the Bitcoin and Ether Custodian pursuant to a regular end-of-day sweep process. Transfers of bitcoin and ether into the Trust's Trading Balance are off-chain transactions and transfers from the Trust's Trading Balance to the Trust Digital Asset Account are "on-chain" transactions represented on the bitcoin and ether blockchains, as applicable. Any financing fee owed to the Trade Credit Lender is deemed part of trade execution costs and embedded in the trade price for each transaction.

For a Redemption Order utilizing the Agent Execution Model, on the day of the Redemption Order Date the Trust would enter into a transaction to sell bitcoin and ether through the Prime Execution Agent for cash. The Trust's Trading Balance with the Prime Execution Agent may not be funded with bitcoin and ether on trade date for the sale of bitcoin and ether in connection with the redemption order under the Agent Execution Model, when bitcoin and ether remains in the Trust Digital Asset Account with the Bitcoin

and Ether Custodian at the point of intended execution of a sale of bitcoin and ether. In those circumstances the Trust may borrow Trade Credits in the form of bitcoin and ether from the Trade Credit Lender, which allows the Trust to sell bitcoin and ether through the Prime Execution Agent on the Redemption Order Date, and the cash proceeds are deposited in the Trust's Trading Balance with the Prime Execution Agent. On the business day following the Redemption Order Date (the "Redemption Order Settlement Date") for a redemption order utilizing the Agent Execution Model where Trade Credits were utilized, the Trust delivers cash to the Authorized Participant in exchange for Shares received from the Authorized Participant. In the event Trade Credits were used, the Trust will use the bitcoin and ether that is moved from the Trust Digital Asset Account with the Bitcoin and Ether Custodian to the Trading Balance with the Prime Execution Agent to repay the Trade Credits borrowed from the Trade Credit Lender.

For a redemption of Creation Units utilizing the Agent Execution Model, the Sponsor would instruct the Bitcoin and Ether Custodian to prepare to transfer the bitcoin and ether associated with the redemption order from the Trust Digital Asset Account with the Bitcoin and Ether Custodian to the Trust's Trading Balance with the Prime Execution Agent. On the Redemption Order Settlement Date, the Trust would enter into a transaction to sell bitcoin and ether through the Prime Execution Agent for cash, and the Prime Execution Agent credits the Trust's Trading Balance with the cash. On the same day, the Authorized Participant would deliver the necessary Shares to the Trust and the Trust delivers cash to the Authorized Participant.

Background on Bitcoin

Bitcoin is the digital asset that is native to, and created and transmitted through the operations of, the peer-to-peer "Bitcoin network," a decentralized network of computers that operates on cryptographic protocols. No single entity owns or operates the Bitcoin network, the infrastructure of which is collectively maintained by a decentralized user base. The Bitcoin network allows people to exchange tokens of value, called bitcoin, which are recorded on a public transaction ledger known as the "Bitcoin blockchain." Bitcoin can be used to pay for goods and services, or it can be converted to fiat currencies, such as the U.S. dollar, at rates determined on digital asset trading platforms or in individual end-user-to-end-user

transactions under a barter system. Although nascent in use, bitcoin may be used as a medium of exchange, unit of account or store of value.

The Bitcoin network is decentralized and does not require governmental authorities or financial institution intermediaries to create, transmit or determine the value of bitcoin. In addition, no party may easily censor transactions on the Bitcoin network. As a result, the Bitcoin network is often referred to as decentralized and censorship resistant.

The value of bitcoin is determined by the supply of and demand for bitcoin. New bitcoin are created and rewarded to the parties providing the Bitcoin network's infrastructure ("miners") in exchange for their expending computational power to verifying transactions and add them to the Bitcoin blockchain. The Bitcoin blockchain is effectively a decentralized database that includes all blocks that have been

solved by miners and it is updated to include new blocks as they are solved. Each bitcoin transaction is broadcast to the Bitcoin network and, when included in a block, recorded in the Bitcoin blockchain. As each new block records outstanding bitcoin transactions, and outstanding transactions are settled and validated through such recording, the Bitcoin blockchain represents a complete, transparent and unbroken history of all transactions of the Bitcoin network.

The CME Bitcoin Futures Market

The CME Group announced the planned launch of bitcoin futures on October 31, 2017. Trading began on December 17, 2017.¹⁹ Each contract represents five bitcoin and is based on the CME CF Bitcoin Reference Rate. The contracts trade and settle like other cash settled commodity futures contracts.

Nearly every measurable metric related to bitcoin futures has trended up

since launch. For example, there were 348,635 bitcoin futures contracts traded in September 2024 (approximately \$110.6 billion) compared to 192,620 (\$26.0 billion) contracts, 279,859 contracts (\$27.3 billion), 159,803 contracts (\$34.8 billion), and 201,893 contracts (\$10.8 billion) traded in September 2023, September 2022, September 2021, and September 2020, respectively.²⁰

Open interest was 39,590 bitcoin futures contracts in September 2024 (approximately \$12.6 billion) compared to 15,014 contracts (\$2.0 billion), 14,867 contracts (\$1.4 billion), 7,276 contracts (\$1.6 billion), and 7,487 contracts (\$0.4 billion) traded in September 2023, September 2022, September 2021, and September 2020, respectively.²¹

The number of large open interest holders²² has increased as well, even in the face of heightened bitcoin price volatility, as demonstrated in the figure that follows.²³

CME Bitcoin Futures Large Open Interest Holders (LOIH)



The Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") regulates the

CME bitcoin futures market, and both the Exchange and CME are members of

the Intermarket Surveillance Group ("ISG").²⁴

¹⁹ See "CME Group Announces Launch of Bitcoin Futures," October 31, 2017, available at https://www.cmegroup.com/media-room/press-releases/2017/10/31/cme_group_announceslaunchofbitcoinfutures.html. At the same time as the launch of the CME Market, the Cboe Futures Exchange, LLC announced and subsequently launched Cboe bitcoin futures. See "CFE to Commence Trading in Cboe Bitcoin (USD) Futures Soon," December 01, 2017, available at cdn.cboe.com/resources/release_notes/2017/Cboe-Bitcoin-USD-Futures-Launch-Notification.pdf. Each future was cash settled, with the CME Market tracking the CME UK Reference Rate and the Cboe bitcoin futures tracking a bitcoin trading platform daily auction

price. The Cboe Futures Exchange, LLC subsequently discontinued its bitcoin futures market effective June 2019. "Cboe put the brakes on bitcoin futures," March 15, 2019, available at <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-cboe-bitcoin/cboe-puts-the-brakes-on-bitcoin-futures-idUSKCN1QW261>. The Trust uses the CME US Reference Rate to calculate its NAV.

²⁰ Data from CME Volume and Average Daily Volume Reports, available at <https://www.cmegroup.com/market-data/volume-open-interest.html#volumeTotals>.

²¹ Data from CME Open Interest Reports, available at <https://www.cmegroup.com/market-data/volume-open-interest.html#openInterestTools>.

²² A large open interest holder in bitcoin futures is an entity that holds at least 25 contracts, which is the equivalent of 125 bitcoin. At a price of approximately \$64,300.87 per bitcoin on 9/24/2024, more than 115 firms had outstanding positions of greater than \$8.04 million in bitcoin futures. Data from The Block, available at <https://www.theblock.co/data/crypto-markets/cme-cots/large-open-interest-holders-of-cme-bitcoin-futures>.

²³ Data from 4/10/2018 to 10/22/24, from The Block.

²⁴ For a list of the current members and affiliate members of ISG, see <https://www.isgportal.com/>.

Background on Ethereum

Ethereum is free software that is hosted on computers distributed throughout the globe. Ethereum employs an array of computer code-based logic, called a protocol, to create a unified understanding of ownership, commercial activity, and economic logic. This allows users to engage in commerce without the need to trust any of its participants or counterparties. Ethereum code creates verifiable and unambiguous rules that assign clear, strong property rights to create a platform for unrestrained business formation and free exchange. No single intermediary or entity operates or controls the Ethereum network, the transaction validation and recordkeeping infrastructure of which is collectively maintained by a disparate user base. The Ethereum network allows people to exchange tokens of value, or ether, which are recorded on a distributed, public recordkeeping system or ledger known as a blockchain, and which can be used to pay for goods

and services, including computational power on the Ethereum network, or converted to fiat currencies, such as the U.S. dollar, at rates determined on spot trading platforms or in individual peer-to-peer transactions. By combining the recordkeeping system of the Ethereum blockchain with a flexible scripting language that can be used to implement a wide variety of instructions, the Ethereum network is intended to act as a public computational layer on top of which users can build their own public software programs, as an alternative to centralized web services. On the Ethereum network, ether is the unit of account that users pay for the computational resources consumed by running programs of their choice.

CME Ether Futures Market

CME began offering trading in ether futures on February 8, 2021.²⁵ Each contract represents fifty ether and is based on the ERR. The contracts trade and settle like other cash settled commodity futures contracts.

Most measurable metrics related to CME ether futures have trended up since launch. For example, there were 95,261 CME ether futures contracts traded in September 2024 (approximately \$12.4 billion) compared to 78,571 contracts (\$6.6 billion), 163,114 contracts (\$10.9 billion), and 130,546 contracts (\$19.5 billion) traded in September 2023, September 2022, and September 2021, respectively. In the first month of trading, there were 11,637 billion contracts (\$0.8 billion) traded.²⁶

Open interest was 6,746 CME ether futures contracts in September 2024 (approximately \$875.1 million) compared to 4,577 contracts (\$384.3 million), 5,035 contracts (\$336.8 million), and 4,388 contracts (\$656.8 million) in September 2023, September 2022, and September 2021, respectively.²⁷

The number of large open interest holders²⁸ has increased as well, as demonstrated in the figure that follows.²⁹

CME Ethereum Futures Large Open Interest Holders (LOIH)



The CFTC regulates the CME ether futures market, and both the Exchange and CME are members of the ISG.

Applicable Standard

The Commission has historically approved or disapproved exchange filings to list and trade series of Trust Issued Receipts, including spot,

Commodity-Based Trust Shares, on the basis of whether the listing exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement with a regulated market of significant size

²⁵ See "CME Group Announces Launch of Ether Futures," February 8, 2021, available at https://www.cmegroup.com/media-room/press-releases/2021/2/08/cme_group_announceslaunchofetherfutures.html.

²⁶ Data from CME Volume and Average Daily Volume Reports, available at <https://>

www.cmegroup.com/market-data/volume-open-interest.html#volumeTotals.

²⁷ Data from CME Open Interest Reports, available at <https://www.cmegroup.com/market-data/volume-openinterest.html#openInterestTools>.

²⁸ A large open interest holder in ether futures is an entity that holds at least 25 contracts, which is

the equivalent of 1250 ether. Data from The Block, available at <https://www.theblock.co/data/crypto-markets/cme-cots/large-open-interest-holders-of-cme-ether-futures>.

²⁹ Data from 4/10/2018 to 10/22/2024, from The Block.

related to the underlying commodity to be held.³⁰ However, the Commission recently approved the listing and trading of shares of spot bitcoin exchange-traded products (“Spot Bitcoin ETPs”) and spot ether exchange-traded products (“Spot Ether ETPs”), finding that there were sufficient “other means” of preventing fraud and manipulation sufficient to satisfy the requirements of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act.³¹ In each of the Spot Bitcoin ETP Approval Order and Spot Ether Approval Order, the Commission concluded, through a robust correlation analysis, that fraud or manipulation that impacts prices in spot bitcoin markets or spot ether markets would likely similarly impact CME bitcoin futures prices and CME ether futures prices, respectively.³² The Commission further found that, because the CME’s surveillance can assist in detecting those impacts on CME bitcoin futures prices and CME ether futures prices, a listing exchange’s comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement (“CSSA”) with the CME can be reasonably expected to assist in surveilling for fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices in the

context of the Spot Bitcoin ETPs and Spot Ether ETPs.³³

The Commission also more recently approved the listing and trading of shares of exchange-traded products that, like the Trust, hold both spot bitcoin and spot ether in proportion to their market capitalizations (the “Spot Bitcoin/Ether ETPs”).³⁴ In approving the Spot Bitcoin/Ether ETPs, the Commission similarly found that there were sufficient other means of preventing fraud and manipulation sufficient to satisfy the requirements of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act given the continued consistent correlation between the spot bitcoin market and the CME bitcoin futures market and between the spot ether market and the CME ether futures market.³⁵ The Commission accordingly found that, because the CME’s surveillance can assist in detecting those impacts on CME bitcoin futures prices and CME ether futures prices, a listing exchange’s CSSA with the CME can be reasonably expected to assist in surveilling for fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices in the context of the Spot Bitcoin/Ether ETPs.

The Trust is structured and will operate in a manner materially the same as the Spot Bitcoin ETPs, Spot Ether ETPs, and Spot Bitcoin/Ether ETPs.³⁶ The Sponsor believes that the Exchange’s ability to obtain information regarding trading in bitcoin futures and ether futures from the CME, which, like the Exchange, is a member of the ISG, would assist the Exchange in detecting potential fraud or manipulation with respect to trading in the Shares. The Sponsor thus believes that, for reasons similar to those set forth in the Spot Bitcoin ETP Approval Order, Spot Ether ETP Approval Order, and Spot Bitcoin/Ether Approval Order, listing and trading Shares of the Trust would be

consistent with the requirements of the Act.

Availability of Information

The NAV per Share will be calculated and disseminated daily to all market participants at the same time. Quotation and last-sale information regarding the Shares will be disseminated through the facilities of the CTA. The ITV will be calculated every 15 seconds throughout the Core Trading Session each trading day.

The Sponsor will cause information about the Shares to be posted to the Trust’s website (<https://www.bitwiseinvestments.com/>): (1) the NAV and NAV per Share for each Exchange trading day, posted at end of day; (2) the daily holdings of the Trust, before 9:30 a.m. E.T. on each Exchange trading day; (3) the Trust’s effective prospectus, in a form available for download; and (4) the Shares’ ticker and CUSIP information, along with additional quantitative information updated on a daily basis for the Trust. For example, the Trust’s website will include (1) the prior Business Day’s trading volume, the prior Business Day’s reported NAV and closing price, and a calculation of the premium and discount of the closing price or mid-point of the bid/ask spread at the time of NAV calculation (“Bid/Ask Price”) against the NAV per Share; and (2) data in chart format displaying the frequency distribution of discounts and premiums of the daily closing price or Bid/Ask Price against the NAV per Share, within appropriate ranges, for at least each of the four previous calendar quarters. The Trust’s website will be publicly available prior to the public offering of Shares and accessible at no charge.

Investors may obtain on a 24-hour basis bitcoin and ether pricing information based on the Pricing Benchmarks, BRR, ERR, CME Bitcoin Real Time Price, CME Ether Real Time Price, spot bitcoin market prices, bitcoin futures prices, spot ether market prices, and ether futures prices from various financial information service providers. Current bitcoin spot market prices and ether spot market prices are also available with bid/ask spreads from bitcoin and ether trading platforms, including the Constituent Platforms of the Pricing Benchmarks.

Information regarding market price and trading volume of the Shares will be continually available on a real-time basis throughout the day on brokers’ computer screens and other electronic services.

Information regarding the previous day’s closing price and trading volume information for the Shares will be

³⁰ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 83723 (July 26, 2018), 83 FR 37579 (August 1, 2018) (SR-BatsBZX-2016-30) (Order Setting Aside Action by Delegated Authority and Disapproving a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendments No. 1 and 2, to List and Trade Shares of the Winklevoss Bitcoin Trust) (“Winklevoss Order”). In the Winklevoss Order, the Commission set forth both the importance and definition of a surveilled, regulated market of significant size, explaining that, for approved commodity-trust ETPs, “there has been in every case at least one significant, regulated market for trading futures on the underlying commodity—whether gold, silver, platinum, palladium, or copper—and the ETP listing exchange has entered into surveillance-sharing agreements with, or held Intermarket Surveillance Group membership in common with, that market.” Winklevoss Order, 83 FR at 37594.

³¹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34-99306 (January 10, 2024), 89 FR 3008 (January 17, 2024) (SR-NYSEARCA-2021-90; SR-NYSEARCA-2023-44; SRNYSEARCA-2023-58; SR-NASDAQ-2023-016; SR-NASDAQ-2023-019; SR-CboeBZX-2023028; SR-CboeBZX-2023-038; SR-CboeBZX-2023-040; SR-CboeBZX-2023-042; SR-CboeBZX-2023-044; SR-CboeBZX-2023-072) (Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Changes, as Modified by Amendments Thereto, to List and Trade Bitcoin-Based Commodity-Based Trust Shares and Trust Units) (the “Spot Bitcoin ETP Approval Order”); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 100224 (May 23, 2024), 89 FR 46937 (May 30, 2024) (SR-NYSEARCA-2023-70; SR-NYSEARCA-2024-31; SR-NASDAQ-2023-045; SR-CboeBZX-2023-069; SR-CboeBZX-2023-070; SR-CboeBZX-2023-087; SR-CboeBZX-2023-095; SR-CboeBZX-2024-018) (Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Changes, as Modified by Amendments Thereto, to List and Trade Shares of Ether-Based Exchange-Traded Products) (the “Spot Ether ETP Approval Order”).

³² See Spot Bitcoin ETP Approval Order, 89 FR at 3010; Spot Ether ETP Approval Order, 89 FR at 46938.

³³ See Spot Bitcoin ETP Approval Order, 89 FR at 3010; Spot Ether ETP Approval Order, 89 FR at 46938-39.

³⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 101998 (December 19, 2024), 89 FR 106707 (December 30, 2024) (SR-NASDAQ-2024-028; SR-CboeBZX-2024-091) (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 Index ETF, a Series of the Franklin Crypto Trust) (the “Spot Bitcoin/Ether ETP Approval Order”).

³⁵ See Spot Bitcoin/Ether ETP Approval Order, 89 FR 106708.

³⁶ The Sponsor is also the sponsor of the Bitwise Bitcoin ETF and the Bitwise Ethereum ETF, which were approved pursuant to the Spot Bitcoin ETP Approval Order and Spot Ether ETP Approval, respectively, and which are both currently listed and traded on NYSE Arca.

published daily in the financial section of newspapers.

Trading Halts

With respect to trading halts, the Exchange may consider all relevant factors in exercising its discretion to halt or suspend trading in the Shares of the Trust.³⁷ Trading in Shares of the Trust will be halted if the circuit breaker parameters in NYSE Arca Rule 7.12–E have been reached. Trading also may be halted because of market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in the Shares inadvisable.

The Exchange may halt trading during the day in which an interruption to the dissemination of the ITV, CME Bitcoin Real Time Price, CME Ether Real Time Price, or Pricing Benchmarks (if the Exchange becomes aware that the Pricing Benchmarks are not being published) occurs.³⁸ If the interruption to the dissemination of the ITV, CME Bitcoin Real Time Price, CME Ether Real Time Price, or Pricing Benchmarks persists past the trading day in which it occurred, the Exchange will halt trading no later than the beginning of the Core Trading Session following the interruption. In addition, if the Exchange becomes aware that the NAV per Share is not disseminated to all market participants at the same time, it will halt trading in the Shares until such time as the NAV is available to all market participants.

Trading Rules

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. Shares will trade on the NYSE Arca Marketplace from 4:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. E.T. in accordance with NYSE Arca Rule 7.34–E (Early, Core, and Late Trading Sessions). The Exchange has appropriate rules to facilitate transactions in the Shares during all trading sessions. As provided in NYSE Arca Rule 7.6–E, the minimum price variation (“MPV”) for quoting and entry of orders in equity securities traded on the NYSE Arca Marketplace is \$0.01, with the exception of securities that are priced less than \$1.00 for which the MPV for order entry is \$0.0001.

The Shares will conform to the initial and continued listing criteria under NYSE Arca Rule 8.201–E. The trading of the Shares will be subject to NYSE Arca Rule 8.201–E(g), which sets forth certain

restrictions on Equity Trading Permit (“ETP”) Holders acting as registered Market Makers in Commodity-Based Trust Shares to facilitate surveillance.³⁹ The Exchange represents that, for initial and continued listing, the Trust will be in compliance with Rule 10A–3 under the Act,⁴⁰ as provided by NYSE Arca Rule 5.3–E. A minimum of 100,000 Shares of the Trust will be outstanding at the commencement of trading on the Exchange.

Surveillance

The Exchange represents that trading in the Shares of the Trust will be subject to the existing trading surveillances administered by the Exchange, as well as cross-market surveillances administered by FINRA on behalf of the Exchange, which are designed to detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws.⁴¹ The Exchange represents that these procedures are adequate to properly monitor Exchange trading of the Shares in all trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange rules and federal securities laws applicable to trading on the Exchange.

The surveillances referred to above generally focus on detecting securities trading outside their normal patterns, which could be indicative of manipulative or other violative activity. When such situations are detected, surveillance analysis follows and investigations are opened, where appropriate, to review the behavior of

³⁹ Under NYSE Arca Rule 8.201–E(g), an ETP Holder acting as a registered Market Maker in the Shares is required to provide the Exchange with information relating to its accounts for trading in the underlying commodity, related futures or options on futures, or any other related derivatives. Commentary .04 of NYSE Arca Rule 11.3–E requires an ETP Holder acting as a registered Market Maker, and its affiliates, in the Shares to establish, maintain and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent the misuse of any material nonpublic information with respect to such products, any components of the related products, any physical asset or commodity underlying the product, applicable currencies, underlying indexes, related futures or options on futures, and any related derivative instruments (including the Shares). As a general matter, the Exchange has regulatory jurisdiction over its ETP Holders and their associated persons, which include any person or entity controlling an ETP Holder. To the extent the Exchange may be found to lack jurisdiction over a subsidiary or affiliate of an ETP Holder that does business only in commodities or futures contracts, the Exchange could obtain information regarding the activities of such subsidiary or affiliate through surveillance sharing agreements with regulatory organizations of which such subsidiary or affiliate is a member.

⁴⁰ 17 CFR 240.10A–3.

⁴¹ FINRA conducts cross-market surveillances on behalf of the Exchange pursuant to a regulatory services agreement. The Exchange is responsible for FINRA's performance under this regulatory services agreement.

all relevant parties for all relevant trading violations.

The Exchange or FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, or both, will communicate as needed regarding trading in the Shares with other markets and other entities that are members of the ISG, and the Exchange or FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, or both, may obtain trading information regarding trading in the Shares, bitcoin derivatives, and ether derivatives from such markets and other entities. In addition, the Exchange may obtain information regarding trading in the Shares, bitcoin derivatives, and ether derivatives from markets and other entities that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a CSSA. The Exchange is also able to obtain information regarding trading in the Shares and any underlying bitcoin, bitcoin derivatives, ether, or ether derivatives in connection with ETP Holders' proprietary trades or customer trades effected through ETP Holders on any relevant market. Under NYSE Arca Rule 8.201–E(g), an ETP Holder acting as a registered Market Maker in the Shares is required to provide the Exchange with information relating to its accounts for trading in any underlying commodity, related futures or options on futures, or any other related derivatives. Commentary .04 of NYSE Arca Rule 11.3–E requires an ETP Holder acting as a registered Market Maker, and its affiliates, in the Shares to establish, maintain and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent the misuse of any material nonpublic information with respect to such products, any components of the related products, any physical asset or commodity underlying the product, applicable currencies, underlying indexes, related futures or options on futures, and any related derivative instruments (including the Shares). As a general matter, the Exchange has regulatory jurisdiction over its ETP Holders and their associated persons, which include any person or entity controlling an ETP Holder. To the extent the Exchange may be found to lack jurisdiction over a subsidiary or affiliate of an ETP Holder that does business only in commodities or futures contracts and that subsidiary or affiliate is a member of another regulatory organization, the Exchange could obtain information regarding the activities of such subsidiary or affiliate through surveillance sharing agreements with regulatory organizations to the extent the Exchange has such an agreement with an organization of

³⁷ See NYSE Arca Rule 7.12–E.

³⁸ A limit up/limit down condition in the futures market would not be considered an interruption requiring the Trust to be halted.

which the subsidiary or affiliate is a member.

In addition, the Exchange also has a general policy prohibiting the distribution of material, non-public information by its employees.

All statements and representations made in this filing regarding (a) the description of the index, portfolio, or reference asset of the Trust, (b) limitations on index or portfolio holdings or reference assets, or (c) the applicability of Exchange listing rules specified in this rule filing shall constitute continued listing requirements for listing the Shares on the Exchange.

The 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, and, pursuant to its obligations under Section 19(g)(1) of the Act, the Exchange will monitor for compliance with the continued listing requirements. If the Trust is not in compliance with the applicable listing requirements, the Exchange will commence delisting procedures under NYSE Arca Rule 5.5–E(m).

Information Bulletin

Prior to the commencement of trading, the Exchange will inform its ETP Holders in an “Information Bulletin” of the special characteristics and risks associated with trading the Shares. Specifically, the Information Bulletin will discuss the following: (1) the procedures for creations of Shares in Creation Units; (2) NYSE Arca Rule 9.2–E(a), which imposes a duty of due diligence on its ETP Holders to learn the essential facts relating to every customer prior to trading the Shares; (3) information regarding how the value of the ITV and NAV is disseminated; (4) the possibility that trading spreads and the resulting premium or discount on the Shares may widen during the Opening and Late Trading Sessions, when an updated ITV will not be calculated or publicly disseminated; (5) the requirement that members deliver a prospectus to investors purchasing newly issued Shares prior to or concurrently with the confirmation of a transaction and (6) trading information.

In addition, the Information Bulletin will reference that the Trust is subject to various fees and expenses as described in the annual report. The Information Bulletin will disclose that information about the Shares of the Trust is publicly available on the Trust’s website.

The Information Bulletin will also discuss any relief, if granted, by the

Commission or the staff from any rules under the Act.

2. Statutory Basis

The basis under the Act for this proposed rule change is the requirement under Section 6(b)(5)⁴² that an exchange have rules that are designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to, and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices and to protect investors and the public interest in that the Shares will be listed and traded on the Exchange pursuant to the initial and continued listing criteria in NYSE Arca Rule 8.201–E. The Exchange has in place surveillance procedures that are adequate to properly monitor Exchange trading in the Shares in all trading sessions and to deter and detect attempted manipulation of the Shares or other violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws. The Exchange or FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, or both, will communicate as needed regarding trading in the Shares, bitcoin derivatives, and ether derivatives with other markets that are members of the ISG, and the Exchange or FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, or both, may obtain trading information regarding trading in the Shares, bitcoin derivatives, and ether derivatives from such markets. In addition, the Exchange may obtain information regarding trading in the Shares, bitcoin derivatives, and ether derivatives from markets that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a CSSA. The Exchange is also able to obtain information regarding trading in the Shares and any underlying bitcoin, bitcoin derivatives, ether, or ether derivatives through ETP Holders, in connection with such ETP Holders’ proprietary trades or customer trades effected through ETP Holders on any relevant market.

The proposed rule change is also designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices because the Trust is structured similarly to and will operate in materially the same manner as the Spot Bitcoin ETPs, Spot Ether ETPs, and Spot Bitcoin/Ether ETPs previously approved by the Commission. The Exchange further believes that the proposed rule change is designed to prevent fraudulent and

manipulative acts and practices because, as noted by the Commission in the Spot Bitcoin ETP Approval Order, Spot Ether ETP Approval Order, and Spot Bitcoin/Ether ETP Approval Order, the Exchange’s ability to obtain information regarding trading in the Shares and futures from other markets that are members of the ISG (including the CME) would assist the Exchange in detecting and deterring misconduct. In particular, the CME bitcoin futures market and CME ether futures market are large, surveilled, and regulated markets that are closely connected with the spot markets for bitcoin and ether, respectively, through which the Exchange could obtain information to assist in detecting and deterring potential fraud or manipulation.

Quotation and last-sale information regarding the Shares will be disseminated through the facilities of the CTA. The Trust’s website will also include a form of the prospectus for the Trust that may be downloaded. The website will include the Shares’ ticker and CUSIP information, along with additional quantitative information updated on a daily basis for the Trust. The Trust’s website will include (i) daily trading volume, the prior Business Day’s reported NAV and closing price, and a calculation of the premium and discount of the closing price or midpoint of the Bid/Ask Price against the NAV per Share; and (ii) data in chart format displaying the frequency distribution of discounts and premiums of the daily closing price or Bid/Ask Price against the NAV per Share, within appropriate ranges, for at least each of the four previous calendar quarters. The Trust’s website will be publicly available prior to the public offering of Shares and accessible at no charge.

Trading in Shares of the Trust will be halted if the circuit breaker parameters in NYSE Arca Rule 7.12–E have been reached or because of market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in the Shares inadvisable.

The proposed rule change is designed to perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest in that it will facilitate the listing and trading of a new type of exchange-traded product based on the price of bitcoin and ether that will enhance competition among market participants, to the benefit of investors and the marketplace. As noted above, the Exchange has in place surveillance procedures that are adequate to properly monitor trading in the Shares in all trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange

⁴² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

rules and applicable federal securities laws.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange notes that the proposed rule change will facilitate the listing and trading Commodity-Based Trust Shares based on the price of bitcoin and ether that would enhance competition among market participants, to the benefit of investors and the marketplace.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period up to 90 days (i) as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

- (A) by order approve or disapprove the proposed rule change, or
- (B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the 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-2025-15 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-2025-15. 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-2025-15 and should be submitted on or before April 2, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁴³

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release 34-102535; File No. 10-244]

Green Impact Exchange, LLC; Notice of Filing of Amendment No. 2 to an Application for Registration as a National Securities Exchange Under Section 6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

March 6, 2025.

On May 9, 2024, Green Impact Exchange, LLC ("GIX") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a Form 1 application under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") seeking registration as a national securities exchange under

Section 6 of the Act.¹ Notice of the application was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on July 23, 2024.² The Commission received comments on the Form 1.³ On October 21, 2024, the Commission instituted proceedings pursuant to Section 19(a)(1)(B) of the Act⁴ to determine whether to grant or deny GIX's application for registration as a national securities exchange under Section 6 of the Act.⁵ After issuance of the OIP, Commission received a letter from GIX responding to comments.⁶ On January 16, 2025, the Commission extended, pursuant to Section 19(a)(1)(B) of the Exchange Act,⁷ the time period for granting or denying GIX's Form 1 application for an additional 90 days, until April 19, 2025.⁸ On February 4, 2025, GIX filed an amendment to its Form 1 application ("Amendment No. 1). On February 28, 2025, GIX filed another amendment to its Form 1 application ("Amendment No. 2"), which replaced and superseded Amendment No. 1.⁹ On March 6, 2025, GIX consented, pursuant to Section 19(a)(1)(B) of the Act,¹⁰ to an extension of the time period for granting or denying GIX's Form 1 application for an additional 90 days, until July 18, 2025.¹¹ The Commission is publishing this notice in order to solicit views of interested persons on GIX's Form 1, as amended by Amendment No. 2.

I. Amendment No. 2 to GIX's Form 1

In Exhibit B-1 of Amendment No. 2 to its Form 1, GIX eliminates proposed Rule Series 14.425 Green Governance Standards. Under its amended proposed rules, GIX would allow a company listed on another national securities exchange to dually list its shares on GIX if the company meets the remaining

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

² See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 100547 (July 17, 2024), 89 FR 59795 ("Notice").

³ The public comment file for GIX's Form 1 (File No. 10-244) is available on the Commission's website at: <https://www.sec.gov/comments/10-244/10-244.htm>.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(a)(1)(B).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 101397, 89 FR 85264 (October 25, 2024) ("OIP").

⁶ See letter to Vanessa A. Countryman, Secretary, Commission, from James G. Buckley, Chief Regulatory Officer, GIX, dated November 25, 2024.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(a)(1)(B).

⁸ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 102223, 90 FR 8228 (January 27, 2025).

⁹ GIX's original Form 1 and Amendment No. 2 are available on the Commission's website at: <https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/other-commission-orders-notices-information/green-impact-exchange-llc-form-1-application-exhibits>.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(a)(1)(B).

¹¹ See letter from James G. Buckley, Chief Regulatory Officer, GIX, to Vanessa Countryman, Secretary, Commission, dated March 6, 2025. See *supra* note 3.

⁴³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

listing standards set forth in Chapter 14 of GIX's Rules (Rules 14.001 *et seq.*).

Additionally, in Amendment No. 2 GIX revises the original Form 1 as follows: (1) Exhibit C to update the list of officers and directors of a GIX affiliate; and (2) Exhibit H-3 to provide that the Dual Listing Agreement would be governed by the laws of the State of New York (rather than New Jersey).

II. Request for Written Comment

The Commission requests that interested persons provide written views and data with respect to GIX's Form 1, as amended by Amendment No. 2. 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 10-244 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 10-244. 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/other.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to GIX's Form 1, as amended, filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the application 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 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make publicly available. All submissions should refer to File Number 10-244 and should be submitted on or before March 27, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹²

Vanessa A. Countryman,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-102536; File No. SR-IEX-2025-02]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Investors Exchange LLC; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on a Proposed Rule Change To Adopt Rules To Govern the Trading of Options on the Exchange for a New Facility Called IEX Options

March 6, 2025.

On January 10, 2025, the Investors Exchange LLC ("IEX" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to adopt rules to govern the trading of options on IEX Options LLC, a facility of the Exchange that will be established in a separate rule filing. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on January 21, 2025.³ The Commission has received comments on the proposed rule change.⁴

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act⁵ provides that within 45 days of the publication of notice of the filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up to 90 days as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding, or as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission shall either approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved. The 45th day after publication of the notice for this proposed rule change is March 7, 2025. The Commission is extending this 45-day time period.

¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(71)(ii).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 102190 (Jan. 14, 2025), 90 FR 7205.

⁴ Comments on the proposed rule change are available at <https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-iex-2025-02/sriex202502.htm>.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

The Commission finds it appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider the proposed rule change and the comments received.

Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁶ designates April 21, 2025, as the date by which the Commission shall either approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule change (File No. SR-IEX-2025-02).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

Vanessa A. Countryman,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-102537; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2025-011]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on a Proposed Rule Change To Introduce Functionality To Initiate a Trading Halt for Exchange-Traded Products on Launch Day

March 6, 2025.

On January 31, 2025, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to introduce an optional functionality for Exchange-Traded Products to initiate a trading halt on the launch day of an Exchange-Traded Product, similar to the halt used in initial public offerings. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on February 20, 2025.³

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act⁴ provides that within 45 days of the publication of notice of the filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up to 90 days as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 102413 (February 13, 2025), 90 FR 10001 (February 20, 2025).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission shall either approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved. The 45th day after publication of the notice for this proposed rule change is April 6, 2025. The Commission is extending this 45-day time period.

The Commission finds it appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider the proposed rule change. Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁵ designates May 21, 2025, as the date by which the Commission shall either approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule change (File No. SR-NASDAQ-2025-011).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #20981 and #20982; West Virginia Disaster Number WV-20016]

Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for the State of West Virginia

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of West Virginia (FEMA-4861-DR), dated February 26, 2025.

Incident: Severe Storm, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides and Mudslides.

DATES: Issued on February 26, 2025.

Incident Period: February 15, 2025, and continuing.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: April 28, 2025.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: November 26, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alan Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given, as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on February 26, 2025, applications for disaster loans may be submitted online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or other locally announced locations. Please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at 1-800-659-2955 for further assistance.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans): McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Wyoming.
Contiguous Counties (Economic Injury Loans Only):

Kentucky: Martin, Pike.
Virginia: Bland, Buchanan, Giles, Tazewell.
West Virginia: Boone, Lincoln, Logan, Monroe, Raleigh, Summers, Wayne.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere	5.125
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.563
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere	8.000
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	3.625
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Business and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 209816 and for economic injury is 209820.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

James Stallings,
Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #20953 and #20954; CALIFORNIA Disaster Number CA-20030]

Presidential Declaration Amendment of a Major Disaster for the State of California

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Amendment 2.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of California (FEMA-4856-DR), dated January 8, 2025.

Incident: Wildfires and Straight-line Winds.

DATES: Issued on March 7, 2025.

Incident Period: January 7, 2025 through January 31, 2025.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: March 31, 2025.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: October 8, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for the State of California, dated January 8, 2025, is hereby amended to extend the deadline for filing applications for physical damages as a result of this disaster to March 31, 2025.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

James Stallings,
Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12681]

Notice of Shipping Coordinating Committee Meeting in Preparation for International Maritime Organization (IMO) Marine Environmental Protection Committee (MEPC) 83 Meeting

The Department of State will conduct a public meeting at 10 a.m. ET on

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).

Thursday, March 27, 2025, both in-person at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC, and via teleconference through Microsoft Teams. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the eighty-third session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 83) to be held in London, United Kingdom, from Monday, April 7, 2025, to Friday, April 11, 2025.

Members of the public may participate up to the capacity of the teleconference line, which will handle 500 participants, or up to the seating capacity of the room if attending in-person.

The agenda items to be considered include:

- Adoption of the agenda
- Decisions of other bodies
- Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments
- Harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water
- Air pollution prevention
- Energy efficiency of ships
- Reduction of GHG emissions from ships
- Follow-up work emanating from the Action Plan to Address Marine Plastic Litter from Ships
- Experience-building phase for the reduction of underwater radiated noise from shipping
- Pollution prevention and response
- Reports of other sub-committees
- Identification and protection of Special Areas, ECAs and PSSAs
- Application of the Committees' method of work
- Work programme of the Committee and subsidiary bodies
- Election of the Chair and Vice Chair for 2026
- Any other business
- Consideration of the report of the Committee

Please note: The IMO may, on short notice, adjust the MEPC 83 agenda to accommodate any constraints associated with the meeting. Although no changes to the agenda are anticipated, if any are necessary, they will be provided to those who RSVP.

Those who plan to participate should contact the meeting coordinator, LCDR Emily K. Rowan at emily.k.rowan@uscg.mil, by phone at (202) 372-1376, or in writing at 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Stop 7509, Washington, DC 20593-7509 no later than March 21, 2025, 6 days prior to the meeting. Requests made after March 21, 2025, might not be able to be accommodated. The meeting coordinator will provide

the teleconference information, facilitate the building security process, and handle requests for reasonable accommodation. Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building at St. Elizabeth's. This building is accessible by taxi, public transportation, and privately owned conveyance (upon advanced request).

This announcement might appear in the **Federal Register** less than 15 days prior to the meeting. The Department of State finds that there is an exceptional circumstance in that this advisory committee meeting must be held on March 27, due to the fact that the IMO meeting date is firm, and it is important for the Department to obtain the views of the public prior to the meeting.

Additional information regarding this and other IMO public meetings may be found at: <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/IMO>.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2656 and 5 U.S.C. 552)

Leslie W. Hunt,

Coast Guard Liaison Officer, Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority No. 574]

Delegation of Authority; Delegation of the Functions and Authorities Relating to Immunity From Judicial Seizure

By virtue of the authorities of the Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs vested in me pursuant to Delegation of Authority No. 573-29, dated February 1, 2025, in accordance with Delegation of Authority No. 236-3, dated August 28, 2000, and to the extent permitted by law, I hereby authorize Chris Miner to exercise the functions and authorities in 22 U.S.C. 2459, concerning immunity from judicial seizure for cultural objects imported into the United States for temporary storage, conservation, scientific research, exhibition or display.

Any functions or authorities covered by this delegation may also be exercised by the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, the Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, and the Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs.

This delegation of authority will terminate upon the entry on duty of an

individual assigned as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Professional and Cultural Exchanges, unless sooner revoked. This delegation of authority does not supersede or otherwise affect any other delegation of authority currently in effect.

Any reference in this delegation of authority to any statute or delegation of authority shall be deemed to be a reference to such statute or delegation of authority as amended from time to time.

This delegation shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 4, 2025.

Darren J. Beattie,

Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. MCF 21130]

Jefferson Partners, L.P. dba Jefferson Lines—Acquisition of Control—Karst Stage, Inc.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice Tentatively Approving and Authorizing Finance Transaction.

SUMMARY: On January 22, 2025, Jefferson Partners, L.P., dba Jefferson Lines (Jefferson), an interstate passenger motor carrier, submitted an application for authority to acquire and operate the assets of another interstate passenger motor carrier, Karst Stage, Inc. (Karst). The Board is tentatively approving and authorizing this transaction. If no opposing comments are timely filed, this notice will be the final Board action.

DATES: Comments must be filed by April 28, 2025. If any comments are filed, Jefferson may file a reply by May 12, 2025. If no opposing comments are filed by April 28, 2025, this notice shall be effective on April 29, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Comments, referring to Docket No. MCF 21130, may be filed with the Board either via e-filing on the Board's website or in writing addressed to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of comments to Jefferson's representative: Richard P. Schweitzer, Richard P. Schweitzer, P.L.L.C., 1717 K Street NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathon Binet at (202) 245-0368. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245-0245.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The application¹ states that Jefferson Partners, L.P., is a limited partnership that operates as a motor carrier of passengers under the name Jefferson Lines. (Appl. 1.) Jefferson's principal place of business in Minneapolis, Minn. (*Id.*) According to the application, Jefferson provides regular route service in 14 states from its Minneapolis location. (*Id.* at 2.) Jefferson also provides charter bus service originating in Minneapolis and Billings, Mont.² (*Id.*)

The application states that Karst's principal place of business is in Bozeman, Mont. (*Id.*) Karst holds interstate authority to carry passengers³ and currently provides charter bus service from Bozeman to locations throughout the United States. (*Id.*)

The application explains that, in this transaction, Jefferson will purchase and hold all of Karst's assets. (*Id.* at 3.) The application states that Jefferson has established a new company, Karst Stage, LLC, that will operate the assets acquired from Karst and employ Karst's former employees. (*Id.* at 2–3.) According to the application, Jefferson has obtained interstate passenger motor carrier authority for Karst Stage, LLC, which will become a carrier after the transaction.⁴ (*Id.* at 2.) After the transaction, Jefferson and Karst Stage, LLC, will operate as separate entities but plan to integrate and share certain management functions. (*Id.* at 3.)⁵

Under 49 U.S.C. 14303(b), the Board must approve and authorize a transaction that it finds consistent with the public interest, taking into consideration at least (1) the effect of the proposed transaction on the adequacy of

transportation to the public, (2) the total fixed charges resulting from the proposed transaction, and (3) the interest of affected carrier employees. Jefferson has submitted the information required by 49 CFR 1182.2, including information demonstrating that the proposed transaction is consistent with the public interest under 49 U.S.C. 14303(b), *see* 49 CFR 1182.2(a)(7), and a jurisdictional statement under 49 U.S.C. 14303(g) that the aggregate gross operating revenues of the involved carriers exceeded \$2 million during the 12-month period immediately preceding the filing of the application, *see* 49 CFR 1182.2(a)(5).

Jefferson asserts that granting the application would be consistent with the public interest. (Appl. at 5.) According to the application, the proposed transaction will ensure continued service to Karst's existing customer base with no reduction in current service levels. (*Id.* at 6.) The application states that the proposed transaction will not result in significant operational changes and that merging the operations of Jefferson and Karst Stage, LLC, under a single corporate umbrella will allow both carriers to engage in economies of scale. (*Id.*) After the transaction, Jefferson plans to share several management functions with Karst Stage, LLC, including administration, safety management, human resources, accounting, and payroll. (*Id.* at 3.) Jefferson states that combining these functions will increase efficiency for both companies. (*Id.* at 6.) The application also states that the proposed transaction will result in better financial terms that will facilitate the replacement of aging vehicles with newer, more efficient equipment. (*Id.*) Thus, Jefferson contends that the transaction will result in economies of scale, management efficiencies, and improved financial terms. (*Id.*) According to the application, Jefferson seeks to leverage these benefits to grow the businesses of both carriers, potentially improving the level of transportation available to the public. (*Id.*)

Jefferson anticipates that this transaction could ultimately reduce the overall fixed charges for financing equipment acquisitions. (*Id.* at 7.) According to the application, the transaction will strengthen Jefferson and Karst Stage, LLC's combined financial structure, allowing them to take advantage of better financial terms. (*Id.* at 6, 7.) Jefferson further represents that the proposed transaction will not have an overall negative impact on the interests of employees. (*Id.* at 7.) The application states that Jefferson does not

anticipate reducing Karst's workforce or Jefferson's workforce. (*Id.*) Because Karst Stage, LLC, will continue Karst's current operations in substantially the same manner, Karst's employees will have the prospect of continued, uninterrupted employment. (*Id.*) Jefferson also expects both Karst Stage, LLC, and Jefferson to grow over time by taking advantage of economies of scale, improved financial terms, and increased buying power, resulting in additions to both driver and non-driver personnel. (*Id.*)

Jefferson argues that the proposed transaction will not have a material adverse effect on competition, explaining that although Jefferson and Karst both currently provide charter bus service in Montana, Karst operates out of Bozeman, and Jefferson operates out of Billings. (*Id.*) According to the application, Karst and Jefferson have no common customers and serve largely separate and distinct areas, with some overlap in the larger markets. (*Id.* at 7–8.) The application states that Jefferson and Karst Stage, LLC, will maintain separate identities after the transaction, and their market shares will not change. (*Id.* at 8–9.) The application further states that both Karst and the Jefferson face strong intra- and intermodal competition in their respective markets. (*Id.* at 9.) According to the application, passengers' ability to travel in their own vehicles as an alternative to charter bus services exerts additional competitive pressure. (*Id.* at 9.) Jefferson therefore argues that the proposed transaction will not diminish competition. (*Id.*) According to Jefferson, the transaction will instead support competition by allowing Karst's existing operations to continue. (*Id.* at 8.)

Based on Jefferson's representations, the Board finds that the acquisition as proposed in the application is consistent with the public interest and should be tentatively approved and authorized. If any opposing comments are timely filed, these findings will be deemed vacated and, unless a final decision can be made on the record as developed, a procedural schedule will be adopted to reconsider the application. *See* 49 CFR 1182.6. If no opposing comments are filed by the expiration of the comment period, this notice will take effect automatically and will be the final Board action in this proceeding.

This action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c).

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.

It is ordered:

¹ The application was supplemented on February 11, 2025. Therefore, for purposes of determining the procedural schedule and statutory deadlines, the filing date of the application is February 11, 2025. *See* 49 CFR 1182.4(a).

² Further information, including Jefferson's U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) numbers, motor carrier numbers, and USDOT safety fitness ratings, can be found in the application. (*Id.* at 2, 10.)

³ Further information about Karst, including its USDOT number, motor carrier number, and USDOT safety fitness rating, can be found in the application. (*Id.* at 2, 10.)

⁴ Karst Stage, LLC's motor carrier number can be found in the application. (Appl. 2.) Its USDOT number can be found in Jefferson's request for interim approval. Req. for Interim Approval i, *Jefferson Partners, L.P.—Acquis. of Control—Karst Stage, Inc.*, MCF 21130 TA. The application states that after consummation of the transaction, it is expected that Karst's motor carrier operating authority will be withdrawn. (*Id.* at 3 n.1.)

⁵ In *Jefferson Partners, L.P.—Acquisition of Control—Karst Stage, Inc.*, MCF 21130 TA (STB served Feb. 21, 2025), the Board authorized Jefferson to operate Karst's assets on an interim basis under 49 U.S.C. 14303(i) and 49 CFR 1182.7(b).

1. The proposed transaction is approved and authorized, subject to the filing of opposing comments.

2. If opposing comments are timely filed, the findings made in this notice will be deemed vacated.

3. This notice will be effective April 29, 2025, unless opposing comments are filed by April 28, 2025. If any comments are filed, Jefferson may file a reply by May 12, 2025.

4. A copy of this notice will be served on: (1) the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590; (2) the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, 10th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20530; and (3) the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the General Counsel, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

Decided: March 6, 2025.

By the Board, Board Members Fuchs, Hedlund, Primus, and Schultz.

Brendetta Jones,
Clearance Clerk.

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SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Projects Approved for Consumptive Uses of Water

AGENCY: Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists Approvals by Rule for projects by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission during the period set forth in **DATES**.

DATES: January 1–31, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 4423 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110-1788.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jason E. Oyler, General Counsel and Secretary to the Commission, telephone: (717) 238-0423, ext. 1312; fax: (717) 238-2436; email: joyler@srbc.net. Regular mail inquiries may be sent to the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice lists the projects, described below, receiving approval for the consumptive use of water pursuant to the Commission's approval by rule process set forth in 18 CFR 806.22(e) and (f) for the time period specified above.

Approvals by Rule—Issued Under 18 CFR 806.22(e)

1. Harrisburg Cooling LLC; ABR-202501001; City of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 0.1250 mgd; Approval Date: January 22, 2025.

Approvals by Rule—Issued Under 18 CFR 806.22(f)

1. RENEWAL—Chesapeake Appalachia, L.L.C.; Pad ID: S.A. Wilson Drilling Pad; ABR-201411001.R2; Overton Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: January 22, 2025.

2. RENEWAL—Chesapeake Appalachia, L.L.C.; Pad ID: Teel Unit #1H; ABR-20091115.R3; Springville Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: January 22, 2025.

3. RENEWAL—Coterra Energy Inc.; Pad ID: BrooksW P1; ABR-20090701.R3; Springville Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 5.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 22, 2025.

4. RENEWAL—Coterra Energy Inc.; Pad ID: Gesford P2; ABR-20090705.R3; Dimock Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 5.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 22, 2025.

5. RENEWAL—Coterra Energy Inc.; Pad ID: HullR P1; ABR-20090702.R3; Springville Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 5.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 22, 2025.

6. RENEWAL—Coterra Energy Inc.; Pad ID: LaRueC P1; ABR-20090706.R3; Dimock Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 5.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 22, 2025.

7. RENEWAL—Coterra Energy Inc.; Pad ID: SmithR P2; ABR-20090707.R3; Springville Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 5.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 22, 2025.

8. RENEWAL—Coterra Energy Inc.; Pad ID: Teel P7; ABR-20090704.R3; Springville Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 5.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 22, 2025.

9. RENEWAL—Coterra Energy Inc.; Pad ID: WeissM P1; ABR-201407003.R2; Gibson Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 5.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 22, 2025.

10. RENEWAL—Pin Oak Energy Partners LLC; Pad ID: Gulf USA 67H-68H; ABR-201406006.R2; Snow Shoe Township, Centre County, Pa.;

Consumptive Use of Up to 3.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 22, 2025.

11. RENEWAL—Repsol Oil & Gas USA, LLC; Pad ID: DCNR 587 (02 002); ABR-20090811.R3; Ward Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 6.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 22, 2025.

12. RENEWAL—Repsol Oil & Gas USA, LLC; Pad ID: DCNR 587 (02 004); ABR-20090812.R3; Ward Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 6.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 22, 2025.

13. RENEWAL—Repsol Oil & Gas USA, LLC; Pad ID: DCNR 587 (02 017); ABR-20090932.R3; Ward Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 6.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 22, 2025.

14. RENEWAL—SWN Production Company, LLC; Pad ID: Carrar Pad Site; ABR-20090725.R3; Liberty Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.9990 mgd; Approval Date: January 22, 2025.

15. RENEWAL—Coterra Energy Inc.; Pad ID: Colwella P1; ABR-201408004.R2; Jackson Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 5.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 24, 2025.

16. RENEWAL—Coterra Energy Inc.; Pad ID: GrimsleyJ P1; ABR-20090805.R3; Dimock Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 5.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 24, 2025.

17. RENEWAL—BKV Operating, LLC; Pad ID: Procter & Gamble Mehoopany Plant 2 1H; ABR-20091104.R3; Washington Township, Wyoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 5.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 25, 2025.

18. RENEWAL—BKV Operating, LLC; Pad ID: Procter and Gamble Mehoopany Plant 1V; ABR-20091014.R3; Washington Township, Wyoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 5.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 25, 2025.

19. RENEWAL—Repsol Oil & Gas USA, LLC; Pad ID: Bear Claw; ABR-202001002.R1; McIntyre Township, Lycoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 6.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 25, 2025.

20. RENEWAL—Repsol Oil & Gas USA, LLC; Pad ID: Kipferl 261-1H; ABR-20090732.R3; Jackson Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 6.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 25, 2025.

21. RENEWAL—Repsol Oil & Gas USA, LLC; Pad ID: Palmer 112; ABR-20091006.R3; Canton Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use

of Up to 6.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 25, 2025.

22. RENEWAL—Seneca Resources Company, LLC; Pad ID: 212 1H; ABR—20090727.R3; Charleston Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 25, 2025.

23. RENEWAL—Seneca Resources Company, LLC; Pad ID: 235A 1H; ABR—20090728.R3; Sullivan Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 25, 2025.

24. RENEWAL—Seneca Resources Company, LLC; Pad ID: Courtney 129 1H–2H; ABR—20090729.R3; Richmond Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 25, 2025.

25. RENEWAL—Seneca Resources Company, LLC; Pad ID: Courtney H 255–1H; ABR—20090730.R3; Richmond Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 25, 2025.

26. RENEWAL—Beech Resources, LLC; Pad ID: Douglas C. Kinley Pad A; ABR—201903001.R1; Lycoming Township, Lycoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 3.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 29, 2025.

27. RENEWAL—Chesapeake Appalachia, L.L.C.; Pad ID: Kuziak B Drilling Pad; ABR—201409004.R2; Elkland Township, Sullivan County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: January 29, 2025.

28. RENEWAL—EQT ARO LLC; Pad ID: COP Tr 678 #1001H & #1002H; ABR—20090821.R3; Noyes Township, Clinton County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 29, 2025.

29. RENEWAL—EQT ARO LLC; Pad ID: Tx Gulf B #1H; ABR—20090822.R3; Beech Creek Township, Clinton County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 29, 2025.

30. RENEWAL—Seneca Resources Company, LLC; Pad ID: D09–M; ABR—202001003.R1; Jones Township, Elk County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 29, 2025.

31. RENEWAL—Coterra Energy Inc.; Pad ID: DysonW P1; ABR—201408010.R2; Springville Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 5.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 30, 2025.

32. RENEWAL—Coterra Energy Inc.; Pad ID: FontanaC P1; ABR—201408009.R2; Bridgewater Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 5.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 30, 2025.

33. RENEWAL—Coterra Energy Inc.; Pad ID: Heitsman P1A; ABR—

20090703.R3; Springville Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 5.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 30, 2025.

34. RENEWAL—Seneca Resources Company, LLC; Pad ID: Smith 253 1H; ABR—20090825.R3; Sullivan Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: January 30, 2025.

Approvals by Rule—Issued Under 18 CFR 806.22(f) for December 2024—Corrections

5. Repsol Oil & Gas USA, LLC; Pad ID: Lovell (08–707); ABR—202412003; Liberty Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 6.0000 mgd; Approval Date: December 4, 2024.

6. Seneca Resources Company, LLC; Pad ID: Gamble Pad Y; ABR—202412002; Gamble Township, Lycoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: December 4, 2024.

8. RENEWAL—Range Resources—Appalachia, LLC; Pad ID: Ogontz 3H, 7H, & 9H; ABR—20090606.R3; Mifflin Township, Lycoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: December 13, 2024.

Authority: Public Law 91–575, 84 Stat. 1509 *et seq.*, 18 CFR parts 806 and 808.

Dated: March 7, 2025.

Jason E. Oyler,
General Counsel and Secretary to the Commission.

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SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

General Permit Notice

AGENCY: Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists General Permits approved by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission during the period set forth in **DATES**.

DATES: January 1–31, 2025

ADDRESSES: Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 4423 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110–1788.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jason E. Oyler, General Counsel and Secretary to the Commission, telephone: (717) 238–0423, ext. 1312; fax (717) 238–2436; email: joyler@srbc.gov. Regular mail inquiries may be sent to the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice lists General Permits for projects, described below, pursuant to 18 CFR

806.17(c)(4), for the time period specified above.

1. Selinsgrove Municipal Authority—Well 5, General Permit Approval of Coverage No. GP–02–20250109, Borough of Selinsgrove, Snyder County, Pa.; emergency/maintenance or fire suppression activities approved up to 0.860 mgd (30-day average); Approval Date: January 6, 2025.

Authority: Public Law 91–575, 84 Stat. 1509 *et seq.*, 18 CFR parts 806 and 808.

Dated: March 7, 2025.

Jason E. Oyler,
General Counsel and Secretary to the Commission.

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SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Grandfathering Registration Notice

AGENCY: Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists Grandfathering Registration for projects by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission during the period set forth in **DATES**.

DATES: January 1–February 28, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 4423 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110–1788.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jason E. Oyler, General Counsel and Secretary to the Commission, telephone: (717) 238–0423, ext. 1312; fax: (717) 238–2436; email: joyler@srbc.gov. Regular mail inquiries may be sent to the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice lists GF Registration for projects, described below, pursuant to 18 CFR part 806, subpart E, for the time period specified above:

1. Heidelberg Materials Northeast LLC—Milton Quarry, GF Certificate No. GF–202501287, Liberty and Limestone Townships, Montour County, Pa.; consumptive use; Issue Date: January 30, 2025.

2. Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania—Mansfield University, GF Certificate No. GF–202502288, Borough of Mansfield, Tioga County, Pa.; Corey Creek Reservoir and consumptive use; Issue Date: February 14, 2025.

3. Hershey Entertainment & Resorts Company—Hershey Country Club, GF Certificate No. GF–202502289, Derry Township, Dauphin County, Pa.; King

Gap Well, Spring Creek, and consumptive use; Issue Date: February 18, 2025.

Authority: Public Law 91–575, 84 Stat. 1509 *et seq.*, 18 CFR parts 806 and 808.

Dated: March 7, 2025.

Jason E. Oyler,

General Counsel and Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA–2025–0013]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations, FRA seeks approval of the Information Collection Request (ICR) summarized below. Before submitting this ICR to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval, FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified in the ICR.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 12, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed ICR should be submitted on www.regulations.gov to the docket, Docket No. FRA–2025–0013. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket, including any personal information provided. Please refer to the assigned OMB control number (2130–0006) in any correspondence submitted. FRA will summarize comments received in response to this notice in a subsequent notice made available to the public and include them in its information collection submission to OMB for approval.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Arlette Mussington, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at email: arlette.mussington@dot.gov or telephone: (571) 609–1285 or Ms. Joanne Swafford, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at email: joanne.swafford@dot.gov or telephone: (757) 897–9908.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to provide 60 days’ notice to the public to allow comment on information collection activities before seeking OMB approval of the activities. *See* 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.8 through 1320.12. Specifically, FRA invites interested parties to comment on the following ICR regarding: (1) whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the activities will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FRA’s estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (3) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways for FRA to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. *See* 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1).

FRA believes that soliciting public comment may reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with the collection of information that Federal regulations mandate. In summary, comments received will advance three objectives: (1) reduce reporting burdens; (2) organize information collection requirements in a “user-friendly” format to improve the use of such information; and (3) accurately assess the resources expended to retrieve and produce information requested. *See* 44 U.S.C. 3501.

The summary below describes the ICR that FRA will submit for OMB clearance as the PRA requires:

Title: Railroad Signal System Requirements.

OMB Control Number: 2130–0006.

Abstract: The information collected under 49 CFR parts 233, 235, and 236 is used by FRA to monitor railroad compliance with FRA’s inspection and testing requirements for signal systems, as well as to review and approve railroad requests to discontinue or materially modify existing signal systems. The information collected is also used by FRA to monitor signal failures (*e.g.*, failure of a signal appliance, device, method, or system to function or indicate as required by 49 CFR part 236 that results in a more favorable aspect than intended or other condition hazardous to the movement of a train).

In this 60-day notice, FRA has made multiple adjustments to estimates that decreased the previously approved burden hours by 1,435 hours. The decrease in burden is solely a result of these adjustments. FRA conducted a thorough review of the paperwork burden for this information collection and has determined that some of the estimates and average time per responses were outdated. For example:

- Under §§ 233.7 and 235.20, the burden hours have increased by a total of 37.50 hours to reflect that submission of signal failure reports and protests have both increased over this last three-year reporting period. This change is primarily due to an increase in submissions from labor organizations. (The burden hours under § 235.20 have also increased due to an increase in average time per response, discussed below.)

- Under § 235.5, the number of applications has decreased over the last reporting period. Consequently, this submission reflects a decrease in the number of responses resulting in a burden reduction of 640 hours.

- As part of the evaluation process for this submission, the average time for each requirement was reviewed and updates were made to the estimates for §§ 235.20 protests and 236.590 pneumatic apparatus test records. The average time per response reflected under § 235.20 was increased from 30 minutes to one (1) hour, while the average time for § 236.590 decreased from 22.5 minutes to five (5) minutes. This reduction is based on changes in the pneumatic apparatus inspections and the exceptions that allow a 92-day inspection interval if certain parameters are met. Overall, these adjustments contributed to a reduction in the total burden hours for this submission.

- Finally, under § 236.110, FRA determined that the burden for railroads to request authorization from FRA to use an electronic records system was not included in the previously reported burden; only the record keeping burden was included. Therefore, FRA increased the total estimated burden in this submission.

Type of Request: Extension without change (with changes in estimates) of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses.

Form(s): FRA F 6180.14.

Respondent Universe: 150¹ railroads.

¹ In this submission, a recent FRA data collection shows approximately 150 railroads, with wayside signaling systems, that must comply with 49 CFR 233.5 and 233.7. When FRA last published a notice in connection with its submission of this ICR (OMB control number 2130–0006), on October 22, 2021 at 86 FR 58722, that notice was based on a Respondent Universe of 754 railroads.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

REPORTING BURDEN

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses (A)	Average time per response (B)	Total annual burden hours (A * B = C)	Wage rate (D)	Total cost equivalent U.S.D. (E) (E = C * D)
233.5—Accidents resulting from signal failure.	150 railroads	1	30 minutes	0.50	\$89.13	\$44.57
233.7—Signal failure reports—Form FRA F 6180.14 “False Proceed Signal Report”.	150 railroads	20	15 minutes	5	89.13	445.65
235.5—Changes requiring filing of application.	117 railroads	8	10 hours	80	89.13	7,130.40
235.8—Relief from the requirements of part 236 of this title.	117 railroads	8	10 hours	100	89.13	8,913.00
235.20—Protests	Railroads/Public	40	1 hour	40	89.13	3,565.20
236.110—Results of tests	117 railroads	300,000 (paper) + 636,660 (electronic).	27 minutes (paper) + 8 minutes (electronic).	219,888	69.79	15,345,983.52
236.110(e)—Authorization to use electronic or automated tracking systems for test results.	117 railroads	8	80 hours	640	89.13	57,043.20
236.587—Departure Test	<i>The burden for this requirement is covered under OMB Control Number 2130–0553.</i>					
236.590—Pneumatic apparatus	42 railroads	6,697	5 minutes	558.08	80.38	44,858.47
Total ²	150 railroads	943,444 responses	N/A	221,312	15,467,984

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 943,444.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 221,312 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Dollar Cost Equivalent: \$15,467,984.

FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information that does not display a currently valid OMB control number.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

Christopher S. Van Nostrand,
Deputy Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA–2025–0012]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations, FRA seeks approval of the Information Collection

Request (ICR) summarized below. Before submitting this ICR to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval, FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified in the ICR.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 12, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed ICR should be submitted on www.regulations.gov to the docket, Docket No. FRA–2025–0012. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket, including any personal information provided. Please refer to the assigned OMB control number (2130–0526) in any correspondence submitted. FRA will summarize comments received in a subsequent 30-day notice and include them in its information collection submission to OMB.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Arlette Mussington, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at email: arlette.mussington@dot.gov or telephone: (571) 609–1285 or Ms. Joanne Swafford, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at email: joanne.swafford@dot.gov or telephone: (757) 897–9908.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to

provide 60 days’ notice to the public to allow comment on information collection activities before seeking OMB approval of the activities. See 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.8 through 1320.12. Specifically, FRA invites interested parties to comment on the following ICR regarding: (1) whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the activities will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FRA’s estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (3) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways for FRA to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. See 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1).

FRA believes that soliciting public comment may reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with the collection of information that Federal regulations mandate. In summary, comments received will advance three objectives: (1) reduce reporting burdens; (2) organize information collection requirements in a “user-friendly” format to improve the use of such information; and (3) accurately assess the resources

² Totals may not sum due to rounding.

expended to retrieve and produce information requested. See 44 U.S.C. 3501.

The summary below describes the ICR that FRA will submit for OMB clearance as the PRA requires:

Title: Control of Alcohol and Drug use in Railroad Operations.

OMB Control Number: 2130-0526

Abstract: This ICR covers information collected pursuant to FRA regulations at 49 CFR part 219—Control of Alcohol and Drug Use. FRA and the railroad industry use the information collected to improve railroad safety through the detection and deterrence of alcohol and illicit drug use by railroad or contractor employees who meet the definition of “regulated employee” in § 219.5.¹ For example, FRA uses the information collected to ensure that regulated employees are subject to a random alcohol and drug testing program in which each employee has a reasonable expectation of being tested at any time while on-duty. This information collection also covers on-duty railroad or contractor employees involved in a train incident who die within 12 hours of the incident due to the operation of on-track equipment, regardless of whether the employee was performing regulated service at the time. Information is also collected regarding foreign-railroads’ foreign-based employees who perform train or dispatching service in the United States.

In this 60-day notice, FRA has made multiple adjustments to the previously approved burden hours. While some reported burden hours have been

increased, the overall number of burden hours has decreased from the previously approved 4,830 hours to 2,674 hours. For instance:

- Under § 219.4, Recognition of a foreign railroad’s workplace testing program, the estimated burden associated with comments received on petitions pursuant to paragraph (e) was removed. Comments received from the public, in response to general solicitations published in the **Federal Register**, are not considered information under the PRA.²

- Under § 219.23, Railroad policies, FRA reviewed paragraph (a) and determined the previously reported burden was underestimated as it reflected the average time of 3 seconds needed for a verbal notice rather than the 30 seconds needed for a written notice of testing. The burden hours in this submission have been adjusted accordingly.

- Under § 219.23(c), railroads must develop and publish educational materials, specifically designed for regulated employees, that clearly explain the requirements of part 219. Generally, railroads have already developed these materials and will not incur substantial additional burdens due to this regulatory requirement. FRA has reduced the estimated burden to reflect only the time spent by those railroads that choose to revise the required educational materials. It is estimated that only 10 percent of the 654 railroads provided hardcopy educational materials to employees. Some railroads post brochures in the

breakroom, but the majority share these materials electronically, as exemplified by Class I railroads who refer employees to the company’s intranet.

- Under § 219.203, Responsibilities of railroads and employees, FRA reviewed paragraph (g), Obtaining cooperation of facility, and determined that this regulatory requirement does not create any additional paperwork burden.

Rather, § 219.203(g) requires a railroad to reference the requirements of subpart C and the instructions in FRA’s post-accident toxicological shipping kit as the applicable regulatory authority when obtaining specimens from an uncooperative medical facility in a post-accident testing event.

- FRA found that the burdens associated with § 219.25, Previous employer drug and alcohol checks, and § 219.800, Annual reports, are covered under OMB control number 2105-0529, Procedures for Transportation Drug and Alcohol Testing Program. Thus, FRA has removed the previously reported burden hours associated with these requirements.

Type of Request: Extension without change (with changes in estimates) of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Railroads.

Forms(s): FRA F 6180.73; 6180.74; 6180.75.

Respondent Universe: 654 railroads (includes 2 foreign-based railroads); 2,600 regulated contractors; and 160,822 regulated employees.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

REPORTING BURDEN

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses (A)	Average time per response (hours) (B)	Total annual burden (hours) (C = A * B)	Wage rate ³ (D)	Total cost equivalent U.S.D. (E = C * D)
219.4 <i>Recognition of foreign railroad’s workplace testing program:</i> —Petition submissions to FRA	FRA anticipates zero petitions for the next three-year collection period.					
219.7 <i>Waivers:</i> —Waiver submissions to FRA	654 railroads, 2,600 regulated contractors.	3	90 minutes	4.50	\$89.13	\$401.09
219.12 <i>Hours-of-service laws implications:</i> —(d) Employees placed on duty for follow up testing documentation..	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	6	30 minutes	3	89.13	267.39
219.23 <i>Railroad policies:</i> —(a) Written notification of testing provided to employees.	160,822 regulated employees.	71,978	30 seconds	599.82	89.13	53,461.96
—(c) Revised educational materials and copies made available to employees.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	73	1 hour	73	89.13	6,506.49
—Hard copies to employees	654 railroads	64	2 minutes	2.13	89.13	189.85

¹ On February 2, 2022, as mandated by the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act, FRA published a final rule that revised the definition of “regulated employee” to include a “MECH employee”, thereby expanding the scope of its alcohol and drug regulation to cover “all employees of railroad carriers who perform

mechanical activities.” 87 FR 5719 and 5724. The definition of “regulated employee” also includes railroad and contractor employees who are “roadway workers” (as defined in 49 CFR 214.7) or who perform covered services under the hours of service laws (49 U.S.C. 21101, 21104, or 21105).

² 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(4).

³ The dollar equivalent cost is derived from the 2023 Surface Transportation Board Full Year Wage A&B data series using employee group 200 (Professional Administrative Staff) hourly wage rate of \$50.93. The total burden wage rate (straight time plus 75%) used in the table is \$89.13 (\$50.93 × 1.75 = \$89.13).

REPORTING BURDEN—Continued

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses (A)	Average time per response (hours) (B)	Total annual burden (hours) (C = A * B)	Wage rate ³ (D)	Total cost equivalent U.S.D. (E = C * D)
<i>219.104 Responsive action:</i> —(b) Written notice of removal from regulated service.	160,822 regulated employees.	530	2 minutes	17.67	89.13	1,574.93
<i>219.105 Railroad's duty to prevent violations:</i> —(c) Documents provided to FRA upon request regarding RR's alcohol and/or drug use education/prevention program. —(d) RR supervisor Rule G observations and records of regulated employees.	654 railroads	3	5 minutes	0.25	89.13	22.29
<i>219.201 Events for which testing is required:</i> —(c) Good faith determinations ⁴	654 railroads	500	5 minutes	41.67	89.13	3,714.05
—(c)(iii) Report by RR concerning decision by person other than RR representative about whether an accident/incident qualifies for testing.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	2	30 minutes	1	89.13	89.13
<i>219.203 Responsibilities of railroads and employees:</i> —(d)(1) Notification of failure to collect urine/blood specimens within four hours. —(e)(5) Documentation and report of employees subject to recall for testing. —(g)(2) RR notification to National Response Center of injured employee unconscious or otherwise unable to give testing consent.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	80	2 minutes	2.67	89.13	237.98
	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	4	30 minutes	2	89.13	178.26
	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	2	10 minutes	0.33	89.13	29.42
<i>219.205 Specimen collection and handling:</i> —Post Accident Toxicological Testing Forms—FRA F 6180.73. —Specimen handling/collection—Form FRA F 6180.74 by train crew members after accident. —(b) Collection of Post-Mortem Toxicology Samples—FRA F 6180.75. —(d) Records of shipment chain of custody	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	103	10 minutes	17.17	89.13	1,530.37
	160,822 regulated employees.	219	15 minutes	54.75	89.13	4,879.87
	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	7	20 minutes	2.33	89.13	207.68
	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	103	2 minutes	3.43	89.13	305.72
—(e) Specimen security—Contemporaneous written record of kit error.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	10	2 minutes	0.33	89.13	29.42
<i>219.206 FRA access to breath test results:</i>	FRA anticipates zero submissions under this requirement over the next three-year period.					
<i>219.207 Fatality:</i> —(a) RR notification to local authority	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	5	10 minutes	0.83	89.13	73.98
<i>219.209 Reports of tests and refusals:</i> —(a) Telephonic notification to National Response Center (NRC) and FRA of accident/incident where samples were obtained.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	103	2 minutes	3.43	89.13	305.72
<i>219.211 Analysis and follow-up:</i> —(b) Results of post-accident toxicological testing to Railroad Medical Review Officer (MRO) employee. —(c) MRO report to FRA of positive test for alcohol/drugs of surviving employee.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	7	15 minutes	1.75	89.13	155.98
	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	6	15 minutes	1.50	89.13	133.70
—(e) E-mail or written response from employee to FRA regarding results of the toxicological analysis.	FRA anticipates zero submissions under this requirement over the next three-years.					
—(h) Recordkeeping—post-accident toxicology tests.	Laboratories maintain records of specimens following an accident or incident. Consequently, there is no burden associated with this requirement.					
—(i) Employee's request for a retest of split blood and urine samples.	FRA estimates that it will receive zero (0) letters requesting that a sample be retested.					
<i>219.213 Unlawful refusals; consequences:</i> —(a) Notice of disqualification	FRA estimates that there will be zero (0) employees who refuse to cooperate in providing blood or urine samples follow a PAT testing qualifying event.					
—(b) Written notice for employee withdrawal from regulated service.	FRA anticipates zero (0) submissions under this requirement over the next three-years.					
<i>219.303 Reasonable suspicion observations:</i> —(d) Railroad maintenance of written documentation of reasonable suspicion determination.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	33	5 minutes	2.75	89.13	245.11
<i>219.305 Prompt specimen collection; time limitations:</i> —(b) Railroad written record stating reasons test was not promptly administered.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	11	2 minutes	0.37	89.13	32.98
<i>219.405 Documentation requirements:</i> —(a) Written documentation describing basis for reasonable cause test.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	2,314	5 minutes	192.83	89.13	17,186.94
<i>219.407 Prompt specimen collection; time limitations:</i>						

REPORTING BURDEN—Continued

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses (A)	Average time per response (hours) (B)	Total annual burden (hours) (C = A * B)	Wage rate ³ (D)	Total cost equivalent U.S.D. (E = C * D)
—(b) Record of prompt specimen collection time limitation exceeded.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	17	15 minutes	4.25	89.13	378.81
219.501 <i>Pre-employment drug testing:</i>						
—(b) Railroad documentation of negative pre-employment drug tests for employees of contractors.	654 railroads, 64,000 contractor employees.	6,400	30 seconds	53.33	89.13	4,753.31
219.605 <i>Submission and approval of random testing plans:</i>						
—(a)(1) New railroads' submission of random testing plan.	12 railroads	12	1 hour	12.00	89.13	1,069.56
—(a)(2) Amendments to currently-approved FRA random testing plan.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	450	1 hour	450.00	89.13	40,108.50
—(b) Plan approval notification—Resubmitted random testing plans after non-approval by FRA.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	56	30 minutes	28.00	89.13	2,495.64
—(d)(2) Non-substantive amendment to an approved plan.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	300	15 minutes	75.00	89.13	6,684.75
219.615 <i>Random testing collections:</i>						
—(f) Documentation of incomplete random testing collections.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	2,250	30 seconds	18.75	89.13	1,671.19
219.617 <i>Participation in random alcohol and drug testing:</i>						
—(a)(3) Documentation supporting employee exclusion from random alcohol/drug testing due to a substantiated medical emergency.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	6	1 hour	6	89.13	534.78
219.623 <i>Records:</i>						
—(a) Random testing records	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	48,977	1 minute	816.28	89.13	72,755.04
219.1001 <i>Requirement for referral programs:</i>						
—Co-worker referral of employee who is unsafe to work or in violation of part 219.	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees.	24	5 minutes	2	89.13	178.26
Total ⁵	654 railroads, 160,822 regulated employees, 2,600 regulated contractors.	456,302	N/A	2,674	238,317

Estimated Annual Responses:
456,302.

Total Estimated Annual Burden:
2,674 Hours.

Total Estimated Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent: \$238,317.

FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information that does not display a currently valid OMB control number.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

Christopher S. Van Nostrand,
Deputy Chief Counsel.

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⁴ The burden for this section is based on the estimated time it takes for a railroad representative to make a good faith determination using FRA's Post-Accident Determination App. FRA developed this app to help railroads make correct post-accident toxicological testing determinations and has made it available to download for free. See <https://railroads.dot.gov/railroad-safety/divisions/drug-and-alcohol/post-accident-determination-app>.

⁵ Totals may not add up due to rounding.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA–2019–0224; Notice No. 2025–0001]

Hazardous Materials: Notice of Public Meetings in 2025 for International Standards on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of 2025 public meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Office of Hazardous Materials Safety (OHMS) will host four public meetings during 2025 in advance of certain international meetings. The first meeting will be held in preparation of the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) Dangerous Goods Panel (DGP) Working Group 25 (WG/25) scheduled for April 21–25, 2025 in Delhi, India. The second meeting will be held in preparation of the 66th session of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the

Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNSCOE TDG) scheduled for June 30–July 4, 2025 in Geneva, Switzerland. The third meeting will be held in preparation of the 30th session of the ICAO DGP (DGP/30) scheduled for October 6–10, 2025 in Montreal, Canada. The fourth meeting will be held in preparation of the 67th session of the UNSCOE TDG scheduled for November 24–December 3, 2024 in Geneva, Switzerland. For each of these meetings, PHMSA will solicit public input on current proposals.

ADDRESSES: Each public meeting will take place approximately two weeks preceding the international meeting at DOT Headquarters, West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001. A remote participation option will also be available. Specific information for each meeting will be posted when available on the PHMSA website at www.phmsa.dot.gov/international-program/international-program-overview under "Upcoming Events." This information will include the public meeting date, time, remote access login, conference dial-in number, and details for advance registration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Webb or Aaron Wiener, U.S.

Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, by phone at 202-366-8553.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of PHMSA's public meetings held in advance of certain international meetings is to allow the public to give input on the current proposals being considered by the international standards setting bodies.

The 66th and 67th sessions of UNSCOE TDG will represent the first round of meetings scheduled for the 2025-2026 biennium. UNSCOE TDG will consider proposals for the 25th Revised Edition of the *United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: Model Regulations* (Model Regulations), which may be implemented into relevant domestic, regional, and international regulations starting January 1, 2029. Copies of working documents, informal documents, the agenda, and the post-meeting final report may be obtained from the United Nations Transport Division's website at www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.html.

ICAO DGP-WG/25 and DGP/30 meetings represent the second and final round of meetings of the 2024-2025 biennium. ICAO DGP will consider proposals for the 2027-2028 edition of the *Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air* (Doc 9284). Copies of working papers, information papers, the agenda, and the post-meeting final report may be obtained from the ICAO DGP website at www.icao.int/safety/DangerousGoods/Pages/DGPMMeetings.aspx.

Signed in Washington, DC, on March 7, 2025.

William S. Schoonover,

Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2024-0132]

Notice of Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Modification of Existing Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information

Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comments. A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published November 26, 2024, and the comment period ended January 27, 2025. No comments were received during the open period.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted directly to the OMB by April 11, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to the attention of the DOT/OST Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503 or by email at OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov with the associated OMB Control Number 2105-0569.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval No.: 2105-0569.

Title: Letter of Interest and Application Forms for the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing and Transportation Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act Credit Programs.

Type of Review: Modification of existing information collection.

Background: This notice makes a technical correction to the previous notice, 90 FR 11459, published on March 6, 2025.

The Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing (RRIF) credit program has its origins in Title V of the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976, 45 U.S.C. 821 *et seq.*, which authorized the Federal Railroad Administration to provide railroads certain financial assistance. This Title V financing program was replaced by the RRIF program under section 7203 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century of 1998, Public Law 105-178 (1998) (TEA 21). RRIF was subsequently amended by: the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, Public Law 109-59 (2005) (SAFETEA-LU); the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008, Division A of Public Law 110-432; the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, Public Law 114-94 (2015) (FAST Act); and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117-58 (2021) (IIJA). All applicants for RRIF credit program assistance are required to submit a completed application. 49 U.S.C. 22403(a). The information collection activity request for the RRIF credit program letter of interest and

application was most recently approved in 2021 (OMB Control Number 2105-0569). See 86 FR 33475 and 86 FR 51717.

The Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 1998 (TIFIA) was enacted as part of TEA 21. The TIFIA program was subsequently amended by SAFETEA-LU, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (Pub. L. 112-141) (2012) (MAP-21), the FAST Act, and the IIJA. All applicants for TIFIA credit program assistance are required to submit a completed letter of interest (LOI) and application. 23 U.S.C. 602(a)(1)(A). The existing information collection activity request for the TIFIA credit program letter of interest and application was most recently approved in 2021 (OMB Control Number 2105-0569). See 86 FR 33475 and 86 FR 51717.

The National Surface Transportation and Innovative Finance Bureau (referenced hereafter as the Build America Bureau or the Bureau), established by the Secretary on July 20, 2016, in accordance with the FAST Act, was created to streamline and improve access to the Department's Federal credit programs, including the RRIF and TIFIA programs. The Bureau was made responsible for administering the application processes for the TIFIA and RRIF credit programs. To streamline and conform these application processes, the Bureau created a single LOI form and a single application form that can be used by applicants of either credit program. Both the LOI form and the application form have been updated to reflect efficiencies in the application process adopted by the Department, provide clarifying information, and make the forms easier for applicants to use. The Department seeks OMB approval to modify the LOI and application. The forms have also been reviewed to ensure that all information requested is necessary for the Department to properly perform its functions in administering its credit programs and updated to reflect the current statutory requirements.

The LOI asks the applicant to describe, among other things, the project and its location, purpose and cost; the proposed financial plan, the status of environmental review, and certain information regarding satisfaction of other eligibility requirements under the applicable credit program. The application serves as the official request for credit and, therefore, requires the same information required of the LOI, plus detailed information about the applicant's legal and management structure, its financial health, the revenue stream pledged to repay the

loan, and other information regarding satisfaction of eligibility requirements. TIFIA and RRIF credit assistance is awarded based on a project's satisfaction of TIFIA and RRIF (as applicable) eligibility requirements. The Department is authorized to prescribe the form and contents of the LOI and application. 49 U.S.C. 22403(a) and 23 U.S.C. 601(a)(6).

Respondents: State and local governments, transit agencies, government-sponsored authorities, special authorities, special districts, ports, private railroads, and certain other private entities.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: Based on the number and type of interested stakeholders that have contacted the Department about the RRIF and TIFIA programs in fiscal years (FY) 2018–2021, the Department estimates that it will receive, on an annual basis, eight (8) RRIF LOIs, twelve (12) TIFIA LOIs, eight (8) RRIF applications, and twelve (12) TIFIA applications.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: The Department estimates that it will generally take applicants not fewer than twenty (20) person-hours to assemble a single LOI (for either credit program) and not fewer than one hundred (100) person-hours to assemble a single application (for either credit program). (Person-hour estimates provided for a RRIF application assume that the applicant will initially submit an LOI, reducing the number of person-hours spent on the application.) Based on the anticipated annual total number of respondents, the total annual hour burden of this collection for RRIF LOIs and applications is 960 and for TIFIA LOIs and applications is 1,440 hours.

Frequency of Collection: This information collection will occur on a rolling basis as interested entities seek RRIF or TIFIA credit assistance.

Public Comments Invited: The Department invites interested respondents to comment on a proposed information collection activity (summarized below) with respect to: (i) whether the information collection activities are necessary for the Department to properly execute its functions, including whether the activities will have practical utility; (ii) the accuracy of the Department's estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (iii) ways for the Department to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (iv) ways for the Department to minimize the burden of

information collection activities on the public by automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses). See 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)(i)–(iv); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1)(i)–(iv). The Department believes that soliciting public comment will promote its efforts to reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with the collection of information mandated by Federal regulations. In summary, the Department reasons that comments received will advance three objectives: (i) reduce reporting burdens; (ii) ensure that it organizes information collection requirements in a “user friendly” format to improve the use of such information; and (iii) accurately assess the resources expended to retrieve and produce information requested. See 44 U.S.C. 3501.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Morteza Farajian,

Executive Director, the Build America Bureau.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment; Comment Request on Burden Related to Taxation of Gain or Loss From Certain Nonfunctional Currency Transactions

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning the burden related to the taxation of gain or loss from certain nonfunctional currency transactions (Section 988 Transactions).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 12, 2025 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 60 days of publication of this notice to omb.unit@irs.gov. Please include, “OMB Number: 1545–1131—Public Comment Request Notice” in the Subject line. Requests for additional information or copies of this collection can be directed to Ronald J. Durbala, at RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Taxation of Gain or Loss from Certain Nonfunctional Currency Transactions (Section 988 Transactions).

OMB Number: 1545–1131.

Project Number: TD 8400.

Abstract: This collection contains final regulations regarding the taxation of gain or loss from certain foreign currency transactions under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 988 and applies to taxpayers engaging in such transactions.

Current Actions: There is no change to the existing collection.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, and individuals and households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 40 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,333.

The following paragraph applies to all the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

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- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
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collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, by permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the ICR for OMB approval of the extension of the information

collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Approved: March 4, 2025.

Ronald J. Durbala,

IRS Tax Analyst.

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Executive Order 14234 of March 7, 2025

The President

Establishing the White House Task Force on the FIFA World Cup 2026

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in anticipation of the FIFA Club World Cup 2025 and the FIFA World Cup 2026, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Purpose. The United States is a host nation for the FIFA World Cup 2026, which will be the largest sporting event in history. This important event, taking place during the momentous occasion of the 250th anniversary of our country, presents an opportunity to showcase the Nation's pride and hospitality while promoting economic growth and tourism through sport. My Administration will support preparations through a coordinated Government effort.

Sec. 2. Establishing the White House Task Force on the FIFA World Cup 2026. (a) There is hereby established the White House Task Force on the FIFA World Cup 2026 (Task Force).

(b) The President shall be the Chair of the Task Force, and the Vice President shall serve as Vice Chair.

(c) The Chair shall designate an Executive Director, who shall administer and execute the day-to-day operations of the Task Force, and who shall report to the Chair through the Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Implementation. The Chair, the Vice Chair, or a member of the Task Force designated by the Chair, shall convene regular meetings of the Task Force, determine its agenda, and direct its work, consistent with this order. The Executive Director and the Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Implementation shall assist in the performance of these duties. The Chair may designate any member of the Task Force to preside over meetings of the Task Force.

(d) In addition to the Chair and Vice Chair, the Task Force shall consist of the following members:

- (i) the Secretary of State;
- (ii) the Secretary of the Treasury;
- (iii) the Secretary of Defense;
- (iv) the Attorney General;
- (v) the Secretary of Commerce;
- (vi) the Secretary of Transportation;
- (vii) the Secretary of Homeland Security;
- (viii) the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs;
- (ix) the Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff;
- (x) the Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and Homeland Security Advisor;
- (xi) the Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff for Legislative, Political and Public Affairs;
- (xii) the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and

(xiii) the heads of such other executive departments, agencies, and offices that the Chair or the Vice Chair may, from time to time, designate or invite to participate.

(e) The Task Force shall coordinate with executive departments and agencies (agencies) to assist in the planning, organization, and execution of the events surrounding the 2025 FIFA Club World Cup and the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Agencies shall provide information and assistance useful and necessary to the Task Force.

(f) For administrative purposes, the Task Force shall be housed in the Department of Homeland Security, which shall provide funding and administrative support for the Task Force, to the extent permitted by law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(g) Agencies within the Task Force shall each provide a report to the Task Force regarding their respective planning and activities with respect to the 2026 FIFA World Cup. These reports shall be submitted to the Executive Director of the Task Force no later than June 1, 2025.

(h) The Task Force shall terminate on December 31, 2026, unless extended by the President.

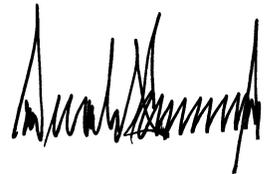
Sec. 3. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
March 7, 2025.

Presidential Documents

Executive Order 14235 of March 7, 2025

Restoring Public Service Loan Forgiveness

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Purpose. In 2007, the Congress established the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program to encourage Americans to enter the public service sector by promising to forgive their remaining student loans after they completed 10 years of service in those jobs while making 10 years of minimum payments.

The prior administration abused the PSLF Program through a waiver process, using taxpayer funds to pay off loans for employees still years away from the statutorily required number of payments. Moreover, instead of alleviating worker shortages in necessary occupations, the PSLF Program has misdirected tax dollars into activist organizations that not only fail to serve the public interest, but actually harm our national security and American values, sometimes through criminal means. The PSLF Program also creates perverse incentives that can increase the cost of tuition, can load students in low-need majors with unsustainable debt, and may push students into organizations that hide under the umbrella of a non-profit designation and degrade our national interest, thus requiring additional Federal funding to correct the negative societal effects caused by these organizations' federally subsidized wrongdoing.

As President of the United States, I have a duty to protect, preserve, and defend the Constitution and our national security, which includes ending the subsidization of illegal activities, including illegal immigration, human smuggling, child trafficking, pervasive damage to public property, and disruption of the public order, which threaten the security and stability of the United States. Accordingly, it is the policy of my Administration that individuals employed by organizations whose activities have a substantial illegal purpose shall not be eligible for public service loan forgiveness.

Sec. 2. Restoring Public Service Loan Forgiveness. The Secretary of Education shall propose revisions to 34 CFR 685.219, Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program, in coordination with the Secretary of the Treasury as appropriate, that ensure the definition of "public service" excludes organizations that engage in activities that have a substantial illegal purpose, including:

(a) aiding or abetting violations of 8 U.S.C. 1325 or other Federal immigration laws;

(b) supporting terrorism, including by facilitating funding to, or the operations of, cartels designated as Foreign Terrorist Organizations consistent with 8 U.S.C. 1189, or by engaging in violence for the purpose of obstructing or influencing Federal Government policy;

(c) child abuse, including the chemical and surgical castration or mutilation of children or the trafficking of children to so-called transgender sanctuary States for purposes of emancipation from their lawful parents, in violation of applicable law;

(d) engaging in a pattern of aiding and abetting illegal discrimination; or

(e) engaging in a pattern of violating State tort laws, including laws against trespassing, disorderly conduct, public nuisance, vandalism, and obstruction of highways.

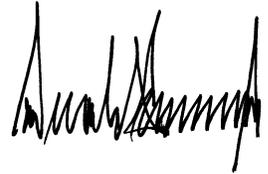
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THE WHITE HOUSE,
March 7, 2025.

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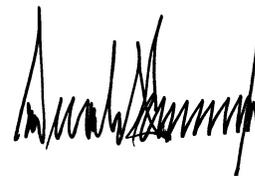
Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Iran

On March 15, 1995, by Executive Order 12957, the President declared a national emergency pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701–1706) to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States constituted by the actions and policies of the Government of Iran. On May 6, 1995, the President issued Executive Order 12959, imposing more comprehensive sanctions on Iran to further respond to this threat. On August 19, 1997, the President issued Executive Order 13059, consolidating and clarifying those previous orders. The President took additional steps pursuant to this national emergency in Executive Order 13553 of September 28, 2010; Executive Order 13574 of May 23, 2011; Executive Order 13590 of November 20, 2011; Executive Order 13599 of February 5, 2012; Executive Order 13606 of April 22, 2012; Executive Order 13608 of May 1, 2012; Executive Order 13622 of July 30, 2012; Executive Order 13628 of October 9, 2012; Executive Order 13645 of June 3, 2013; Executive Order 13716 of January 16, 2016, which revoked Executive Orders 13574, 13590, 13622, 13645, and provisions of Executive Order 13628; Executive Order 13846 of August 6, 2018, which revoked Executive Orders 13716 and 13628; Executive Order 13871 of May 8, 2019; Executive Order 13876 of June 24, 2019; Executive Order 13902 of January 10, 2020; and Executive Order 13949 of September 21, 2020.

The actions and policies of the Government of Iran—including its proliferation and development of missiles and other asymmetric and conventional weapons capabilities, its network and campaign of regional aggression, its support for terrorist groups, and the malign activities of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and its surrogates—continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States.

For these reasons, the national emergency declared on March 15, 1995, must continue in effect beyond March 15, 2025. Therefore, in accordance with section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), I am continuing for 1 year the national emergency with respect to Iran declared in Executive Order 12957. The emergency declared by Executive Order 12957 constitutes an emergency separate from that declared on November 14, 1979, by Executive Order 12170, in connection with the hostage crisis. This renewal, therefore, is distinct from the emergency renewal of November 1, 2024.

This notice shall be published in the *Federal Register* and transmitted to the Congress.

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
March 7, 2025.

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Presidential Documents

Proclamation 10902 of March 9, 2025

U.S. Hostage and Wrongful Detainee Day, 2025

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

On this U.S. Hostage and Wrongful Detainee Day, we send our love, prayers, and support to every American being held in captivity—and I vow to you, your families, and your loved ones that we will never forget you, we will never abandon you, and we commit to returning you safely home and bringing your captors to justice.

As President, I have no higher obligation than to keep American citizens free, safe, and secure. My Administration is proudly taking decisive action to bring Americans back home where they belong. Since taking office, I have secured the release of 13 Americans held captive. Six of those Americans imprisoned in Venezuela are now safely home with their families, and we had them released in less than 24 hours. Two Americans detained in Afghanistan have been liberated. Two Americans detained in Belarus have been returned safely back home. A Pennsylvania teacher, unjustly held in Russia, is back on American soil, fulfilling a promise I made to his 95-year-old mother moments before taking the stage that fateful day in Butler, Pennsylvania. Additionally, two American-Israeli citizens who endured months in Hamas captivity have been reunited with their loved ones.

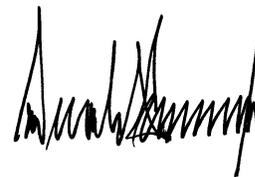
However, there are still Americans who need to come home. Every American held unjustly abroad must be released and returned home. The United States will not tolerate the unlawful detention of our citizens. I will continue to bring more Americans back to their loved ones, and I will not back down until they are home.

Today, we solemnly stand with every American being held hostage or wrongfully detained and their families who are enduring bitter uncertainty. We commit to forging a future rooted in the commonsense principle of peace through strength. Above all, we ask Almighty God to keep our hostages and wrongful detainees safe; to reunite them with their families; and to make America stronger, safer, more secure, and more prosperous than ever before.

The Congress, by Public Law 118–31 approved December 22, 2023, has designated March 9 of each year as “U.S. Hostage and Wrongful Detainee Day.”

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim March 9, 2025, as U.S. Hostage and Wrongful Detainee Day. On this day, as we fly the Hostage and Wrongful Detainee flag at the White House, I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with relevant programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ninth day of March, 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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