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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

8 CFR Chapter I

[USCIS Docket No. USCIS 2020–0013]

RIN 1615–AC57

Ratification of Department Action

AGENCY: Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Ratification.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security is publishing notice of the Secretary of Homeland Security’s ratification of a rule.

DATES: The ratification was signed on December 15, 2025 and relates back to the original date of the action that it ratifies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of the General Counsel, DHS, Washington, DC 20528, (202) 282–9822.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 15, 2025, the Secretary of Homeland Security ratified the approval and issuance of the final rule titled “Security Bars and Processing,” as well as the associated notice of proposed rulemaking. *See* 85 FR 41201 (July 9, 2020); 85 FR 84160 (Dec. 23, 2020). DHS

is now publishing the ratification in the **Federal Register** out of an abundance of caution. Neither the ratification nor the publication is a statement that the ratified action would be invalid absent the ratification, whether published or otherwise.

James H. Percival II,
General Counsel, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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RATIFICATION

Former Acting Secretary Chad Wolf approved and issued two joint Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – Department of Justice (DOJ) actions relevant here:

- 1) *Security Bars and Processing*, 85 Fed. Reg. 41,201 (July 9, 2020) (Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (“NPRM”)) (“Security Bars NPRM”).
- 2) *Security Bars and Processing*, 85 Fed. Reg. 84,160 (Dec. 23, 2020) (Final Rule) (“Security Bars Final Rule”).

Out of an abundance of caution, I am affirming and ratifying the approval and issuance of the Security Bars NPRM and Security Bars Final Rule. I am taking this action because of a Government Accountability Office opinion, *see* B-331650 (Comp. Gen., Aug. 14, 2020) stating that the April 9, 2019, order of succession issued by former Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen and the November 8, 2019, order of succession issued by former Acting Secretary Kevin McAleenan were not valid. *See Pangea Legal Servs. v. U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec.*, 512 F. Supp. 3d 966 (N.D. Cal. 2021) (issuing a preliminary injunction against the Global Asylum Final Rule on the basis of Chad Wolf’s service as Acting Secretary).

Former Acting Secretary Wolf’s approval and issuance of the Security Bars NPRM and the Security Bars Final Rule was a delegable action that may be ratified. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 3348(a)(2). *See also, e.g., Gonzales & Gonzales Bonds & Ins. Ag v. U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec.*, 107 F.4th 1064, 1067-68 (9th Cir. 2024) (“We conclude that the Secretary had the authority to delegate promulgation of the Rule; it was not a function or duty singularly entrusted to the Secretary. . . . Thus, ratification of the Rule by [the] Secretary . . . cured any defect in the Rule’s promulgation.” (cleaned up)); *Guedes v. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives*, 920 F.3d 1, 13 (D.C. Cir. 2019) (“We have repeatedly held that a properly appointed official’s ratification of an allegedly improper official’s prior action . . . resolves the claim on the merits by remedy[ing] [the] defect (if any) from the initial appointment.”) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted, brackets in original).

I have familiarized myself with the contents, purpose, and requirements of the Security Bars NPRM and the Security Bars Final Rule. The ratification relates back in time to the original approval and issuance of the Security Bars NPRM and the Security Bars Final Rule. Thus, any subsequent actions altering or delaying the rule have no bearing on this ratification.

Pursuant to my authority as Secretary of Homeland Security and based on my review of the actions listed above, I hereby make a detached and considered affirmation and ratification of the approval and issuance of the Security Bars NPRM and the Security Bars Final Rule.



Kristi Noem,
Secretary of Homeland Security

12/15/2025

Date

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION**

10 CFR Part 50

[NRC-2024-0189]

**Commercial Non-Power Production or
Utilization Facilities**

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory
Commission.

ACTION: Notification of interpretation;
request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing an interpretation of its regulations to include non-power production or utilization facilities (NPUFs) licensed under section 103 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (AEA), within the scope of the NRC's backfitting regulations and to exclude non-commercial NPUFs licensed under section 104 of the AEA from the scope of the NRC's backfitting regulations. The interpretation is effective immediately

with a 30-day post-promulgation comment period.

DATES: This interpretation is effective January 20, 2026. Submit comments by February 19, 2026. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration of only comments received by this date.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods; however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2024–0189. Address questions about NRC dockets to Helen Chang; telephone: 301–415–3228; email: Helen.Chang@nrc.gov. For technical questions contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Email comments to:* Rulemaking.Comments@nrc.gov. If you do not receive an automatic email reply confirming receipt, then contact us at 301–415–1677.

- *Fax comments to:* Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at 301–415–1101.

- *Mail comments to:* Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

- *Hand deliver comments to:* 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. eastern time, Federal workdays; telephone: 301–415–1677.

You can read a plain language description of this interpretation at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NRC-2024-0189>. For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see “Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments” in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

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B. Submitting Comments

The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal Rulemaking website (<https://www.regulations.gov>). Please include Docket ID NRC–2024–0189 in your comment submission.

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II. Background

An NPUF is defined in section 50.2, “Definitions,” in part 50, “Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities,” of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) as a production or utilization facility, licensed under paragraph (a) or (c) of 10 CFR 50.21, “Class 104 licenses; for medical therapy and research and development facilities,” or 10 CFR 50.22, “Class 103 licenses; for commercial and industrial facilities,” as applicable, that is not a nuclear power reactor or a production facility as defined under paragraphs (1) and (2) of the definition of “production facility” in 10 CFR 50.2. The NRC’s regulatory history and practice has excluded NPUFs licensed under section 104 of the AEA (*i.e.*, research reactors and testing facilities) from the scope of 10 CFR 50.109, “Backfitting” (the Backfit Rule). The NRC has always considered nuclear power reactors licensed under section 103 or 104b of the AEA (*i.e.*, commercial nuclear power reactors) to be within the scope of the Backfit Rule.¹ The NRC only recently issued a construction permit for a commercial NPUF under section 103 of the AEA for the first time, so no history or long-standing practice for whether commercial NPUFs are within the scope of the Backfit Rule exists.

In the original version of the Backfit Rule, which was published by the Atomic Energy Commission in 1970, neither the regulation nor the preamble could be read as excluding NPUFs from the scope of the rule. In both the proposed and final rules, as well as the associated preambles, the Atomic Energy Commission referred simply to “facility,” “facilities,” “production and utilization facility,” and “production and utilization facilities.” No reference

¹ More than half of the currently licensed commercial nuclear power plants in the United States are licensed under section 104b of the AEA. Section 104b requires the NRC to impose the minimum amount of regulation to permit the NRC to fulfill its AEA obligations. The Commission has historically subjected commercial 10 CFR part 50 facilities licensed under section 103 or 104b of the AEA (*i.e.*, nuclear power reactors) to the same public health and safety and common defense and security requirements. In the preamble to the 1991 final rule for 10 CFR part 54, “Requirements for Renewal of Operating Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants,” the Commission stated that for all practical purposes, there is little technical distinction between the class of nuclear power plants licensed under section 103 and the class licensed under section 104b. Only the 1970 change in the AEA separates these two classes of plants. See the final rule, “Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal” (56 FR 64943, 64962; December 13, 1991).

was made to either “power” or “non-power” facilities.

The NRC amended the Backfit Rule in 1985 and 1988. The NRC did not make any revisions to the rule text in the 1985 or 1988 amendments to indicate that the Commission intended to modify the scope of the Backfit Rule. In the 1985 rulemaking, the Commission revised the definition of “backfitting” in 10 CFR 50.109 from the 1970 version to remove the reference to a “production and utilization facility” and replaced it with the general, undefined term “facility.” Neither “power” nor “non-power” is referenced in the rule text.

Although not indicated by the revised rule text, the Commission did clarify the scope of the Backfit Rule with the 1985 and 1988 rulemakings. The regulatory basis for the 1985 and 1988 rulemakings was expressed solely in terms of nuclear power reactors. The titles and pages of the NRC’s advance notice of proposed rulemaking and policy statement on backfitting in 1983, and the titles and preambles of the proposed and final rules for those amendments to § 50.109 involved only nuclear power reactors. The 1985 final rule stated that its purpose was to establish requirements for the future management of backfitting for power reactors.²

Moreover, the NRC practice has been to apply the Backfit Rule to only nuclear power reactors. In a 1980s rulemaking that would have required research reactors and testing facilities to switch from highly enriched uranium to low enriched uranium, the Commission declined to apply the Backfit Rule in that rulemaking, stating in its staff requirements memorandum, “[T]he backfit rule should not be applied to this amendment of the regulations which relates only to non-power reactors.” In a 2012 final rule concerning non-power reactors, the Commission stated that the NRC determined that the backfit provisions in § 50.109 do not apply to test, research, or training reactors because the rulemaking record for § 50.109 indicates that the Commission intended

to apply this provision to only power reactors, and NRC practice has been consistent with this rulemaking record.

In 2019, the Commission updated Management Directive (MD) 8.4, “Management of Backfitting, Forward Fitting, Issue Finality, and Information Requests.” That MD provides the Commission’s policies and direction to the NRC staff on, among other things, the agency’s backfitting “of nuclear power reactor facilities and select nuclear materials facilities.” The MD does not mention NPUFs. This silence is consistent with the Commission position articulated in the 2012 final rule preamble that NPUFs are not within the scope of the Backfit Rule.

Underlying the practice of excluding NPUFs from the scope of the Backfit Rule are statutory restrictions on the amount of regulation that the NRC can impose on facilities licensed under section 104 of the AEA. NPUFs have typically been licensed under section 104a or 104c of the AEA for non-commercial medical therapy or non-commercial research and development facilities, respectively. Sections 104a and 104c require the NRC to impose, in general, the minimum amount of regulation to permit the NRC to fulfill its AEA obligations. The NRC’s record demonstrates the agency’s adherence to the “minimum regulation” standard for NPUFs. Since 1990, the NRC has imposed requirements on NPUFs through only four rulemakings and six orders (that were not issued in response to a request or application).

In 2016, the NRC issued a construction permit under 10 CFR part 50 to SHINE Medical Technologies, Inc. (SHINE). SHINE applied for an operating license under 10 CFR part 50 in 2019. SHINE proposes to operate a medical isotope production facility to produce molybdenum-99. The facility would meet the definition of an NPUF if the NRC issues SHINE an operating license because the facility would not be a nuclear power reactor, and the facility would not be a production facility as defined under paragraphs (1) and (2) of

the definition of “production facility” in § 50.2. SHINE would be issued an operating license pursuant to section 103 of the AEA and 10 CFR 50.22, because SHINE proposes to engage in activities that satisfy the statutory and regulatory provisions for commercial licenses. Therefore, SHINE would be a commercial NPUF. The NRC is clarifying whether commercial NPUFs like SHINE are within the scope of the Backfit Rule.

III. Interpretation

The NRC interprets its regulations to include within the scope of 10 CFR 50.109 commercial NPUFs licensed under section 103 of the AEA and exclude from the scope of 10 CFR 50.109 non-commercial NPUFs licensed under section 104 of the AEA.

Commercial facilities licensed under section 103 or 104b of the AEA have always been considered within the scope of the Backfit Rule. In contrast, the Commission has excluded from the scope of the Backfit Rule non-commercial facilities licensed under section 104a or 104c of the AEA. Consistent with this approach, the Commission concludes that commercial NPUFs licensed under section 103 of the AEA and 10 CFR 50.22 are within the scope of the Backfit Rule and non-commercial facilities licensed under section 104a or 104c of the AEA and 10 CFR 50.21 are outside the scope of the Backfit Rule.

IV. Request for Comment

The NRC is requesting comments on this interpretation. The NRC will publish a document in the **Federal Register** containing an evaluation of the significant comments and any revisions to this interpretation made as a result of the comments and their evaluation.

V. Availability of Documents

The documents identified in the following table are available to interested persons through one or more of the following methods, as indicated.

Document	ADAMS accession No./ web link/ Federal Register citation
SRM–M240904: Affirmation Session—SECY–19–0062, “Final Rule: Non-power Production or Utilization Facility License Renewal (RIN 3150–AI96, NRC–2011–0087),” September 4, 2024.	ML24248A208 (package).
Management Directive (MD) 8.4, “Management of Backfitting, Forward Fitting, Issue Finality, and Information Requests,” September 20, 2019.	ML18093B087.
Federal Register Notice—Final Rule; Non-Power Production or Utilization Facility License Renewal, December 30, 2024.	89 FR 106234.
Federal Register Notice—Final Rule; Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal; Final Rule, December 13, 1991	56 FR 64943, 64962.

² “Revision of Backfitting Process for Power Reactors” (50 FR 38097; September 20, 1985).

Document	ADAMS accession No./ web link/ Federal Register citation
Federal Register Notice—Final Rule; Revision of Backfitting Process for Power Reactors; Final Rule, June 6, 1988.	53 FR 20603.
Federal Register Notice—Final Rule; Revision of Backfitting Process for Power Reactors, September 20, 1985	50 FR 38097.

VI. Paperwork Reduction Act

This proposed interpretation does not contain any new or amended collections of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). Existing collections of information were approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), approval number 3150–0011.

Public Protection Notification

The NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the document requesting or requiring the collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

VII. Regulatory Planning and Review

Executive Order (E.O.) 12866, as amended by E.O. 14215, provides that the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) will determine whether a regulatory action is significant as defined by E.O. 12866 and will review all significant regulatory actions. OIRA determined that this notice of interpretation is not a significant regulatory action under E.O. 12866.

VIII. Congressional Review Act

This notification of interpretation is a rule as defined in the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801–808). However, the Office of Management and Budget has not found it to be a major rule as defined in the Congressional Review Act.

Dated: January 14, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Jeremy Groom,

Acting Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA–2025–1349; Project Identifier AD–2025–00310–T; Amendment 39–23231; AD 2026–01–03]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation Model GVII–G500 and GVII–G600 airplanes. This AD was prompted by a determination that new and more restrictive airworthiness limitations are necessary. This AD requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new and more restrictive airworthiness limitations. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: This AD is effective February 24, 2026.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in this AD as of February 24, 2026.

ADDRESSES:

AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2025–1349; 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, 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 Gulfstream material, contact Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation, Technical Publications Dept., P.O. Box 2206, Savannah, GA 31402–2206; telephone 800–810–4853; email *pubs@gulfstream.com*; website *gulfstream.com/en/customer-support*.

- 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–2025–1349.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey Johnson, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, GA 30337; phone: 404–474–5554; email: *ecb-cos@faa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to all Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation Model GVII–G500 and GVII–G600 airplanes. The NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on June 30, 2025 (90 FR 27824). The NPRM was prompted by a determination that new and more restrictive airworthiness limitations are necessary. In the NPRM, the FAA proposed to revise the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new and more restrictive airworthiness limitations. The FAA is issuing this AD to prevent failure of principal structural elements throughout the service life of each part. This condition, if not addressed, could compromise the structural integrity of the airplane.

Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive

Comments

The FAA received comments from Aery Aviation and Gulfstream. The following presents the comments received on the NPRM and the FAA’s response to each comment.

Request To Increase the Labor Rate

Aery Aviation stated that the labor rate used in the proposed AD does not accurately reflect the cost to implement the proposed AD, particularly for airplanes maintained by the airplane manufacturer. The commenter stated the Gulfstream labor rate currently ranges from \$250 to \$322 per hour. The commenter recommended using Gulfstream’s published labor rates for executive/private jets.

The FAA notes that the current wage rate for aviation mechanics as provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, found at data.bls.gov/oesprofile, after accounting for fringe benefits that are valued at roughly 50% of the nominal wage, is lower than the estimated fully burdened labor rate of \$85 per hour. Therefore, the FAA is unable to justify increasing the labor rate above \$85 per hour. The FAA has not revised this AD in this regard.

Request To Clarify What Prompted the Proposed AD

Gulfstream requested the FAA revise the Background section of the proposed AD to specify the FAA received a report that the airworthiness limitations section of the Gulfstream GVII–G500 and GVII–G600 aircraft maintenance manuals (AMMs) has been revised to correct a typographical error for the main landing gear (MLG) cross bolt part number and to clarify safe life limit part numbers where “& Sub” was previously noted. Gulfstream also requested the FAA revise paragraph (e) of the proposed AD to specify the proposed AD was prompted by that report. Gulfstream said the statements in the Background section of the proposed AD regarding incorrect part numbers and new safe life limits, and in paragraph (e) of proposed AD regarding the FAA’s determination that new and more restrictive airworthiness limitations are necessary, are vague and may be misleading. Gulfstream asserted these statements should be revised for better clarity and to align with the actual reported condition.

The FAA agrees to clarify that the report indicated the airworthiness limitations section (ALS) of the AMMs were revised to correct an error for the MLG cross bolt part number and to add safe life limit part numbers that were incorrectly assumed as included under the “& sub” family of parts. However, the FAA disagrees with revising this AD. The FAA considers differences between the FAA-approved engineering data and the technical publications to be errors. The MLG cross bolt part number was revised, and the safe life limit part numbers were expanded, because the ALS of the AMMs did not match the FAA-approved engineering data. Further, the FAA determined that these changes to ALS of the AMMs constitute new and more restrictive airworthiness limitations, and this AD was prompted by that determination.

Request To Reference Later AMM Revisions

Gulfstream requested that the FAA revise paragraphs (g) and (l) of the

proposed AD to reference Section 05–10–10, “Airworthiness Limitations,” Chapter 05, “Time Limits/Maintenance Checks,” Gulfstream GVII–G500 AMM, Revision 20, dated April 15, 2025; and Gulfstream GVII–G600 AMM, Revision 16, dated April 15, 2025. Gulfstream stated paragraph (g) of the proposed AD would require incorporating earlier AMM revisions, without accommodating these later AMM revisions. Gulfstream noted that Revision 20 of the Gulfstream GVII–G500 AMM and Revision 16 of the Gulfstream GVII–G600 AMM incorporate additional guidance for airplanes operating under European Union Part-26/EASA Certification Specifications 26 and do not modify any of the airworthiness limitations related to the proposed AD. Gulfstream expressed concern that operators who have incorporated later AMM revisions would not be able to demonstrate compliance with the proposed AD unless they obtained an alternative method of compliance (AMOC). Gulfstream also stated that paragraph (l) of the proposed AD would require incorporating by reference the entire AMM, whereas only the airworthiness limitations in Section 05–10–10 are necessary to address the unsafe condition.

The FAA agrees to revise paragraph (g) of this AD to clarify that using a later revision of Section 05–10–10 of the applicable AMM is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of paragraph (g) of this AD, provided that the information in the later revision is identical to that contained in Section 05–10–10, “Airworthiness Limitations,” Chapter 05, “Time Limits/Maintenance Checks,” Gulfstream GVII–G500 AMM, Revision 18, dated March 29, 2024; and Section 05–10–10, “Airworthiness Limitations,” Chapter 05, “Time Limits/Maintenance Checks,” Gulfstream GVII–G600 AMM, Revision 14, dated March 29, 2024; as applicable. As long as the information in the later revision of the applicable AMM is identical, an operator can show compliance with those airworthiness limitations without having to obtain an AMOC.

The FAA disagrees with Gulfstream’s interpretation that this AD mandates the entire AMM. The FAA notes that paragraph (g) of this AD mandates Section 05–10–10 of the Gulfstream GVII–G500 AMM, Revision 18, dated March 29, 2024; and Section 05–10–10, “Airworthiness Limitations,” Chapter 05, “Time Limits/Maintenance Checks,” Gulfstream GVII–G600 AMM, Revision 14, dated March 29, 2024; as applicable. Accordingly, paragraphs (l)(2)(i) and (ii) of this AD incorporate by reference that

same service information. It is not necessary to reference Revision 20 of the Gulfstream GVII–G500 AMM and Revision 16 of the Gulfstream GVII–G600 AMM in paragraph (l) of this AD because these later revisions are not required for compliance and are instead referenced as acceptable methods of compliance with the requirements in paragraph (g) of this AD. Therefore, the FAA has not revised paragraph (l) of this AD in response to this comment.

Conclusion

The FAA reviewed the relevant data, considered any comments 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 these products. 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

The FAA reviewed Section 05–10–10, “Airworthiness Limitations,” Chapter 05, “Time Limits/Maintenance Checks,” Gulfstream GVII–G500 AMM, Revision 18, dated March 29, 2024; and Section 05–10–10, “Airworthiness Limitations,” Chapter 05, “Time Limits/Maintenance Checks,” Gulfstream GVII–G600 AMM, Revision 14, dated March 29, 2024. This material specifies more restrictive airworthiness limitations and includes new safe life limit part numbers. These documents are distinct since they apply to different airplane models.

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 that this AD affects 278 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD:

The FAA has determined that revising the existing maintenance or inspection program takes an average of 90 work-hours per operator, although the agency recognizes that this number may vary from operator to operator. Since operators incorporate maintenance or inspection program changes for their affected fleet(s), the FAA has determined that a per-operator estimate is more accurate than a per-airplane estimate. Therefore, the FAA estimates the average total cost per operator to be \$7,650 (90 work-hours × \$85 per work-hour).

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(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

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

2026–01–03 Gulfstream Aerospace

Corporation: Amendment 39–23231; Docket No. FAA–2025–1349; Project Identifier AD–2025–00310–T.

(a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective February 24, 2026.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to all Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation Model GVII–G500 and GVII–G600 airplanes, certificated in any category.

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 32, Main Landing Gear.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by a determination that new and more restrictive airworthiness limitations are necessary. The FAA is issuing this AD to prevent failure of principal structural elements throughout the service life of each part. This condition, if not addressed, could compromise the structural integrity of the airplane.

(f) Compliance

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

(g) Maintenance or Inspection Program Revision

Within 30 days after the effective date of this AD, revise the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate the information specified in Section 05–10–10, "Airworthiness Limitations," Chapter 05, "Time Limits/Maintenance Checks," Gulfstream GVII–G500 Aircraft Maintenance Manual (AMM), Revision 18, dated March 29, 2024; and Section 05–10–10, "Airworthiness Limitations," Chapter 05, "Time Limits/Maintenance Checks," Gulfstream GVII–G600 AMM, Revision 14, dated March 29, 2024; as applicable. The initial compliance time for doing the tasks is at the time specified in Section 05–10–10, "Airworthiness Limitations," Chapter 05, "Time Limits/Maintenance Checks," Gulfstream GVII–G500 AMM, Revision 18, dated March 29, 2024; and Section 05–10–10, "Airworthiness Limitations," Chapter 05, "Time Limits/Maintenance Checks," Gulfstream GVII–G600 AMM, Revision 14, dated March 29, 2024; as applicable, or within 30 days after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later. Using a later revision of Section 05–10–10 of the applicable AMM with information identical to that contained in Section 05–10–10, "Airworthiness Limitations," Chapter 05, "Time Limits/Maintenance Checks," Gulfstream GVII–G500 AMM, Revision 18, dated March 29, 2024; and Section 05–10–10, "Airworthiness Limitations," Chapter 05, "Time Limits/Maintenance Checks," Gulfstream GVII–G600 AMM, Revision 14, dated March 29, 2024; as applicable, is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this paragraph.

(h) No Alternative Actions or Intervals

After the existing maintenance or inspection program has been revised as required by paragraph (g) of this AD, no alternative actions (e.g., inspections) or intervals may be used unless the actions and intervals are approved as an alternative method of compliance (AMOC) in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (j) of this AD.

(i) Special Flight Permits

Special flight permits, as described in 14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199, are not allowed.

(j) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

The Manager, East Certification 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 East Certification Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (k) of this AD. Information may be emailed 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.

(k) Additional Information

For more information about this AD, contact Jeffrey Johnson, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, GA 30337; phone: 404–474–5554; email: ecb-cos@faa.gov.

(l) Material Incorporated by Reference

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

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

(i) Section 05–10–10, "Airworthiness Limitations," Chapter 05, "Time Limits/Maintenance Checks," Gulfstream GVII–G500 Aircraft Maintenance Manual (AMM), Revision 18, dated March 29, 2024.

(ii) Section 05–10–10, "Airworthiness Limitations," Chapter 05, "Time Limits/Maintenance Checks," Gulfstream GVII–G600 AMM, Revision 14, dated March 29, 2024.

(3) For Gulfstream material identified in this AD, contact Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation, Technical Publications Dept., P.O. Box 2206, Savannah, GA 31402–2206; telephone 800–810–4853; email pubs@gulfstream.com; website [gulfstream.com/en/customer-support](http://www.gulfstream.com/en/customer-support).

(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 January 14, 2026.

Christopher R. Parker,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2025-0757; Project Identifier AD-2025-00117-T; Amendment 39-23230; AD 2026-01-02]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation Model GVI airplanes. This AD was prompted by a determination that new and more restrictive airworthiness limitations are necessary. This AD requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new and more restrictive airworthiness limitations. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: This AD is effective February 24, 2026.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in this AD as of February 24, 2026.

ADDRESSES:

AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2025-0757; 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, 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 Gulfstream material identified in this AD, contact Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation, Technical Publications Dept., P.O. Box 2206, Savannah, GA 31402-2206; telephone 800-810-4853; email pubs@gulfstream.com; website [gulfstream.com/en/customer-support](https://www.gulfstream.com/en/customer-support).

- 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](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2025-0757.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey Johnson, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, GA 30337; phone: 404-474-5554; email: ecb-cos@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to all Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation Model GVI airplanes. The NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on May 19, 2025 (90 FR 21245). The NPRM was prompted by a determination that new and more restrictive airworthiness limitations are necessary. In the NPRM, the FAA proposed to revise the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new and more restrictive airworthiness limitations. The FAA is issuing this AD to prevent failure of principal structural elements throughout the service life of each part. This condition, if not addressed, could compromise the structural integrity of the airplane.

Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive

Comments

The FAA received a comment from an individual commenter who supported the NPRM without change.

The FAA received additional comments from Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation. The following presents the comments received on the NPRM and the FAA's response to each comment.

Request To Allow Use Later Aircraft Maintenance Manual (AMM) Revisions

Gulfstream requested that the FAA revise paragraph (g) of the proposed AD to allow incorporation of Section 05-10-10 of Gulfstream G650 Aircraft Maintenance Manual, Revision 25, dated May 15, 2025; and Gulfstream G650ER Aircraft Maintenance Manual, Revision 20, dated May 15, 2025. Gulfstream stated the proposed AD would require incorporating earlier AMM revisions, without accommodating these later AMM revisions. Gulfstream noted that the airworthiness limitations in Section 05-10-10 of the later AMM revisions are unchanged from the earlier revisions

and still dated October 30, 2024. Gulfstream expressed concern that operators who have incorporated later AMM revisions would not be able to demonstrate compliance with the proposed AD unless they obtained an alternative method of compliance (AMOC). Gulfstream also stated that the proposed AD would require incorporating the entire AMM, whereas only the airworthiness limitations in Section 05-10-10 are necessary to address the unsafe condition.

The FAA agrees to revise paragraph (g) of this AD to clarify that using a later revision of Section 05-10-10 of the applicable AMM is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of paragraph (g) of this AD, provided that the information in the later revision is identical to that contained in Section 05-10-10, "Airworthiness Limitations," Chapter 05, "Time Limits/Maintenance Checks," Gulfstream G650 Aircraft Maintenance Manual, Revision 24, dated October 30, 2024; and Section 05-10-10, "Airworthiness Limitations," Chapter 05, "Time Limits/Maintenance Checks," Gulfstream G650ER Aircraft Maintenance Manual, Revision 19, dated October 30, 2024; as applicable. As long as the information in the later revision of the applicable AMM is identical, an operator can show compliance with those airworthiness limitations without having to obtain an AMOC.

The FAA disagrees with Gulfstream's interpretation that this AD mandates the entire AMM. The FAA notes that paragraph (g) of this AD requires incorporating the information in Section 05-10-10, "Airworthiness Limitations," Chapter 05, "Time Limits/Maintenance Checks," Gulfstream G650 Aircraft Maintenance Manual, Revision 24, dated October 30, 2024; and Section 05-10-10, "Airworthiness Limitations," Chapter 05, "Time Limits/Maintenance Checks," Gulfstream G650ER Aircraft Maintenance Manual, Revision 19, dated October 30, 2024; as applicable. Therefore, the FAA has not changed this AD in regard to this comment.

Request To Revise Background Paragraph

Gulfstream requested that the FAA revise the Background section of the proposed AD to specify Gulfstream revised the airworthiness limitations section (ALS) of the Gulfstream G650 and G650ER AMMs to add airplane serial numbers to the effectivity of the rear spar fitting principal structural element (PSE) and clarify safe life limit part numbers where "& Sub" was previously noted. Gulfstream stated that the Background description regarding

errors in the previous revisions of the ALS is incorrect.

The FAA disagrees with the request. The term “error” is an accurate description of the need to revise the ALS of the AMMs. The FAA considers differences between the FAA-approved engineering data and the technical publications to be errors. The effectivity and the safe life limit part numbers were revised because the ALS of the AMMs did not match the FAA-approved engineering data. The FAA has not revised the AD in this regard.

Conclusion

The FAA reviewed the relevant data, considered any comments 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 these products. 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

The FAA reviewed Section 05–10–10, “Airworthiness Limitations,” Chapter 05, “Time Limits/Maintenance Checks,” Gulfstream G650 Aircraft Maintenance Manual, Revision 24, dated October 30, 2024; and Section 05–10–10, “Airworthiness Limitations,” Chapter 05, “Time Limits/Maintenance Checks,” Gulfstream G650ER Aircraft Maintenance Manual, Revision 19, dated October 30, 2024. This material specifies airworthiness limitations, which includes additional safe life limit part numbers and the addition of airplane serial numbers to the effectivity of certain PSEs. These documents are distinct because they apply to different airplane models.

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 that this AD would affect 428 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD:

The FAA has determined that revising the existing maintenance or inspection program takes an average of 90 work-hours per operator, although the agency recognizes that this number may vary from operator to operator. Since operators incorporate maintenance or inspection program changes for their affected fleet(s), the FAA has

determined that a per-operator estimate is more accurate than a per-airplane estimate. Therefore, the FAA estimates the average total cost per operator to be \$7,650 (90 work-hours × \$85 per work-hour).

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(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

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

2026–01–02 Gulfstream Aerospace

Corporation: Amendment 39–23230; Docket No. FAA–2025–0757; Project Identifier AD–2025–00117–T.

(a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective February 24, 2026.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to all Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation Model GVI airplanes, certificated in any category.

(d) Subject

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

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by a determination that new and more restrictive airworthiness limitations are necessary. The FAA is issuing this AD to prevent failure of principal structural elements throughout the service life of each part. This condition, if not addressed, could compromise the structural integrity of the airplane.

(f) Compliance

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

(g) Maintenance or Inspection Program Revision

Within 30 days after the effective date of this AD, revise the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate the information specified in Section 05–10–10, “Airworthiness Limitations,” Chapter 05, “Time Limits/Maintenance Checks,” Gulfstream G650 Aircraft Maintenance Manual, Revision 24, dated October 30, 2024; and Section 05–10–10, “Airworthiness Limitations,” Chapter 05, “Time Limits/Maintenance Checks,” Gulfstream G650ER Aircraft Maintenance Manual, Revision 19, dated October 30, 2024; as applicable. The initial compliance time for doing the tasks is at the time specified in Section 05–10–10, “Airworthiness Limitations,” Chapter 05, “Time Limits/Maintenance Checks,” Gulfstream G650 Aircraft Maintenance Manual, Revision 24, dated October 30, 2024; and Section 05–10–10, “Airworthiness Limitations,” Chapter 05, “Time Limits/Maintenance Checks,” Gulfstream G650ER Aircraft Maintenance Manual, Revision 19, dated October 30, 2024; as applicable, or within 30 days after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later. Using a later revision of Section 05–10–10 of the applicable AMM with information identical to that contained in Section 05–10–10, “Airworthiness Limitations,” Chapter 05, “Time Limits/Maintenance Checks,” Gulfstream G650 Aircraft Maintenance

Manual, Revision 24, dated October 30, 2024; and Section 05–10–10, “Airworthiness Limitations,” Chapter 05, “Time Limits/Maintenance Checks,” Gulfstream G650ER Aircraft Maintenance Manual, Revision 19, dated October 30, 2024; as applicable, is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this paragraph.

(h) No Alternative Actions or Intervals

After the existing maintenance or inspection program has been revised as required by paragraph (g) of this AD, no alternative actions (e.g., inspections) or intervals may be used unless the actions and intervals are approved as an alternative method of compliance (AMOC) in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (j) of this AD.

(i) Special Flight Permit

Special flight permits, as described in 14 CFR 39.23, are not allowed.

(j) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

The Manager, East Certification 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 East Certification Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (k) of this AD. Information may be emailed 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.

(k) Additional Information

For more information about this AD, contact Jeffrey Johnson, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, GA 30337; phone: 404–474–5554; email: ecb-cos@faa.gov.

(l) Material Incorporated by Reference

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

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

(i) Section 05–10–10, “Airworthiness Limitations,” Chapter 05, “Time Limits/Maintenance Checks,” Gulfstream G650 Aircraft Maintenance Manual, Revision 24, dated October 30, 2024.

(ii) Section 05–10–10, “Airworthiness Limitations,” Chapter 05, “Time Limits/Maintenance Checks,” Gulfstream G650ER Aircraft Maintenance Manual, Revision 19, dated October 30, 2024.

(3) For Gulfstream material identified in this AD, contact Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation, Technical Publications Dept., P.O. Box 2206, Savannah, GA 31402–2206; telephone 800–810–4853; email pubs@gulfstream.com; website gulfstream.com/en/customer-support.

(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 January 14, 2026.

Christopher R. Parker,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Part 381

[Docket No. RM26–8–000]

Annual Update of Filing Fees

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Final rule; annual update of Commission filing fees.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Commission’s regulations, this Final rule provides the yearly update using data in the Commission’s Financial System to calculate new filing fees. The purpose of this Final Rule is to adjust the fees on the basis of the Commission’s costs for Fiscal Year 2025.

DATES: This Final rule is effective February 19, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Muhammed Fofana, Office of the Executive Director, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 1st Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, 202–502–6046, Muhammed.Fofana@ferc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

1. The Commission is updating the filing fees that it assesses for specific services and benefits provided to identifiable beneficiaries. Pursuant to 18 CFR 381.104, the Commission is establishing updated fees based on the Commission’s Fiscal Year 2025 costs.

II. Information Collection Statement

2. This Final rule does not contain any new or additional information collection requirements. The Commission is therefore not required to submit this Final rule for review to the

Office of Management and Budget pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.¹

III. Environmental Analysis

3. The Commission is required to prepare an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement for any action that may have a significant adverse effect on the human environment.²

4. Part 380 of the Commission’s regulations lists exemptions to the requirement to draft an Environmental Analysis or Environmental Impact Statement. Included is an exemption for procedural, ministerial, or internal administrative actions.³ Accordingly, this rulemaking is exempt from the requirement to draft such documents under that provision.

IV. Regulatory Flexibility Act

5. The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (RFA)⁴ generally requires a description and analysis of final rules that will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This rule concerns an update to filing fees. The Commission certifies that it will not have a significant economic impact upon a substantial number of small entities. An analysis under the RFA is therefore not required.

V. Document Availability

6. 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 (<https://www.ferc.gov>).

7. From FERC’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.

8. User assistance is available for eLibrary and the FERC’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

¹ 44 U.S.C. 3507(d).

² *Regulations Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act*, Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897 (Dec. 17, 1987), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 30,783 (Dec. 17, 1987).

³ 18 CFR 380.4(a)(1).

⁴ 5 U.S.C. 601–12.

Public Reference Room at public.referenceroom@ferc.gov.

VI. Administrative Findings

9. The Commission is issuing this rule as a final rule without a period for public comment. Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(A), notice-and-comment rulemaking procedures are unnecessary for "rules of agency organization, procedure, or practice." This rule is therefore exempt from notice-and-comment rulemaking procedures because it concerns the Commission's procedures and practices. In particular, the rule adjusts filing fee amounts. The rule will not significantly affect regulated entities or the general public.

VII. Regulatory Planning and Review

10. Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 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 (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, distributive impacts, and equity). Executive Order 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, of reducing costs, of harmonizing rules, and of promoting flexibility. The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) has determined this regulatory action is not a "significant regulatory action," under section 3(f) of Executive

Order 12866, as amended. Accordingly, OIRA has not reviewed this regulatory action for compliance with the analytical requirements of Executive Order 12866.

VIII. Effective Date and Congressional Notification

11. The Commission has determined, with the concurrence of OIRA, that this rule is not a "major rule" as defined in section 351 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996. This final rule is being submitted to the Senate, House, and Government Accountability Office.

12. This rule is effective February 19, 2026.

The new fee schedule is as follows:

Fees Applicable to the Natural Gas Policy Act

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Row 1: 1. Petitions for rate approval pursuant to 18 CFR 284.123(b)(2). (18 CFR 381.403) \$20,930

Fees Applicable to General Activities

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include: 1. Petition for issuance of a declaratory order (except under Part I of the Federal Power Act). (18 CFR 381.302(a)) 42,060; 2. Review of a Department of Energy remedial order: Amount in controversy: \$0-9,999. (18 CFR 381.303(b)) 100; \$10,000-29,999. (18 CFR 381.303(b)) 600; \$30,000 or more. (18 CFR 381.303(a)) 61,390; 3. Review of a Department of Energy denial of adjustment: Amount in controversy: \$0-9,999. (18 CFR 381.304(b)) 100; \$10,000-29,999. (18 CFR 381.304(b)) 600; \$30,000 or more. (18 CFR 381.304(a)) 32,190; 4. Written legal interpretations by the Office of General Counsel. (18 CFR 381.305(a)) 12,060

Fees Applicable to Natural Gas Pipelines

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Row 1: 1. Pipeline certificate applications pursuant to 18 CFR 284.224. (18 CFR 381.207(b)) * 1,000

Fees Applicable to Cogenerators and Small Power Producers

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include: 1. Certification of qualifying status as a small power production facility. (18 CFR 381.505(a)) 36,160; 2. Certification of qualifying status as a cogeneration facility. (18 CFR 381.505(a)) 40,940

* This fee has not been changed.

List of Subjects in 18 CFR Part 381

Electric power plants, Electric utilities, Natural gas, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Issued: January 14, 2026.

Anton C. Porter, Executive Director.

In consideration of the foregoing, the Commission amends part 381, chapter I, title 18, Code of Federal Regulations, as set forth below.

PART 381—FEES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 381 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 717-717w; 16 U.S.C. 791-828c, 2601-2645; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 42 U.S.C. 7101-7352; 49 U.S.C. 60502; 49 App. U.S.C. 1-85.

§ 381.302 [Amended]

■ 2. In § 381.302, paragraph (a) is amended by removing "\$40,900" and adding "\$42,060" in its place.

§ 381.303 [Amended]

■ 3. In § 381.303, paragraph (a) is amended by removing "\$59,710" and adding "\$61,390" in its place.

§ 381.304 [Amended]

■ 4. In § 381.304, paragraph (a) is amended by removing "\$31,310" and adding "\$32,190" in its place.

§ 381.305 [Amended]

■ 5. In § 381.305, paragraph (a) is amended by removing "\$11,730" and adding "\$12,060" in its place.

§ 381.403 [Amended]

■ 6. In § 381.403, remove "\$20,360" and add "\$20,930" in its place.

§ 381.505 [Amended]

■ 7. In § 381.505, paragraph (a) is amended by removing "\$35,170" and "\$39,810" and adding "\$36,160" and "\$40,940" in their places, respectively.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Drug Enforcement Administration****21 CFR Part 1308**

[Docket No. DEA-368]

Definition of “Cannabimimetic Agents” and Assignment of an Administration Controlled Substances Code Number for All “Cannabimimetic Agents”

AGENCY: Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.
ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Drug Enforcement Administration is publishing this final rule to amend its regulations related to “cannabimimetic agents” by including the term’s definition, identifying 18 additional substances that meet the definition, and consolidating most existing administration controlled substances code numbers (drug codes) into a single drug code number for substances that meet this definition. The listing for two schedule I “cannabimimetic agents” that are under international control, JWH-018 and AM2201, are moved to the “hallucinogens” paragraph of schedule I but retain their existing drug codes to facilitate quota and international reporting requirements. While this final rule does not change the current and continuing schedule I status for the 18 additional substances meeting the definition of “cannabimimetic agents,” these and other substances meeting this definition will be assigned a new administration controlled substances code number once this final rule becomes effective.

DATES: This final rule is effective February 19, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terrence L. Boos, Ph.D., Drug & Chemical Evaluation Section, Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration; Telephone: (571) 362-3249.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background and Legal Authority**

On July 9, 2012, the Synthetic Drug Abuse Prevention Act of 2012 (SDAPA), Public Law 112-144, Title XI, Subtitle D, became effective. SDAPA amended the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) by legislatively placing “cannabimimetic agents” in schedule I.¹ On January 4, 2013, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) published a final rule in the **Federal Register** that added

paragraph (g) to 21 CFR 1308.11 with the title “cannabimimetic agents,” and assigned unique administration controlled substances code numbers (drug codes) for 15 substances included in SDAPA that met this definition.²

DEA later published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on April 13, 2023, proposing to make technical, organizational, and conforming amendments to 21 CFR 1308.11(g).³ This rulemaking finalizes that NPRM by doing the following: (i) incorporating the structural and pharmacological definition of “cannabimimetic agents” found in 21 U.S.C. 812(d) into 21 CFR 1308.11(g); (ii) listing 18 additional substances that meet the structural and pharmacological definition of “cannabimimetic agents” in 21 CFR 1308.11(g); (iii) consolidating 13 of the 15 existing drug codes previously assigned to “cannabimimetic agents” and establishing a single drug code for most substances that meet this definition; and (iv) moving two substances (JWH-018 and AM2201) from paragraph 21 CFR 1308.11(g) to 21 CFR 1308.11(d) but retaining their existing drug codes (7118 and 7201, respectively) to facilitate quota and international reporting requirements.

The 18 additional substances that meet the structural and pharmacological definition in accordance with SDAPA are: AM-1220; AM-2233; EAM-2201; JWH-098; JWH-184; JWH-193; JWH-210; MAM-2201; JWH-007; JWH-022; JWH-147; JWH-302; JWH-307; JWH-412; WIN 55,212-2; CP-55,940; CP-47,497 C6 homolog; and CP-47,497 C9 homolog.

Further, the two substances that were originally listed in 21 CFR 1308.11(g)—JWH-018 and AM2201—are also listed in Schedule II of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 (1971 Convention), Feb. 21, 1971, 32 U.S.T. 543, 1019 U.N.T.S. 175, as amended.⁴ To facilitate reporting as required under Article 16 the 1971 Convention, this final rule moves the listing for these two substances from 21 CFR 1308.11(g) to 21 CFR 1308.11(d), as discussed above. Because this final rule assigns all substances in 21 CFR 1308.11(g) a single drug code, these two substances are moved to maintain their existing drug codes and allow DEA to continue

² *Establishment of Drug Codes for 26 Substances*, 78 FR 664 (Jan. 4, 2013).

³ *Definition of “Cannabimimetic Agents” and Assignment of an Administration Controlled Substances Code Number for All “Cannabimimetic Agents,”* 88 FR 22388 (Apr. 13, 2023).

⁴ On March 13, 2015, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs decided to include JWH-018 and AM2201 in Schedule II of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971.

collecting data that is then reported to the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) on Form P.⁵

Comments Received

As part of the NPRM published on April 13, 2023, DEA solicited comments on the proposed changes. In response to the NPRM, DEA received one comment seeking clarity regarding the movement of JWH-018 and AM2201 from 21 CFR 1308.11(g) to 21 CFR 1308.11(d).

Comment: The one commenter stated that since JWH-018 and AM2201 will be moved to 21 CFR 1308.11(d), it should be made clear whether the positional isomers of these two substances would be controlled by definition as schedule I controlled substances.

DEA Response: The introductory text to 21 CFR 1308.11(d) provides that a listed substance includes “any of its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation,” and that the term “isomer” includes the optical, position[al], and geometric isomers.⁶ The introductory text to 21 CFR 1308.11(g) includes similar language, but without mention of positional isomers. Upon the effective date of this final rule, JWH-018 and AM2201 will be listed in 21 CFR 1308.11(d), and, therefore, any positional isomers of JWH-018 and AM2201 will be defined as schedule I controlled substances.

Regulatory Analyses

Executive Orders 12866, 13563, 14192, and 14294

This regulation has been drafted and reviewed in accordance with the principles of Executive Orders (E.O.) 12866, 13563, 14192 and 14294. This rule is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of E.O. 12866. All of the substances listed in this final rule are already listed or defined as controlled substances in the United States under schedule I. In this final rule, DEA makes technical, organizational, and conforming amendments to its regulations to incorporate definitions found in 21 U.S.C. 812(d), list additional “cannabimimetic agents” that meet these definitions, and simplify drug codes assigned to “cannabimimetic agents.” These changes only apply to

⁵ The current form can be downloaded from the INCB website: www.incb.org, under “Psychotropic Substances”, Toolkit: “Form P”.

⁶ The term “positional isomer” is found at 21 CFR 1300.01(b), which cross-references the term “positional isomer” in 21 CFR 1308.11(d).

¹ Public Law 112-144, Title XI, Subtitle D, Section 1152; 21 U.S.C. 812(d).

substances that are already listed or defined as schedule I controlled substances. Creating listings for these substances and modifying drug codes does not alter the status of any of these substances as schedule I controlled substances. DEA scheduling actions are not subject to either E.O. 14192, Unleashing Prosperity Through Deregulation, or E.O. 14294, Fighting Overcriminalization in Federal Regulations.

Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform

This regulation meets the applicable standards set forth in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of E.O. 12988, to eliminate drafting errors and ambiguity, minimize litigation, provide a clear legal standard for affected conduct, and promote simplification and burden reduction.

Executive Order 13132, Federalism

This rulemaking does not have federalism implications warranting the application of E.O. 13132. The rule does not have substantial direct effects on the states, on the relationship between the National government and the states, or the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments

This rule does not have tribal implications warranting the application of E.O. 13175. It does not have substantial direct effects 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.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This action does not impose a new collection of information requirement under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.⁷ This action would not impose recordkeeping or reporting requirements

on State or local governments, individuals, businesses, or organizations. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Administrator, in accordance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612), has reviewed this rule, and by approving it, certifies that it will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

DEA is making technical, organizational, and conforming amendments to its regulations to incorporate definitions found in 21 U.S.C. 812(d), list additional “cannabimimetic agents” that meet these definitions, and simplify drug codes assigned to “cannabimimetic agents.” These changes only apply to substances that are already listed or defined as schedule I controlled substances. This action does not impose any new regulatory controls or new administrative, civil, and/or criminal sanctions applicable to schedule I controlled substances on persons who handle (manufacture, distribute, reverse distribute, import, export, engage in research, conduct instructional activities or chemical analysis with, or possess), or propose to handle “cannabimimetic agents.”

All handlers of “cannabimimetic agents” must already be registered with DEA and have all security and other handling processes in place. Therefore, DEA estimates the cost of this rule on any affected small entity is minimal. Based on these factors, DEA projects that this rule will not result in a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

In accordance with the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) of 1995,²

U.S.C. 1501 *et seq.*, DEA has determined and certifies that this action would not result in any Federal mandate that may result “in the expenditure by State, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100,000,000 or more (adjusted annually for inflation) in any 1 year” Therefore, neither a Small Government Agency Plan nor any other action is required under UMRA of 1995.

Congressional Review Act

This rule is not a major rule as defined by the Congressional Review Act (CRA), 5 U.S.C. 804. However, pursuant to the CRA, DEA is submitting a copy of this rule to both Houses of Congress and to the Comptroller General.

List of Subjects in 21 CFR Part 1308

Administrative practice and procedure, Drug traffic control, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set out above, DEA amends 21 CFR part 1308 as follows:

PART 1308—SCHEDULES OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 1308 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 811, 812, 871(b), 956(b), unless otherwise noted.

■ 2. In § 1308.11:

- a. Add paragraphs (d)(107) and (108);
- b. Revise paragraphs (g) introductory text and (g)(1);
- c. Remove and reserve paragraph (g)(2); and
- d. Remove paragraphs (g)(3) through (g)(15).

The additions and revisions read as follows:

§ 1308.11 Schedule I.

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(d) * * *

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(107) 1-pentyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-018 and AM678)							7118
(108) 1-(5-fluoropentyl)-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (AM2201)							7201
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(g) *Cannabimimetic agents.* Unless specifically exempted or unless listed in another schedule, any material,

compound, mixture, or preparation which contains any quantity of cannabimimetic agents, or which contains their salts, isomers, and salts of

isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation:

⁷ 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521.

- (1) Cannabimimetic agents 7000
- (i) In this paragraph (g), *cannabimimetic agent* means any substance that is a cannabinoid receptor type 1 (CB1 receptor) agonist as demonstrated by binding studies and functional assays within any of the following structural classes:
- (A) 2-(3-hydroxycyclohexyl)phenol with substitution at the 5-position of the phenolic ring by alkyl or alkenyl, whether or not substituted on the cyclohexyl ring to any extent.
- (B) 3-(1-naphthoyl)indole or 3-(1-naphthylmethane)indole by substitution at the nitrogen atom of the indole ring, whether or not further substituted on the indole ring to any extent, whether or not substituted on the naphthoyl or naphthyl ring to any extent.
- (C) 3-(1-naphthoyl)pyrrole by substitution at the nitrogen atom of the pyrrole ring, whether or not further substituted in the pyrrole ring to any extent, whether or not substituted on the naphthoyl ring to any extent.
- (D) 1-(1-naphthylmethylene)indene by substitution of the 3-position of the indene ring, whether or not further substituted in the indene ring to any extent, whether or not substituted on the naphthyl ring to any extent.
- (E) 3-phenylacetylindole or 3-benzoylindole by substitution at the nitrogen atom of the indole ring, whether or not further substituted in the indole ring to any extent, whether or not substituted on the phenyl ring to any extent.
- (ii) The definition of cannabimimetic agent in this paragraph (g) includes, but is not limited to, the following substances:
- (A) 5-(1,1-dimethylheptyl)-2-[(1R,3S)-3-hydroxycyclohexyl]-phenol (CP-47,497);
- (B) 5-(1,1-dimethyloctyl)-2-[(1R,3S)-3-hydroxycyclohexyl]-phenol (cannabicyclohexanol or CP-47,497 C8-homolog);
- (C) 1-butyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-073);
- (D) 1-hexyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-019);
- (E) 1-[2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-200);
- (F) 1-pentyl-3-(2-methoxyphenylacetyl)indole (JWH-250);
- (G) 1-pentyl-3-[1-(4-methoxynaphthoyl)]indole (JWH-081);
- (H) 1-pentyl-3-(4-methyl-1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-122);
- (I) 1-pentyl-3-(4-chloro-1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-398);
- (J) 1-(5-fluoropentyl)-3-(2-iodobenzoyl)indole (AM694);
- (K) 1-pentyl-3-[(4-methoxy)-benzoyl]indole (SR-19 and RCS-4);
- (L) 1-cyclohexylethyl-3-(2-methoxyphenylacetyl)indole (SR-18 and RCS-8);
- (M) 1-pentyl-3-(2-chlorophenylacetyl)indole (JWH-203);
- (N) (1-((1-methylpiperidin-2-yl)methyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)(naphthalen-1-yl)methanone (AM-1220);
- (O) (2-iodophenyl)(1-((1-methylpiperidin-2-yl)methyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)methanone (AM-2233);
- (P) (4-ethylnaphthalen-1-yl)(1-(5-fluoropentyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)methanone (EAM-2201);
- (Q) (4-methoxynaphthalen-1-yl)(2-methyl-1-pentyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)methanone (JWH-098);
- (R) 3-((4-methylnaphthalen-1-yl)methyl)-1-pentyl-1*H*-indole (JWH-184);
- (S) (4-methylnaphthalen-1-yl)(1-(2-morpholinoethyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)methanone (JWH-193);
- (T) (4-ethylnaphthalen-1-yl)(1-pentyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)methanone (JWH-210);
- (U) (1-(5-fluoropentyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)(4-methylnaphthalen-1-yl)methanone (MAM-2201);
- (V) (2-methyl-1-pentyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)(naphthalen-1-yl)methanone (JWH-007);
- (W) naphthalen-1-yl(1-(pent-4-en-1-yl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)methanone (JWH-022);
- (X) (1-hexyl-5-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrol-3-yl)(naphthalen-1-yl)methanone (JWH-147);
- (Y) 2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1-(1-pentyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)ethan-1-one (JWH-302);
- (Z) (5-(2-fluorophenyl)-1-pentyl-1*H*-pyrrol-3-yl)(naphthalen-1-yl)methanone (JWH-307);
- (AA) (4-fluoronaphthalen-1-yl)(1-pentyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)methanone (JWH-412);
- (BB) (5-methyl-3-(morpholinomethyl)-2,3-dihydro-[1,4]oxazino[2,3,4-*hi*]indol-6-yl)(naphthalen-1-yl)methanone (WIN 55,212-2);
- (CC) 2-(5-hydroxy-2-(3-hydroxypropyl)cyclohexyl)-5-(2-methyloctan-2-yl)phenol (CP-55,940);
- (DD) 2-(3-hydroxycyclohexyl)-5-(2-methylheptan-2-yl)phenol (CP-47,497 C6 homolog); and
- (EE) 2-(3-hydroxycyclohexyl)-5-(2-methyldecan-2-yl)phenol (CP-47,497 C9 homolog).
- (2) [Reserved].

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Signing Authority

This document of the Drug Enforcement Administration was signed on January 13, 2026, by Administrator Terrance C. Cole. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DEA. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DEA Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of DEA. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this

document upon publication in the Federal Register.

Heather Achbach,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, Drug Enforcement Administration.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

29 CFR Part 4044

Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule amends the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's regulation on Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans to prescribe the spreads component of the interest assumption under the asset allocation regulation for plans with valuation dates of January 31, 2026–April 29, 2026. These interest assumptions are used for valuing benefits under terminating single-employer plans and for other purposes.

DATES: Effective January 31, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jose Singer-Freeman (*singer-freeman.jose@pbgc.gov*), Attorney, Regulatory Affairs Division, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20024-2101, 202-229-5432. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, or have a speech

disability, please dial 7–1–1 to access telecommunications relay services.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PBGC’s regulation on Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans (29 CFR part 4044) prescribes actuarial assumptions—including an interest assumption—for valuing benefits under terminating single-employer plans covered by title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The interest assumption is also posted on PBGC’s website (www.pbgc.gov).

PBGC uses the interest assumption in § 4044.54 to determine the present value of annuities in an involuntary or distress termination of a single-employer plan under the asset allocation regulation. The assumptions in part 4044 of PBGC’s regulations are also used in other situations where it is appropriate for liabilities to align with private sector group annuity prices. For example, PBGC’s regulations on Notice, Collection, and Redetermination of Withdrawal Liability (29 CFR part 4219) and Duties of Plan Sponsor Following Mass Withdrawal (29 CFR part 4281) provide that these assumptions are used to value liabilities for purposes of determining withdrawn employers’ reallocation liability in the event of a mass withdrawal from a multiemployer plan. Multiemployer plans that receive special financial assistance under the regulation on Special Financial Assistance by PBGC (29 CFR part 4262) must, as a condition of receiving special financial assistance, use the interest assumption to determine withdrawal liability for a prescribed period. Additionally, plan sponsors are required to use some, or all of these assumptions for specified purposes (e.g., reporting benefit liabilities in filings required under PBGC’s regulation on Annual Financial and Actuarial Information

Reporting (29 CFR part 4010) or determining certain amounts to transfer to PBGC’s Missing Participants Program on behalf of a missing participant of a terminating defined benefit plan under PBGC’s regulation on Missing Participants (29 CFR part 4050)) and may use them for other purposes (e.g., to ensure that plan spinoffs comply with section 414(l) of the Internal Revenue Code).

Part 4044 of PBGC’s regulations provides that the interest assumption for part 4044 purposes is a yield curve (i.e., the “4044 yield curve”) that is based on a blend of two publicly available bond yield curves that is adjusted to the extent necessary so that the resulting liabilities align with group annuity prices. The adjustments are referred to as “spreads.” PBGC determines and publishes spreads quarterly based on survey data on pricing of private-sector group annuities. PBGC posts the 4044 yield curve on its website at www.pbgc.gov each month shortly after its underlying data become available. In addition, practitioners are able to determine the 4044 yield curve as of the end of any month using the publicly available bond yield curves and the spreads specified in the regulation.

This rule amends the regulation to specify the spreads used to determine the 4044 yield curve as of the last days of January, February, and March of 2026 (i.e., the “first quarter 2026 spreads”). Due to space constraints, table 1 to paragraph (e) shows spreads only for the most recent four quarters. Historical spreads are available on www.pbgc.gov, along with more recent spreads.

Need for Immediate Guidance

PBGC has determined that notice of, and public comment on, this rule are impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to the public interest. PBGC routinely updates the spreads

component of the interest assumption in the asset allocation regulation so that the 4044 yield curve may be determined as soon as the underlying bond yield curves become available. These amendments are merely technical; they ensure that use of PBGC’s interest assumption continues to yield liabilities in line with group annuity prices. Accordingly, PBGC finds that the public interest is best served by issuing this rule expeditiously, without an opportunity for notice and comment, and that good cause exists for making the assumptions set forth in this amendment effective less than 30 days after publication.

PBGC has determined that this action is not a “significant regulatory action” under the criteria set forth in Executive Order 12866.

Because no general notice of proposed rulemaking is required for this amendment, the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 does not apply. See 5 U.S.C. 601(2).

List of Subjects in 29 CFR Part 4044

Employee benefit plans, Pension insurance, Pensions.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, PBGC amends 29 CFR part 4044 as follows.

PART 4044—ALLOCATION OF ASSETS IN SINGLE-EMPLOYER PLANS

- 1. The authority citation for part 4044 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 29 U.S.C. 1301(a), 1302(b)(3), 1341, 1344, 1362.

- 2. In § 4044.54, revise table 1 to paragraph (e) to read as follows:

§ 4044.54 Interest assumptions.

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(e) * * *

TABLE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (e)—SPREADS

Maturity point	Second quarter 2025 spreads (percent)	Third quarter 2025 spreads (percent)	Fourth quarter 2025 spreads (percent)	First quarter 2026 spreads (percent)
0.5	0.38	0.40	0.49	0.56
1.0	0.38	0.40	0.49	0.56
1.5	0.37	0.40	0.49	0.56
2.0	0.37	0.40	0.49	0.56
2.5	0.37	0.40	0.49	0.55
3.0	0.37	0.40	0.49	0.55
3.5	0.37	0.39	0.48	0.54
4.0	0.37	0.39	0.48	0.54
4.5	0.37	0.39	0.47	0.53
5.0	0.37	0.39	0.47	0.53
5.5	0.36	0.38	0.46	0.52
6.0	0.36	0.38	0.46	0.52
6.5	0.35	0.37	0.44	0.50
7.0	0.35	0.37	0.44	0.50
7.5	0.35	0.36	0.43	0.48

TABLE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (e)—SPREADS—Continued

Maturity point	Second quarter 2025 spreads (percent)	Third quarter 2025 spreads (percent)	Fourth quarter 2025 spreads (percent)	First quarter 2026 spreads (percent)
8.0	0.35	0.36	0.43	0.48
8.5	0.34	0.34	0.41	0.45
9.0	0.34	0.34	0.41	0.45
9.5	0.33	0.33	0.39	0.43
10.0	0.33	0.33	0.39	0.43
10.5	0.32	0.32	0.37	0.40
11.0	0.32	0.32	0.37	0.40
11.5	0.32	0.30	0.34	0.37
12.0	0.32	0.30	0.34	0.37
12.5	0.31	0.28	0.32	0.34
13.0	0.31	0.28	0.32	0.34
13.5	0.30	0.27	0.30	0.31
14.0	0.30	0.27	0.30	0.31
14.5	0.29	0.25	0.27	0.28
15.0	0.29	0.25	0.27	0.28
15.5	0.28	0.24	0.25	0.25
16.0	0.28	0.24	0.25	0.25
16.5	0.27	0.22	0.23	0.22
17.0	0.27	0.22	0.23	0.22
17.5	0.26	0.20	0.20	0.19
18.0	0.26	0.20	0.20	0.19
18.5	0.25	0.19	0.18	0.16
19.0	0.25	0.19	0.18	0.16
19.5	0.24	0.17	0.16	0.13
20.0	0.24	0.17	0.16	0.13
20.5	0.23	0.16	0.14	0.11
21.0	0.23	0.16	0.14	0.11
21.5	0.22	0.14	0.12	0.08
22.0	0.22	0.14	0.12	0.08
22.5	0.22	0.13	0.10	0.06
23.0	0.22	0.13	0.10	0.06
23.5	0.21	0.12	0.08	0.04
24.0	0.21	0.12	0.08	0.04
24.5	0.20	0.11	0.07	0.02
25.0	0.20	0.11	0.07	0.02
25.5	0.20	0.10	0.06	0.00
26.0	0.20	0.10	0.06	0.00
26.5	0.20	0.09	0.05	-0.01
27.0	0.20	0.09	0.05	-0.01
27.5	0.19	0.09	0.04	-0.02
28.0	0.19	0.09	0.04	-0.02
28.5	0.19	0.09	0.03	-0.03
29.0	0.19	0.09	0.03	-0.03
29.5	0.19	0.09	0.03	-0.03
30.0	0.19	0.09	0.03	-0.03

Joseph Krettek,

Assistant General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

31 CFR Part 587

Publication of Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations Web General License 129

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Publication of a web general license.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing a general license (GL) issued pursuant to the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations: GL 129, which was previously made available on OFAC's website.

DATES: GL 129 was issued on October 29, 2025. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional relevant dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: OFAC: Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, 202-622-4855; or <https://ofac.treasury.gov/contact-ofac>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available on OFAC's website: <https://ofac.treasury.gov/>.

Background

On October 29, 2025, OFAC issued GL 129 to authorize certain transactions otherwise prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587. This GL was made available on OFAC's website (<https://ofac.treasury.gov>) when it was issued. The text of this GL is provided below.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations

31 CFR Part 587

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 129

Authorizing Transactions Involving Rosneft Deutschland GmbH and RN Refining & Marketing GmbH

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR), involving Rosneft Deutschland GmbH (RN Germany) or RN Refining & Marketing GmbH (RN Refining & Marketing), or any entity in which RN Germany or RN Refining & Marketing own, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, a 50 percent or greater interest, are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, April 29, 2026.

(b) This general license does not authorize any transactions otherwise prohibited by the RuHSR, including transactions involving any person blocked pursuant to the RuHSR, including any other blocked affiliates of Rosneft Oil Company, other than the blocked persons described in paragraph (a) of this general license, unless separately authorized.

Bradley T. Smith,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.
Dated: October 29, 2025.

Bradley T. Smith,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

31 CFR Part 587

Publication of Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations Web General License 130

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Publication of a web general license.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing a general license (GL) issued pursuant to the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations: GL 130, which was previously made available on OFAC's website.

DATES: GL 130 was issued on September 29, 2025. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional relevant dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: OFAC: Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, 202-622-4855; or <https://ofac.treasury.gov/contact-ofac>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available on OFAC's website: <https://ofac.treasury.gov/>.

Background

On September 29, 2025, OFAC issued GL 130 to authorize certain transactions otherwise prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587. This GL was made available on OFAC's website (<https://ofac.treasury.gov>) when it was issued. GL 130 replaced and superseded GL 13N. GL 130 has an expiration date of January 9, 2026. The text of this GL is provided below.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations

31 CFR Part 587

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 130

Authorizing Certain Administrative Transactions Prohibited by Directive 4 Under Executive Order 14024

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, U.S. persons, or entities owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by a U.S. person, are authorized to pay taxes, fees, or import duties, and purchase or receive permits, licenses, registrations, certifications, or tax refunds to the extent such transactions are prohibited by Directive 4 under Executive Order 14024, Prohibitions Related to Transactions Involving the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, the National Wealth Fund of the Russian Federation, and the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation, provided such transactions are ordinarily incident and necessary to the day-to-day operations in the Russian Federation of such U.S. persons or entities, through 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time, January 9, 2026.

(b) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any debit to an account on the books of a U.S. financial institution of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, the National Wealth Fund of the Russian Federation, or the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation; or

(2) Any transactions otherwise prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR), including transactions involving any person blocked pursuant to the RuHSR, unless separately authorized.

(c) Effective September 29, 2025, General License No. 13N, dated July 8, 2025, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License No. 130.

Bradley T. Smith,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.
Dated: September 29, 2025.

Bradley T. Smith,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

31 CFR Part 587

Publication of Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations Web General License 132

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Publication of a web general license.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing a general license (GL) issued pursuant to the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations: GL 132, which was previously made available on OFAC's website.

DATES: GL 132 was issued on November 21, 2025. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional relevant dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: OFAC: Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, 202-622-4855; or <https://ofac.treasury.gov/contact-ofac>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available on OFAC's website: <https://ofac.treasury.gov/>.

Background

On November 21, 2025, OFAC issued GL 132 to authorize certain transactions otherwise prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587. This GL was made available on OFAC's website (<https://ofac.treasury.gov>) when it was

issued. The text of this GL is provided below.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations

31 CFR Part 587

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 132

Authorizing Certain Transactions Involving Paks II Civil Nuclear Power Plant

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 14024 involving the Paks II civil nuclear power plant project in Hungary (Paks II), including Paks II Nuclear Power Plant Private Limited Company, or any successor project to the Paks II, that involve one or more of the following entities are authorized:

- (1) Gazprombank Joint Stock Company;
- (2) State Corporation Bank for Development and Foreign Economic Affairs Vnesheconombank;
- (3) Public Joint Stock Company Bank Financial Corporation Otkritie;
- (4) Sovcombank Open Joint Stock Company;
- (5) Public Joint Stock Company Sberbank of Russia;
- (6) VTB Bank Public Joint Stock Company;
- (7) Joint Stock Company Alfa-Bank;
- (8) Public Joint Stock Company Rosbank;
- (9) Bank Zenit Public Joint Stock Company;
- (10) Bank Saint-Petersburg Public Joint Stock Company;
- (11) National Clearing Center (NCC);
- (12) Any entity in which one or more of the above persons own, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, a 50 percent or greater interest; or
- (13) the Central Bank of the Russian Federation.

(b) This general license does not authorize:

- (1) The opening or maintaining of a correspondent account or payable-through account for or on behalf of any entity subject to Directive 2 under E.O. 14024, *Prohibitions Related to Correspondent or Payable-Through Accounts and Processing of Transactions Involving Certain Foreign Financial Institutions*;

(2) Any debit to an account on the books of a U.S. financial institution of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, the National Wealth Fund of the Russian Federation, or the Ministry of Finance; or

(3) Any transactions otherwise prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR), including transactions involving any person blocked pursuant to the RuHSR other than the blocked persons described in paragraph (a) of this general license, unless separately authorized.

Bradley T. Smith,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.
Dated: November 21, 2025.

Bradley T. Smith,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

31 CFR Part 590

Publication of Transnational Criminal Organizations Sanctions Regulations Web General License 1

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Publication of a web general license.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing a general license (GL) issued pursuant to the Transnational Criminal Organizations Sanctions Regulations: GL 1. This GL was previously made available on OFAC's website.

DATES: GL 1 was issued on October 14, 2025. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional relevant dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: OFAC: Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, 202-622-4855; or <https://ofac.treasury.gov/contact-ofac>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available on OFAC's website: <https://ofac.treasury.gov/>.

Background

On October 14, 2025, OFAC issued GL 1 to authorize certain transactions otherwise prohibited by the Transnational Criminal Organizations Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 590. GL 1 was made available on OFAC's website (<https://ofac.treasury.gov>) when it was issued. The text of this GL is provided below.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Transnational Criminal Organizations Sanctions Regulations

31 CFR Part 590

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 1

Authorizing the Wind Down of Transactions Involving Certain Persons Blocked on October 14, 2025

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by the Transnational Criminal Organizations Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 590 (TCOSR), that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the wind down of any transaction involving one or more of the following blocked entities are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time, November 13, 2025, provided that any payment to a blocked person is made into a blocked account, in accordance with the TCOSR:

- (1) Prince Holding Group;
- (2) Prince Bank Plc.;
- (3) Prince Huan Yu Real Estate Cambodia Group Co., Ltd; or
- (4) Any entity in which one or more of the above persons own, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, a 50 percent or greater interest.

(b) This general license does not authorize any transactions otherwise prohibited by the TCOSR, including transactions involving any person blocked pursuant to the TCOSR other than the blocked persons described in paragraph (a) of this general license, unless separately authorized.

Bradley T. Smith,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.
Dated: October 14, 2025.

Bradley T. Smith,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. [USCG-2025-0464]

RIN 1625-AA09

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Fort Lauderdale, FL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is changing the operating schedule that governs the SE 17th Street (Brooks Memorial) Bridge, across the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AICW), mile 1065.9, at Fort Lauderdale, FL. This action will assist with vehicle congestion during weekday rush hour periods by limiting drawbridge openings.

DATES: This rule is effective February 19, 2026.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Type the docket number (USCG-2025-0464) in the "SEARCH" box and click "SEARCH". In the Document Type column, select "Supporting & Related Material."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email Ms. Jennifer Zercher, Bridge Management Specialist, Southeast Coast Guard District; telephone 571-607-5951, email Jennifer.N.Zercher@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
 DHS Department of Homeland Security
 FR Federal Register
 OMB Office of Management and Budget
 NPRM Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
 § Section
 U.S.C. United States Code
 FL Florida
 TD Temporary Deviation
 AICW Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

On June 16, 2025, the Coast Guard published a Notice of temporary deviation from regulations; with a request for comments, entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Fort Lauderdale, FL" in the **Federal Register** (90 FR 25148), to test this operating schedule for the SE 17th Street (Brooks Memorial) Bridge. During the comment period that ended July 31, 2025, we received 157 comments, and those comments are addressed in Section IV of this Final Rule.

On July 24, 2025, the Coast Guard published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Fort Lauderdale, FL" in the **Federal Register** (90 FR 34778). There we stated why we issued the NPRM and invited comments on our proposed regulatory action related to this regulatory change. During the comment period that ended August 25, 2025, we received four comments, and

those comments are addressed in Section IV of this Final Rule.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority 33 U.S.C. 499. SE 17th Street (Brooks Memorial) Bridge across the AICW, mile 1065.9, at Fort Lauderdale, FL, is a bascule bridge with a 55-foot vertical clearance at mean high water in the closed position. The normal operating schedule for the bridge is set forth in 33 CFR 117.261(bb)(8).

The City of Fort Lauderdale requested the Coast Guard consider additional opening restrictions during weekday rush hour periods to assist with vehicle congestion. The drawbridge currently opens twice an hour for navigation. This change adds additional opening restrictions during weekday rush hour periods.

IV. Discussion of Comments, Changes and the Final Rule

The Coast Guard provided a 45-day and 30-day comment period during the temporary deviation and NPRM and received a total of 161 comments. Most of the comments, 145, were in favor of the proposed change. The majority of commentors in favor of the proposed changes, feel over development and the proximity of the convention center are major aggravating factors in vehicle congestion as little to no improvements to roadway infrastructure are occurring. They state when the drawbridge opens during rush hour, it exacerbates vehicle congestion. Additional concern was raised for seasonal traffic and drawbridge operations. South Florida has a temporary increase in population from September through May. The proposed changes will assist with vehicle congestion during rush hour, however, improvements to roadway infrastructure should be considered by state and local agencies.

There were four duplicate comments and two comments that were outside the scope of the proposed rule. Two comments were against the proposed rule stating they feel the drawbridge should remain on its current opening schedule and that due to other factors surrounding the drawbridge further restrictions should not be imposed. This will be addressed in the following paragraph.

Alternate operating schedules were suggested by eight commentors. The alternate schedules included having the drawbridge open only once an hour, daily, allowing the drawbridge to remain in the down/closed position during the designated rush hour times and extend designated rush hour times. The AICW is a Federal Project

Waterway that extends over 1,500 miles from Boston to Florida Bay. It is the main waterway artery for all commercial and recreational marine traffic that are unable to safely transit offshore. While not always convenient, land traffic has multiple alternate routes to cross the AICW. The Coast Guard has established a fixed security zone within Port Everglades. This restricts vessel movements within the vicinity of the drawbridge and the ability to allow vessels to safely pass is necessary. This area has strong currents which make it challenging for larger vessels to maintain steerage while waiting for the drawbridge to open. The Coast Guard is not currently imposing further restrictions beyond the proposed rule for the reasons stated above.

The current operating schedule allows the SE 17th Street (Brooks Memorial) Bridge to open at the top and bottom of each hour. Under this rule, the bridge will continue to open at the top and bottom of each hour, except that on weekdays, the bridge will open only at the top of the hour from 6:50 a.m. to 9:10 a.m. and from 3:50 p.m. to 6:10 p.m. At all other times the bridge will open at the top and bottom of each hour. Vessels that can pass beneath the bridge without an opening may do so at any time. Vessels exempted from specific requirements can still request an opening any time.

This rule changes the specific requirements for the SE 17th Street (Brooks Memorial) Bridge at Fort Lauderdale, FL. Additionally, this rule will republish § 117.261 to reorganize the paragraph structure to follow current regulatory drafting requirements.

V. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this rule after considering numerous statutes and Executive Orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on a number of these statutes and Executive Orders.

A. Impact on Small Entities

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601-612, as amended, requires federal agencies to consider the potential impact of regulations on small entities during rulemaking. The term "small entities" comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000. The Coast Guard received zero comments from the Small Business Administration on this rule. The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b)

that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for the following reasons. This regulatory action determination is based on the ability that vessels can still transit the bridge during the scheduled times and vessels able to pass without an opening may do so at any time.

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this rule. If the rule will affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Small businesses may send comments on the actions of Federal employees who enforce, or otherwise determine compliance with, Federal regulations to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The Ombudsman evaluates these actions annually and rates each agency's responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of the Coast Guard, call 1–888–REG–FAIR (1–888–734–3247). The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

B. Collection of Information

This rule calls for no new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

C. Federalism and Indian Tribal Government

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has 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. We have analyzed this rule under that Order and have determined that it is consistent with the fundamental federalism principles and preemption requirements described in Executive Order 13132.

Also, this rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does 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.

D. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of \$100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this rule will not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

E. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 023–01, Rev. 1, associated implementing instructions, and Environmental Planning Policy COMDTINST 5090.1 (series) which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA)(42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f). The Coast Guard has determined that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This rule promulgates the operating regulations or procedures for drawbridges and is categorically excluded from further review, under paragraph L49, of Appendix A, Table 1 of DHS Instruction Manual 023–01–001–01, Rev. 1.

Neither a Record of Environmental Consideration nor a Memorandum for the Record are required for this rule.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117

Bridges.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 117 as follows:

PART 117—DRAWBRIDGE OPERATION REGULATIONS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 117 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 499; 33 CFR 1.05–1; and DHS Delegation No. 00170.1. Revision No. 01.4

■ 2. Revise and republish § 117.261 to read as follows:

§ 117.261 Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway from St. Marys River to Key Largo.

Public vessels of the United States and tugs with tows must be passed through the drawspan of each drawbridge listed in this section at any time.

(a) *Bridge of Lions (SR A1A) Bridge, mile 777.9 at St. Augustine.* The draw shall open on signal; except that, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. the draw need open only on the hour and half-hour; however, the draw need not open at 8 a.m., 12 noon, and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. From 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and Federal holidays the draw need only open on the hour and half-hour.

(b) *George Musson (SR 44) Bridge, mile 845, at New Smyrna Beach.* The draw shall open on signal, except that from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., the draw shall open on the hour and half-hour, seven days a week.

(c) *NASA Railroad Bridge, mile 876.6 at Titusville.*

(1) The draw is not constantly tended.

(2) The draw is normally in the fully open position displaying flashing green lights to indicate that vessels may pass.

(3) When a train approaches the bridge, it stops and the operator initiates a command to lower the bridge. The lights go to flashing red and the draw lowers and locks, providing scanning equipment reveals nothing under the draw. The draw remains down until a manual raise command is initiated or will raise automatically 5 minutes after the intermediate track circuit is no longer occupied by a rail car.

(4) After the train has cleared, the draw opens and the lights return to flashing green.

(d) *A1A North Causeway Bridge, mile 964.8 at Fort Pierce.* The draw shall open on the hour and half-hour.

(e) *Indiantown Road Bridge, mile 1006.2, at Jupiter.* The draw shall open on the hour and half hour.

(f) *Donald Ross Bridge, mile 1009.3, at North Palm Beach.* The draw shall open on the hour and half-hour.

(g) *PGA Boulevard Bridge, mile 1012.6, at North Palm Beach.* The draw shall open on the hour and half-hour.

(h) *Parker (US 1) Bridge, mile 1013.7, at Riviera Beach.* The draw shall open on the quarter and three-quarter hour.

(i) *Flagler Memorial (SR A1A) Bridge, mile 1021.8, at West Palm Beach.*(1) The draw will open on the quarter and three-quarter hour, except Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays) from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., the draw need only open on the quarter hour.

(2) When the Presidential Security Zone is enforced, the draw will open on the quarter and three-quarter hour, except Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays) from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 2:15 p.m. to 6 p.m., the draw need only open on the quarter hour.

(j) *Royal Park (SR 704) Bridge, mile 1022.6, at West Palm Beach.* (1) The draw will open on the hour and half hour, except Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays) from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., the draw need only open on the half hour.

(2) When the Presidential Security Zone is enforced, the draw will open on the hour and half hour, except Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays) from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 2:15 p.m. to 6 p.m., the draw need only open on the half hour.

(k) *Southern Boulevard (SR 80) Bridge, mile 1024.7, at West Palm Beach.* (1) The draw will open on the quarter and three-quarter hour, except Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays) from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., the draw need only open on the quarter hour.

(2) When the Presidential Security Zone is enforced, the draw may be closed without advance notice to permit uninterrupted transit of dignitaries across the bridge. At all other times the bridge shall open on the quarter and three-quarter hour, or as directed by the on-scene designated representative.

(l) *East Ocean Avenue Bridge, mile 1031.0, at Lantana.* The draw shall open on the hour and half-hour.

(m) *Ocean Avenue Bridge, mile 1035.0, at Boynton Beach.* The draw shall open on the hour and half-hour.

(n) *East Atlantic Avenue (SR 806) Bridge, mile 1039.6, at Delray Beach.* The draw shall open on the quarter and three-quarter-hour.

(o) *Linton Boulevard Bridge, mile 1041.1, at Delray Beach.* The draw shall open on the hour and half-hour.

(p) *Spanish River Boulevard Bridge, mile 1044.9, at Boca Raton.* The draw shall open on the hour and half-hour.

(q) *East Palmetto Park Road Bridge, mile 1047.5, at Boca Raton.* The draw shall open on the hour and half-hour.

(r) *East Camino Real Bridge, mile 1048.2, at Boca Raton.* The draw shall open on the hour, twenty minutes past the hour and forty minutes past the hour.

(s) *East Hillsboro Boulevard Bridge (SR 810), mile 1050.0 at Deerfield Beach.* The draw shall open on the hour and half-hour.

(t) *Northeast 14th Street Bridge, mile 1055.0 at Pompano Beach.* The draw shall open on the quarter-hour and three-quarter hour.

(u) *East Atlantic Boulevard (SR 814) Bridge, mile 1056.0 at Pompano Beach.* The draw shall open on the hour and half-hour.

(v) *East Commercial Boulevard (SR 870) Bridge, mile 1059.0, at Lauderdale-*

by-the-Sea. The draw shall open on the hour and half-hour.

(w) *East Oakland Park Boulevard Bridge, mile 1060.5 at Fort Lauderdale.* The draw shall open on the quarter-hour and three-quarter hour.

(x) *East Sunrise Boulevard (SR 838) Bridge, mile 1062.6, at Fort Lauderdale.* The draw shall open on the hour and half-hour. On the first weekend in May, the draw need not open from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and, on the first Saturday in May, the draw need not open from 9:45 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.

(y) *East Las Olas Bridge, mile 1064 at Fort Lauderdale.* The draw shall open on the quarter-hour and three-quarter hour. On the first weekend in May, the draw need not open from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and, on the first Saturday in May, the draw need not open from 9:45 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.

(z) *Southeast 17th Street (Brooks Memorial) Bridge, mile 1065.9 at Fort Lauderdale.* The draw shall open on the hour and half-hour; except that from 6:50 a.m. to 9:10 a.m. and from 3:50 p.m. to 6:10 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, the drawbridge shall open once an hour at the top of the hour.

(aa) *Dania Beach Boulevard Bridge, mile 1069.4 at Hollywood.* The draw shall open on the hour and half-hour.

(bb) *Sheridan Street Bridge, mile 1070.5, at Hollywood.* The draw shall open on the quarter-hour and three-quarter hour.

(cc) *Hollywood Beach Boulevard (SR 820) Bridge, mile 1072.2 at Hollywood.* The draw shall open on the hour and half-hour.

(dd) *Hallandale Beach Boulevard (SR 824) Bridge, mile 1074.0 at Hallandale Beach.* The draw shall open on the quarter-hour and three-quarter hour.

(ee) *N.E. 163rd Street (SR 826) Bridge, mile 1078.0 at Sunny Isles Beach.* The draw shall open on signal; except that, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday through Friday except Federal holidays, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays, the draw need open only on the quarter-hour and three-quarter hour.

(ff) *Broad Causeway Bridge, mile 1081.4 at Bay Harbor Islands.* The draw shall open on signal; except that, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., the draw need open only on the quarter-hour and three-quarter hour.

(gg) *West 79th Street Bridge, mile 1084.6, at Miami.* The draw shall operate as follows:

(1) Monday through Friday (except on Federal holidays):

(i) 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. the draw need only open on the hour.

(ii) 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the draw need only open on the hour and half hour.

(iii) 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. the draw need only open on the hour.

(iv) 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. the draw shall open on signal.

(2) Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays the draw shall open on signal.

(hh) *West Venetian Causeway Bridge, mile 1088.6, at Miami.* The draw shall open on signal, except that from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, including Federal holidays, the draw need only open on the hour and half hour.

Dated: January 14, 2026.

Adam A. Chamie,
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander,
Coast Guard Southeast District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2025-0152]

RIN 1625-AA09

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, North Myrtle Beach, SC

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is changing the operating schedule that governs the Little River Bridge, across the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AICW) (Upper Little River), mile 347.3, at North Myrtle Beach, SC. This action will assist with vehicle congestion during weekday rush hour periods by placing the swing bridge on scheduled openings.

DATES: This rule is effective February 19, 2026.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Type the docket number (USCG-2025-0152) in the "SEARCH" box and click "SEARCH". In the Document Type column, select "Supporting & Related Material."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email Ms. Jennifer Zercher, Bridge Management Specialist, Coast Guard District Southeast; telephone 571-607-5951, email Jennifer.N.Zercher@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
OMB Office of Management and Budget
NPRM Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
§ Section
U.S.C. United States Code
SC South Carolina
U.S. United States
SCDOT South Carolina Department of
Transportation
AICW Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

On May 13, 2025, the Coast Guard published a temporary deviation entitled “Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, North Myrtle Beach, SC” in the **Federal Register** (90 FR 20235), to test this operating schedule for the Little River Bridge. Zero comments were received during the test period.

On September 9, 2025, the Coast Guard published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking entitled “Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, North Myrtle Beach, SC” in the **Federal Register** (90 FR 43402). There we stated why we issued the NPRM and invited comments on our proposed regulatory action related to this regulatory change. During the comment period that ended October 9, 2025, we received 51 comments, and those comments are addressed in Section IV. of this Final Rule.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority 33 U.S.C. 499. The Little River Bridge across the AICW (Upper Little River), mile 347.3, at North Myrtle Beach, SC, is a swing bridge with a 7-foot vertical clearance at mean high water in the closed position. The normal operating schedule for the swing bridge is set forth in 33 CFR 117.5.

South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) requested the Coast Guard consider scheduled weekday openings during rush hour to assist with vehicle congestion. The swing bridge opens on demand for navigation. This change places the swing bridge on scheduled weekday openings during rush hour.

IV. Discussion of Comments, Changes and the Final Rule

The Coast Guard provided a 30-day comment period during the NPRM and received a total of 51 comments. Twenty-one comments were in favor of the proposed changes. The commenters felt allowing the swing bridge to operate on scheduled openings during designated rush hour has assisted with vehicle congestion. It was suggested that

traffic lights should be synchronized with scheduled openings and warning signage should be installed on connecting roadways providing vehicle traffic with the bridge status. These recommendations will be passed on to the appropriate agencies as they are outside the jurisdiction and authority of the Coast Guard.

Alternate operating schedules were suggested by 17 commenters. The alternate schedules included having the swing bridge open only once an hour, allowing the swing bridge to remain in the closed position during designated rush hour and extend designated rush hour times. The swing bridge provides very restrictive navigational clearances. The swing bridge provides only 7 feet of vertical clearance when the swing bridge is in the closed position. This waterway is utilized by commercial and recreational vessels. When the adjacent high-level fixed bridge, the U.S. 17 Highway Bridge, was constructed in 1997, the Coast Guard required the swing bridge be permanently removed from the waterway due to its restrictive nature. SCDOT requested the swing bridge remain for local traffic use. The Coast Guard allowed the swing bridge to remain in place and required it to operate on demand. The swing bridge has a vehicle weight restriction limiting usage, making it a secondary roadway. The Coast Guard acknowledges the population has increased in the North Myrtle Beach area, however, there are two high-level fixed bridges within two-mile radius of the swing bridge providing access across the AICW. Allowing the swing bridge to operate in a manner other than the proposed change is not reasonable for navigation given its restrictive nature and the alternate routes available for roadway traffic. The AICW is a Federal Project Waterway that extends over 1,500 miles from Boston to Florida Bay. It is the main waterway artery for all commercial and recreational marine traffic that are unable to safely transit offshore.

There were three duplicate comments and three comments that were outside the scope of the proposed rule. Seven comments were against the proposed change. The commenters stated that either the swing bridge should remain on demand or be permanently removed from the waterway. They felt that given the restrictive nature, adjacent high-level fixed bridge and the narrow waterway, marine traffic should be unrestricted. The Coast Guard understands their concerns, however, allowing the swing bridge to open per the proposed change via an authorized temporary deviation has not had a negative impact on navigation and has

assisted with vehicle congestion during rush hour.

The current operating schedule allows the Little River Bridge to open on demand for marine traffic. Under this rule, the swing bridge will continue to open on demand, except that on weekdays, the swing bridge will open at the top and bottom of each hour from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. At all other times the swing bridge will open on demand. Vessels that can pass beneath the swing bridge without an opening may do so at any time. Vessels exempted from specific requirements can still request an opening any time.

V. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this rule after considering numerous statutes and Executive Orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on a number of these statutes and Executive Orders.

A. Impact on Small Entities

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, as amended, requires federal agencies to consider the potential impact of regulations on small entities during rulemaking. The term “small entities” comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000. The Coast Guard received zero comments from the Small Business Administration on this rule. The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for the following reasons. This regulatory action determination is based on the ability that vessels can still transit the bridge during the scheduled times and vessels able to pass without an opening may do so at any time.

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this rule. If the rule will affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Small businesses may send comments on the actions of Federal employees who enforce, or otherwise determine compliance with, Federal regulations to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman

and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The Ombudsman evaluates these actions annually and rates each agency's responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of the Coast Guard, call 1-888-REG-FAIR (1-888-734-3247). The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

B. Collection of Information

This rule calls for no new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520).

C. Federalism and Indian Tribal Government

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has 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. We have analyzed this rule under that Order and have determined that it is consistent with the fundamental federalism principles and preemption requirements described in Executive Order 13132.

Also, this rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does 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.

D. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531-1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of \$100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this rule will not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

E. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 023-01, Rev. 1, associated implementing instructions, and Environmental Planning Policy COMDTINST 5090.1 (series) which guide the Coast Guard in complying

with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321-4370f). The Coast Guard has determined that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This rule promulgates the operating regulations or procedures for drawbridges and is categorically excluded from further review, under paragraph L49, of Appendix A, Table 1 of DHS Instruction Manual 023-01-001-01, Rev. 1.

Neither a Record of Environmental Consideration nor a Memorandum for the Record are required for this rule.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117

Bridges.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 117 as follows:

PART 117—DRAWBRIDGE OPERATION REGULATIONS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 117 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 499; 33 CFR 1.05-1; and DHS Delegation No. 00170.1, Revision No. 01.4.

■ 2. Amend § 117.911 by adding paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 117.911 Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Little River to Savannah River.

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(b) Little River Bridge across Upper Litte River, mile 347.3, at North Myrtle Beach. The draw shall open on signal, except that from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, the draw will open on the hour and half-hour.

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Dated: January 14, 2026.

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Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Coast Guard Southeast District.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R05-OAR-2022-0352; EPA-R05-OAR-2023-0093; FRL-9995-02-R5]

Air Plan Approval; Ohio; 2015 Ozone Moderate Reasonably Available Control Technology

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is approving revisions to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapters 3745-21 and 3745-110 into the Ohio State Implementation Plan (SIP). The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("Ohio" or "Ohio EPA") submitted these revisions on March 30, 2022, and supplemented the submittal on February 1, 2023, and August 28, 2023. The EPA is approving parts of OAC Chapters 3745-21 and 3745-110 as satisfying some of the Moderate Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) and Nitrogen Oxide (NO_x) RACT requirements for the Cleveland, OH nonattainment area (Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage, and Summit counties) under the 2015 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard ("NAAQS" or "standard") and as SIP strengthening for Ashtabula County and the Ohio portion of the Cincinnati, OH-KY maintenance area (Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, and Warren counties). The EPA is also approving Table (M)(1) in OAC rule 3745-21-07 into the SIP, with the exception of the row for The Ruscoe Company. Finally, the EPA is approving OAC rule 3745-15-03, submitted by Ohio on February 9, 2023, and supplemented on December 1, 2023, and December 30, 2024. The EPA proposed to approve this action on August 28, 2025 and received two comments.

DATES: This final rule is effective on February 19, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID Nos. EPA-R05-OAR-2022-0352 and EPA-R05-OAR-2023-0093. All documents in the docket are listed on the <https://www.regulations.gov> website. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, *i.e.*, Confidential Business Information (CBI), Proprietary Business Information (PBI), or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available either through <https://www.regulations.gov> or at the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, Air and Radiation Division, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. This facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. We recommend that you telephone Katie Caskey, at (312) 353-3490 before visiting the Region 5 office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document whenever “we,” “us,” or “our” is used, we mean the EPA.

I. Background Information

On August 28, 2025 (90 FR 41925), the EPA proposed to approve parts of OAC Chapters 3745-21 and 3745-110 as satisfying some of the Moderate VOC RACT requirements of 182(b)(2) and NO_x RACT requirements of 182(f) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), respectively, for the Cleveland, OH nonattainment area under the 2015 ozone standard. The EPA also proposed to approve OAC 3745-21-11 and 3745-110-03(J) as SIP strengthening measures for the Cleveland nonattainment area. In addition, the EPA proposed to approve OAC Chapter 3745-21 and 3745-110-03(J) as SIP strengthening for Ashtabula County and the Ohio portion of the Cincinnati, OH-KY maintenance area (Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, and Warren counties) under the 2015 ozone standard. Finally, the EPA proposed to approve OAC rule 3745-15-03, which sets forth reporting requirements for sources in Ohio. An explanation of the CAA requirements, a detailed analysis of the revisions, and the EPA’s reasons for proposing approval were provided in the notice of proposed rulemaking, and will not be restated here.

II. Public Comments

The EPA provided a 30-day review and comment period for this action in the Proposal. The comment period ended on September 29, 2025. The EPA received two comments, which are summarized and addressed below.

Comment: The commenter opposes approval of Ohio’s SIP, stating that “Ohio is a failed state that is unable to clean the air.” The commenter further contends that if an area is in nonattainment, the top 100 polluters in the State should be required to shut down until air quality meets the National Standards.

Response: This action is limited to assessing whether the regulations submitted by the State of Ohio and associated analysis are sufficient to meet the requirements under CAA section 182 related to the requirement to implement reasonably available control technology for defined emission sources. The commenter has not provided any information that calls into

question the sufficiency of the Ohio SIP at issue here. This rule fulfills RACT requirements stemming from sections 182(b)(2) and 182(f) of the CAA, which will continue to improve air quality in the area.

Comment: Ohio EPA requests that the EPA not approve the addition of “TRC Buyer Co. dba “The Ruscoe Company” Plant II” (fac ID 1677010204) into the Ohio SIP. This facility is listed in the table of affected facilities in paragraph (M)(1) of OAC rule 3745-21-07, which regulates facilities using liquid organic materials and requires at least 85% VOC control efficiency.

In its comment, Ohio EPA noted that the Ruscoe Company’s emissions units were mistakenly retained in the final rulemaking despite Ohio’s intent to remove them. These emissions units—mixers P025, P026, P028, P030, P031, P032, P033, P034, P035, and P036—perform only mixing and blending of sealant and adhesive components, with no chemical reactions occurring.

Response: The EPA acknowledges Ohio’s statement that the “TRC Buyer Co. dba “The Ruscoe Company” Plant II” (fac ID 1677010204) was erroneously included in the table of affected sources in OAC R 3745-21-07(M), and Ohio EPA’s intention that these facilities not be subject to the rule. The EPA further acknowledges Ohio EPA’s request that the EPA not approve the addition of “TRC Buyer Co. dba “The Ruscoe Company” Plant II” (fac ID 1677010204) into the Ohio SIP. The EPA is therefore approving OAC R 3745-21-07(M) with the exception of “TRC Buyer Co. dba “The Ruscoe Company” Plant II (fac ID 1677010204)” in this rulemaking.

III. What action is the EPA taking?

The EPA is approving parts of OAC Chapters 3745-21 as satisfying some of the Moderate VOC RACT requirements of 182(b)(2) of the CAA for the Cleveland, OH nonattainment area under the 2015 ozone standard. The EPA is approving parts of OAC Chapter 3745-110 as satisfying some of the Moderate NO_x RACT requirements of 182(f) of the CAA for the Cleveland, OH nonattainment area under the 2015 ozone standard. The EPA is approving OAC 3745-21-11 and 3745-110-03(J) as SIP strengthening measures for the Cleveland, OH nonattainment area under the 2015 ozone standard. The EPA is approving OAC Chapter 3745-21 and 3745-110-03(J) as SIP strengthening for Ashtabula County and the Ohio portion of the Cincinnati, OH-KY maintenance area under the 2015 ozone standard. The EPA is approving OAC 3745-21-07(M)(1), except for the row of the table referencing “TRC Buyer

Co. dba “The Ruscoe Company” Plant II” (fac ID 1677010204). Finally, the EPA is approving OAC rule 3745-15-03, which sets forth reporting requirements for sources in Ohio.

IV. Incorporation by Reference

In this rule, the EPA is finalizing regulatory text that includes incorporation by reference. In accordance with requirements of 1 CFR 51.5, the EPA is finalizing the incorporation by reference of the Ohio Regulations described in section III. of this preamble and set forth in the amendments to 40 CFR part 52 below. The EPA has made, and will continue to make, these documents generally available through <https://www.regulations.gov>, and at the EPA Region 5 Office (please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this preamble for more information). Therefore, these materials have been approved by the EPA for inclusion in the SIP, have been incorporated by reference by the EPA into that plan, are fully federally enforceable under sections 110 and 113 of the CAA as of the effective date of the final rulemaking of the EPA’s approval, and will be incorporated by reference in the next update to the SIP compilation.¹

V. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

Under the CAA, the Administrator is required to approve a SIP submission that complies with the provisions of the CAA and applicable Federal regulations. 42 U.S.C. 7410(k); 40 CFR 52.02(a). Thus, in reviewing SIP submissions, the EPA’s role is to approve State choices, provided that they meet the criteria of the CAA. Accordingly, this action merely approves State law as meeting Federal requirements and does not impose additional requirements beyond those imposed by State law. For that reason, this action:

- Is not a significant regulatory action subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993);
- Is not subject to Executive Order 14192 (90 FR 9065, February 6, 2025) because SIP actions are exempt from review under Executive Order 12866;
- Does not impose an information collection burden under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*);
- Is certified as not having a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities

¹ 62 FR 27968 (May 22, 1997).

under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*);

- Does not contain any unfunded mandate or significantly or uniquely affect small governments, as described in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–4);
 - Does not have federalism implications as specified in Executive Order 13132 (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999);
 - Is not subject to Executive Order 13045 (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997) because it approves a State program;
 - Is not a significant regulatory action subject to Executive Order 13211 (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001); and
 - Is not subject to requirements of section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. 272 note) because application of those requirements would be inconsistent with the CAA.
- In addition, the SIP is not approved to apply on any Indian reservation land or in any other area where the EPA or an Indian Tribe has demonstrated that a Tribe has jurisdiction. In those areas of Indian country, the rule does not have Tribal implications and will not impose substantial direct costs on Tribal

governments or preempt Tribal law as specified by Executive Order 13175 (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000).

This action is subject to the Congressional Review Act, and the EPA will submit a rule report to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. This action is not a “major rule” as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

Under section 307(b)(1) of the CAA, petitions for judicial review of this action must be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit by March 23, 2026. Filing a petition for reconsideration by the Administrator of this final rule does not affect the finality of this action for the purposes of judicial review nor does it extend the time within which a petition for judicial review may be filed, and shall not postpone the effectiveness of such rule or action. This action may not be challenged later in proceedings to enforce its requirements. (See section 307(b)(2).)

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations,

EPA—APPROVED OHIO REGULATIONS

Nitrogen oxides, Ozone, Volatile organic compounds.

Dated: December 18, 2025.

Cheryl Newton,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, title 40 CFR part 52 is amended as follows:

PART 52—APPROVAL AND PROMULGATION OF IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 52 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

■ 2. In § 52.1870, the table in paragraph c is amended by revising the entries under “Chapter 3745–21 Carbon Monoxide, Ozone, Hydrocarbon Air Quality Standards, and under “Chapter 3745–110—Nitrogen Oxides—Reasonably Available Control Technology Related Emission Requirements” to read as follows:

§ 52.1870 Identification of plan.

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Ohio citation	Title/subject	Ohio effective date	EPA approval date	Notes
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Chapter 3745–21 Carbon Monoxide, Ozone, Hydrocarbon Air Quality Standards, and Related Emission Requirements				
3745–21–01	Definitions and incorporation by reference.	3/27/2022	1/20/2026, 90 FR [Insert Federal Register page where the document begins].	
3745–21–02	Ambient air quality standards and guidelines.	8/25/2008	7/28/2009, 74 FR 37171.	
3745–21–03	Methods of ambient air quality measurement.	10/15/2015	9/8/2017, 82 FR 42451.	
3745–21–04	Compliance time schedules	3/27/2022	1/20/2026, 90 FR [Insert Federal Register page where the document begins].	
3745–21–06	Classification of regions	8/25/2008	7/28/2009, 74 FR 37171	3745–21–06.
3745–21–07	Control of emissions of organic materials from stationary sources (<i>i.e.</i> , emissions that are not regulated by rule 3745–21–09, 3745–21–12 to 3745–21–16, or 3745–21–18 to 3745–21–29 of the Administrative Code).	3/27/2022	1/20/2026, 90 FR [Insert Federal Register page where the document begins].	All except the entry for “TRC Buyer Co. dba “The Ruscoe Company” Plant II” in table (M)(1) Emissions Units under OAC 3745–21–07(M)(1).
3745–21–08	Control of carbon monoxide emissions from stationary sources.	10/15/2015	9/8/2017, 82 FR 42451	3745–21–08.
3745–21–09	Control of emissions of volatile organic compounds from stationary sources and perchloroethylene from dry cleaning facilities.	3/27/2022	1/20/2026, 90 FR [Insert Federal Register page where the document begins].	
3745–21–10	Compliance test methods and procedures.	3/27/2022	1/20/2026, 90 FR [Insert Federal Register page where the document begins].	

EPA—APPROVED OHIO REGULATIONS—Continued

Ohio citation	Title/subject	Ohio effective date	EPA approval date	Notes
3745–21–11	Reasonably available control technology studies for non-CTG. Sources in ozone nonattainment areas.	3/27/2022	1/20/2026, 90 FR [Insert Federal Register page where the document begins].	
3745–21–12	Control of volatile organic compound emissions from commercial bakery oven facilities.	10/15/2015	9/8/2017, 82 FR 42451.	
3745–21–13	Control of volatile organic compound emissions from reactors and distillation units employed in SOCM chemical production.	10/15/2015	9/8/2017, 82 FR 42451.	
3745–21–14	Control of volatile organic compound emissions from process vents in batch operations.	10/15/2015	9/8/2017, 82 FR 42451.	
3745–21–15	Control of volatile organic compound emissions from wood furniture manufacturing operations.	3/27/2022	1/20/2026, 90 FR [Insert Federal Register page where the document begins].	
3745–21–16	Control of volatile organic compound emissions from industrial wastewater.	10/15/2015	9/8/2017, 82 FR 42451.	
3745–21–17	Portable fuel containers	10/15/2015	9/8/2017, 82 FR 42451.	
3745–21–18	Commercial motor vehicle and mobile equipment refinishing operations.	3/27/2022	1/20/2026, 90 FR [Insert Federal Register page where the document begins].	
3745–21–19	Control of volatile organic compound emissions from aerospace manufacturing and rework facilities.	3/27/2022	1/20/2026, 90 FR [Insert Federal Register page where the document begins].	
3745–21–20	Control of volatile organic emissions from shipbuilding and ship repair operations (marine coatings).	3/27/2022	1/20/2026, 90 FR [Insert Federal Register page where the document begins].	
3745–21–21	Storage of volatile organic liquids in fixed roof tanks and external floating roof tanks.	3/27/2022	1/20/2026, 90 FR [Insert Federal Register page where the document begins].	
3745–21–22	Control of volatile organic compound emissions from offset lithographic printing and letterpress printing facilities.	3/27/2022	1/20/2026, 90 FR [Insert Federal Register page where the document begins].	
3745–21–23	Control of volatile organic compound emissions from industrial solvent cleaning operations.	3/27/2022	1/20/2026, 90 FR [Insert Federal Register page where the document begins].	
3745–21–24	Flat wood paneling coatings	3/27/2022	1/20/2026, 90 FR [Insert Federal Register page where the document begins].	
3745–21–25	Control of VOC emissions from reinforced plastic composites production operations.	3/27/2022	1/20/2026, 90 FR [Insert Federal Register page where the document begins].	
3745–21–26	Surface coating of miscellaneous metal and plastic parts.	3/27/2022	1/20/2026, 90 FR [Insert Federal Register page where the document begins].	
3745–21–27	Boat manufacturing	3/27/2022	1/20/2026, 90 FR [Insert Federal Register page where the document begins].	
3745–21–28	Miscellaneous industrial adhesives and sealants.	3/27/2022	1/20/2026, 90 FR [Insert Federal Register page where the document begins].	
3745–21–29	Control of volatile organic compound emissions from automobile and light-duty truck assembly coating operations, heavier vehicle assembly coating operations, and cleaning operations associated with these coating operations.	3/27/2022	1/20/2026, 90 FR [Insert Federal Register page where the document begins].	

EPA—APPROVED OHIO REGULATIONS—Continued

Ohio citation	Title/subject	Ohio effective date	EPA approval date	Notes
Chapter 3745–110—Nitrogen Oxides—Reasonably Available Control Technology				
3745–110–01	Definitions	3/25/2022	1/20/2026, 90 FR [Insert Federal Register page where the document begins].	
3745–110–02	Applicability	3/25/2022	1/20/2026, 90 FR [Insert Federal Register page where the document begins].	
3745–110–03	RACT requirements and/or limitations for emissions of NO _x from stationary sources.	3/25/2022	1/20/2026, 90 FR [Insert Federal Register page where the document begins].	
3745–110–04	Compliance Deadlines	3/25/2022	1/20/2026, 90 FR [Insert Federal Register page where the document begins].	
3745–110–05	Compliance Methods	3/25/2022	1/20/2026, 90 FR [Insert Federal Register page where the document begins].	

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■ 3. In § 52.1870, the table in paragraph (d) is amended by adding a new entry for “Smallwood” after the entry for “Reilly Industries, Inc” and a new entry for “Wylie Compressor” after the entry for “Wheeling-Pittsburg Steel Corporation” to read as follows: (d) * * *

EPA—APPROVED OHIO SOURCE-SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

Name of source	No.	Ohio effective Date	EPA approval date	Comments
Smallwood	P0130909	11/10/2021	1/20/2026, 90 FR [Insert Federal Register page where the document begins].	Only sections C.1.b)(1)e., C.1.b)(2)b., C.1.c)(3), C.1.d)(7) and C.1.e)(5).
Wylie Compressor ...	P0129069	11/10/2021	1/20/2026, 90 FR [Insert Federal Register page where the document begins].	Only sections C.1.b)(1)e., C.1.b)(2)a., C.1.c)(2), C.1.d)(2) and C.1.e)(4).

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41 CFR Chapters 300, 301, 302, 303 and 304

[FTR Case 2025–05; Docket No. GSA–FTR–2025–0003; Sequence No. 1]

RIN 3090–AL06

Federal Travel Regulation; Reorganizing and Streamlining the Federal Travel Regulation To Improve Operational Efficiency

AGENCY: Office of Government-wide Policy (OGP), General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Ratification.

SUMMARY: GSA is publishing notification of the Administrator of General Services’ ratification of a rule.

DATES: The ratification was signed on January 14, 2026, and relates back to the original date of the action that it ratifies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alexander Kurien, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Government-wide Policy, at 202–208–7642 or alexander.kurien@gsa.gov, for clarification of content. For information pertaining to status or publication schedules, contact the Regulatory Secretariat Division at 202–501–4755 or GSARegSec@gsa.gov. Please cite FTR Case 2025–05.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 14, 2026, the Administrator of

General Services ratified the final rule titled “Reorganizing and Streamlining the Federal Travel Regulation To Improve Operational Efficiency.” See 90 FR 56890. GSA is now publishing this ratification in the **Federal Register** out of an abundance of caution. Neither the ratification nor the publication is a statement that the ratified action would be invalid absent the ratification, whether published or otherwise.

Edward C. Forst,
Administrator of General Services.

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The Administrator

RATIFICATION

The U.S. General Services Administration's final rule titled "Reorganizing and Streamlining the Federal Travel Regulation To Improve Operational Efficiency," published at 90 FR 56890 (Dec. 8, 2025), was approved by Acting Administrator Michael Rigas, but issued by Associate Administrator for the Office of Government-wide Policy, Larry Allen. Out of an abundance of caution, particularly in terms of 40 U.S.C. 121(d)(2)(A), I am affirming and ratifying the approval and issuance of the final rule to provide an independent basis to address potential legal challenges to the final rule.

I am taking this action to ensure the validity of the final rule and have familiarized myself with the contents, purpose, and requirements of the final rule. Pursuant to my authority as Administrator of General Services and based on my review of the action listed above, I hereby make a detached and considered affirmation and ratification of the final rule.

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Edward Forst,

Administrator of General Services.

1/7/2026

Date

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41 CFR Parts 102–3, 102–5, 102–33, 102–34, 102–35, 102–36, 102–37, 102–38, 102–39, 102–40, 102–41, 102–42, 102–71, 102–72, 102–73, 102–74, 102–75, 102–76, 102–77, 102–78, 102–79, 102–80, 102–81, 102–82, 102–83, 102–85, 102–117, 102–118, and 102–192

[FMR Case 2025–05; Docket No. GSA–FMR–2025–0005; Sequence No. 1]

RIN 3090–AK92

**Federal Management Regulation;
Updating the FMR To Align With the
Administration’s Deregulatory
Priorities**

AGENCY: Office of Government-wide Policy (OGP), General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Ratification.

SUMMARY: GSA is publishing notification of the Administrator of General Services’ ratification of a rule.

DATES: The ratification was signed on January 14, 2026, and relates back to the original date of the action that it ratifies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alexander Kurien, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Government-wide Policy, at 202–208–7642 or alexander.kurien@gsa.gov, for clarification of content. For information pertaining to status or publication schedules, contact the Regulatory Secretariat Division at 202–501–4755 or GSARegSec@gsa.gov. Please cite FMR Case 2025–05.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 14, 2026, the Administrator of General Services ratified the final rule

titled “Aligning the Federal Management Regulation (FMR) With the Administration’s Deregulatory Priorities.” See 90 FR 58408. GSA is now publishing this ratification in the **Federal Register** out of an abundance of caution. Neither the ratification nor the publication is a statement that the ratified action would be invalid absent the ratification, whether published or otherwise.

Edward Forst,
Administrator of General Services.

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The Administrator

RATIFICATION

The U.S. General Services Administration final rule titled “Aligning the Federal Management Regulation (FMR) With the Administration’s Deregulatory Priorities,” published at 90 FR 58408 (Dec. 16, 2025), was approved by Acting Administrator Michael Rigas, but issued by Associate Administrator for the Office of Government-wide Policy, Larry Allen. Out of abundance of caution, particularly in terms of 40 U.S.C. 121(d)(2)(A), I am affirming and ratifying the approval and issuance of the final rule to provide an independent basis to address potential legal challenges to the final rule.

I am taking this action to ensure the validity of the final rule and have familiarized myself with the contents, purpose, and requirements of the final rule. Pursuant to my authority as Administrator of General Services and based on my review of the action listed above, I hereby make a detached and considered affirmation and ratification of the final rule.

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41 CFR Part 102–74

[FMR Case 2025–16; Docket No. GSA–FMR–2025–0016; Sequence No. 1]

RIN 3090–AL11

Federal Management Regulation; Conduct on Federal Property

AGENCY: Office of Government-wide Policy (OGP), General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The General Services Administration (GSA), in consultation with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), is removing and reserving a subpart of the Federal Management Regulation (FMR) pertaining to conduct on Federal property. DHS recently published a final rule, effective November 5, 2025, establishing regulations for the protection of Federal property. GSA’s final rule will remove GSA regulations that are duplicative of DHS’s new regulation. This final rule supports the deregulatory requirements of Executive Order issued January 31, 2025, titled “Unleashing Prosperity Through Deregulation.”

DATES: *Effective date:* January 20, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alexander Kurien, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Government-wide Policy, at 202–208–7642 or alexander.kurien@gsa.gov, for clarification of content. For information pertaining to status or publication schedules, contact the Regulatory Secretariat Division at 202–501–4755 or GSARegSec@gsa.gov. Please cite FMR Case 2025–16.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

This final rule amends the FMR to align with the Administration’s priorities set forth in Executive Order (E.O.) 14192, *Unleashing Prosperity Through Deregulation*, dated January 31, 2025. As E.O. 14192 states, agencies must work to alleviate the burden on those impacted by regulations. Regulations rescinded in this rulemaking are duplicative of regulations specified by other agencies and/or are not required by statute, and are not necessary to carry out the Administrator’s functions under Subtitle I of Title 40, United States Code. Their removal does not change either the underlying statute or any regulations maintained by other agencies. GSA has determined that

reducing the number of redundant regulations will lead to less confusion, as there will be one source for the statutory or regulatory requirement.

The Homeland Security Act of 2002, Public Law 107–296, 116 Stat. 2135 (Nov. 25, 2002) (the Act), transferred the authority for law enforcement and related security functions for Federal properties from the GSA to the Secretary of DHS. In furtherance of the Act, and in consultation with the Administrator of GSA, DHS published the proposed rule for the protection of Federal property in the **Federal Register** (90 FR 4398) (January 15, 2025).

Prior to the proposed rule, DHS relied upon the regulations governing personal conduct on Federal property found in 41 CFR part 102–74 subpart C. The FMR is only applicable to property under the jurisdiction, custody, or control of GSA (not all property protected by the Federal Protective Service) and applies only when the conduct is committed on the property itself and not adjacent thereto. Accordingly, the FMR is not comprehensive of DHS authority under 40 U.S.C. 1315 to protect Federal property falling within DHS’s jurisdiction. Additional explanation about the changes between DHS regulation and the FMR can be found in the proposed rule at 90 FR 4398, 4401–4413.

DHS published the final rule promulgating regulations for the protection of Federal property (90 FR 24217) (June 9, 2025). That rule set January 1, 2026, as the effective date for those regulations. On November 5, 2025, DHS published another final rule changing the effective date for those regulations from January 1, 2026, to November 5, 2025 (90 FR 49247). DHS’s regulation is codified at 6 CFR part 139.

II. Discussion of Final Rule—Summary of Changes

GSA is removing the regulations that are duplicative of the DHS regulation or statute. A summary of the changes is as follows:

Part 102–74—Facility Management: Removed and reserved subpart C and removed Appendix to Part 102–74.

III. Cost and Benefit Analysis

DHS completed a regulatory impact analysis as part of the published proposed rule (90 FR 4398). There is no cost associated with GSA deleting its regulations because DHS regulations are already in effect as of November 5, 2025 (90 FR 49247). The benefit of GSA deleting its regulations is to prevent confusion and allow DHS to be the single source of the regulatory requirement.

IV. Administrative Procedure Act

This rulemaking is exempt from the advance notice-and-comment and delayed-effective-date requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2), because this rulemaking relates to agency management or personnel or to public property, loans, grants, benefits, or contracts. This rulemaking relates to both GSA’s agency management and public property because it applies to federally owned facilities under the jurisdiction, custody and control of GSA.

V. Executive Orders 12866, 13563, and 14192

E.O. 12866 (*Regulatory Planning and Review*) directs agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, distributive impacts, and equity). E.O. 13563 (*Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review*) emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, of reducing costs, of harmonizing rules, and of promoting flexibility. OMB’s Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) has determined that this rule is a significant regulatory action and, therefore, it was reviewed under Section 6(b) of E.O. 12866. This action is considered an E.O. 14192 deregulatory action.

VI. Congressional Review Act

Subtitle E of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (codified at 5 U.S.C. 801–808), is also known as the Congressional Review Act (CRA). CRA generally provides that before a rule may take effect, unless excepted, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each chamber of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. This action is excepted from CRA reporting requirements prescribed under 5 U.S.C. 801 as it relates to agency management or personnel and to GSA organization, procedure, or practice that does not substantially affect the rights or obligations of non-agency parties, 5 U.S.C. 804(3), and is therefore not a “rule” for purposes of the CRA. This deregulatory action also does not meet the definition of a rule at 5 U.S.C. 551(4). OIRA has further determined that this action does not meet the definition of a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

VII. Regulatory Flexibility Act

This final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.* This final rule is also exempt from the APA pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2) because it applies to agency management or personnel or to public property, loans, grants, benefits, or contracts. Therefore, a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis was not performed.

VIII. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the changes to the FMR do not impose recordkeeping or information collection requirements, or the collection of information from offerors, contractors, or members of the public that require the approval of OMB under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 41 CFR Part 102–74

Blind, Concessions, Energy conservation, Federal buildings and facilities, Fire prevention, Government property management, Parking, Rates and fares.

Edward C. Forst,

Administrator of General Services.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, and under the authority of 40 U.S.C. 121(c), the General Services Administration amends 41 CFR part 102–74 as follows:

PART 102–74—FACILITY MANAGEMENT

Subpart C—[Removed and Reserved]

- 1. Remove and reserve subpart C, consisting of §§ 102–74.365 through 102–74.455.

Appendix to Part 102–74—Rules and Regulations Governing Conduct on Federal Property—[Removed]

- 2. Remove appendix A to part 102–74.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 10

[PS Docket Nos. 15–91 and 15–94; DA 25–12; FR ID 326387]

Wireless Emergency Alerts and the Emergency Alert System

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; announcement of compliance date.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) announces that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved a non-substantive change to the information collection associated with Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) rules adopted in a Report and Order issued by the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (*Multilingual WEA Implementation Report and Order*). These rules describe how commercial mobile service providers who participate in WEA (Participating CMS Providers) must implement multilingual templates for the most commonly issued and most time-sensitive types of alerts in English, the next thirteen most commonly spoken languages in the United States, and American Sign Language (ASL). Specifically, Participating CMS Providers shall support the pre-scripted templates published in 90 FR 57288 for eighteen emergency events. For English and the thirteen written languages, Participating CMS Providers must support the inclusion of four fillable elements that customize the pre-scripted alert templates: the name of the sending agency, the location pertaining to the alert message, the time when the emergency conditions described in the alert are expected to end, and an optional URL. When an alert originator sends a non-English template message, Participating CMS Providers must display the corresponding pre-scripted alert message in English after the non-English message.

DATES: Effective June 12, 2028. The amendments to 47 CFR 10.480 (amendatory instruction 2) and 47 CFR 10.500(e) (amendatory instruction 3), published at 90 FR 57288 on December 10, 2025, are effective on June 12, 2028.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joshua Gehret, Cybersecurity and Communications Reliability Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, (202) 418–7816 or joshua.gehret@fcc.gov. For the Paperwork Reduction Act information collection requirements contained in this document, contact Nicole Ongele, Office of Managing Director, Performance and Program Management, 202–418–2991 or PRA@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document announces that OMB approved the non-substantive change to the information collection requirements in 47 CFR 10.480 and 47 CFR 10.500(e) on January 12, 2026.

The Commission publishes this document as an announcement of the compliance date of the rules.

If you have any comments on the burden estimates listed in the following, or how the Commission can improve the collections and reduce any burdens caused thereby, please contact Nicole Ongele, Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554. Please include OMB Control Number, 3060–1113, in your correspondence. The Commission will also accept your comments via email at PRA@fcc.gov. 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).

Synopsis

As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507), the FCC is notifying the public that it received OMB approval on January 12, 2026 of changes to 47 CFR 10.480 and 47 CFR 10.500(e) that OMB determined are non-substantive changes to the previously approved collection.

Under 5 CFR part 1320, an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a current, valid OMB Control Number.

No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act that does not display a current, valid OMB Control Number.

The foregoing notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, October 1, 1995, and 44 U.S.C. 3507.

The total annual reporting burdens and costs for the respondents are as follows:

OMB Control Number: 3060–1113.

OMB Approval Date: January 12, 2026.

OMB Expiration Date: August 31, 2027.

Title: Election Whether to Participate in the Wireless Emergency Alerts.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 1,253 respondents; 5,176 responses.

Estimated Timer per Response: 0.50–12 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion and semi-annual reporting requirements.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 151, 152, 154, 301, 303, 307, 309, 403, and 606, of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and 1201, 1203, 1204, and 1206 of the Warning Alert and Response Network Acts.

Total Annual Burden: 106,943 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$7,050,800.

Needs and Uses: The modifications OMB approved provides implementation details for how WEA messages will be made available by Participating CMS providers in English and the 13 most commonly spoken languages in the U.S., as well as American Sign Language. This will make these alerts available for the first

time to the millions of Americans who are not native English speakers and to our hearing impaired population.

In the Multilingual WEA Implementation Order, 90 FR 57288, the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau requires Participating CMS Providers to implement multilingual templates for the most commonly issued and most time-sensitive types of alerts in English, the next thirteen most commonly spoken languages in the United States, and American Sign Language (ASL). Specifically, Participating CMS Providers shall support the pre-scripted templates published in 90 FR 57288 for eighteen emergency events. For English and the thirteen written languages, Participating CMS Providers must support the

inclusion of four fillable elements that customize the pre-scripted alert templates: the name of the sending agency, the location pertaining to the alert message, the time when the emergency conditions described in the alert are expected to end, and an optional URL. When an alert originator sends a non-English template message, Participating CMS Providers must display the corresponding pre-scripted alert message in English after the non-English message.

Federal Communications Commission.

Zenji Nakazawa,

Chief, Public Safety Homeland Security Bureau.

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Proposed Rules

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2026-0016; Project Identifier MCAI-2025-01450-E]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Safran Helicopter Engines, S.A. (Type Certificate Previously Held by Turbomeca, S.A.) Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to supersede Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2024-24-02, which applies to all Safran Helicopter Engines, S.A. (Safran) Model ARRIUS 2F engines. AD 2024-24-02 requires removal of the affected fuel control unit (FCU) from service and replacement with a serviceable part. Since the FAA issued AD 2024-24-02, it was determined that certain serial numbers of the affected FCUs are not subject to the unsafe condition. This proposed AD would continue to require removal of the affected FCU from service and replacement with a serviceable part. This proposed AD would also reduce the number of affected FCUs. The FAA is proposing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: The FAA must receive comments on this NPRM by March 6, 2026.

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*. 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* under Docket No. FAA-2026-0016; 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 European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) material identified in this proposed AD, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; phone: +49 221 8999 000; email: *ADs@easa.europa.eu*; website: *easa.europa.eu*. You may find this material on the EASA website at *ad.easa.europa.eu*.

- You may view this material at the FAA, Operational Safety Branch, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222-5110.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Bergeron, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; phone: (860) 386-1805; email: *david.j.bergeron@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 using a method listed under **ADDRESSES**. Include “Docket No. FAA-2026-0016; Project Identifier MCAI-2025-01450-E” 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 the 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*, 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 David Bergeron, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590. Any commentary that the FAA receives which is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this rulemaking.

Background

The FAA issued AD 2024-24-02, Amendment 39-22892 (89 FR 92789, November 25, 2024), (AD 2024-24-02), for all Safran Model ARRIUS 2F engines. AD 2024-24-02 was prompted by an MCAI originated by EASA, which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union. EASA issued EASA Emergency AD 2024-0202-E, dated October 22, 2024 (EASA Emergency AD 2024-0202-E), to correct an unsafe condition identified as a missing lubricating and balancing groove on one of the bearings of the FCU fuel pump related to a non-conforming manufacturing process.

AD 2024-24-02 requires removal of the affected FCU from service and replacement with a serviceable part. The FAA issued AD 2024-24-02 to detect and correct missing lubricating and balancing grooves on the bearings of the FCU fuel pump.

Actions Since AD 2024-24-02 Was Issued

Since the FAA issued AD 2024-24-02, EASA superseded EASA Emergency

AD 2024–0202–E and issued EASA AD 2024–0202R1, dated September 8, 2025 (EASA AD 2024–0202R1) (also referred to as the MCAI). The MCAI states that since EASA Emergency AD 2024–0202–E was issued, the manufacturing cards were reviewed and it was determined that certain serial numbers were not subject to the non-conforming manufacturing process.

The FAA is issuing this AD to detect and correct missing lubricating and balancing grooves on the bearings of the FCU fuel pump and reduce the number of affected serial numbers. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in an uncommanded in-flight shut-down and a significant reduction of the control of a single engine helicopter.

You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2026–0016.

Material Incorporated by Reference Under 1 CFR Part 51

The FAA reviewed EASA AD 2024–0202R1, which specifies procedures for replacement of the affected parts with serviceable parts. The MCAI also specifies prohibiting installation of affected parts on an engine. This material is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course of business

or by the means identified in the **ADDRESSES** section.

FAA’s Determination

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

Proposed AD Requirements in This NPRM

This proposed AD would retain all requirements of AD 2024–24–02. This proposed AD would reduce the number of affected FCUs. This proposed AD would also require accomplishing the actions specified in the material already described.

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 with manufacturers and CAAs. As a result, the FAA proposes to incorporate EASA AD 2024–0202R1 by reference in the FAA final rule. This proposed AD would, therefore, require compliance with EASA AD 2024–0202R1 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 EASA AD 2024–0202R1 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 2024–0202R1. Material required by EASA AD 2024–0202R1 for compliance will be available at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2026–0016 after the FAA final rule is published.

Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD, if adopted as proposed, would affect five engines installed on helicopters of U.S. registry.

The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this proposed AD:

ESTIMATED COSTS

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
Replace the FCU	1 work-hour × \$85 per hour = \$85	\$20,650	\$20,735	\$103,675

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 that the proposed regulation:

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

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

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

The Proposed Amendment

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

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

- 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:
Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

- 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by:
 - a. Removing Airworthiness Directive AD 2024–24–02, Amendment 39–22892 (89 FR 92789, November 25, 2024); and
 - b. Adding the following new airworthiness directive:

Safran Helicopter Engines, S.A. (Type Certificate Previously Held by Turbomeca, S.A.): Docket No. FAA–2026–0016; Project Identifier MCAI–2025–01450–E.

(a) Comments Due Date

The FAA must receive comments on this airworthiness directive (AD) by March 6, 2026.

(b) Affected ADs

This AD replaces AD 2024–24–02, Amendment 39–22892 (89 FR 92789, November 25, 2024) (AD 2024–24–02).

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to Safran Helicopter Engines, S.A. (Type Certificate previously held by Turbomeca, S.A.) Model ARRIUS 2F Engines, as identified in European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2024–0202R1, dated September 8, 2025 (EASA AD 2024–0202R1).

(d) Subject

Joint Aircraft System Component (JASC) Code 7314, Engine Fuel Pump.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by a report of an uncommanded in-flight shut-down (IFSD) of a Safran Model ARRIUS 2F engine, followed by an investigation that revealed the IFSD was due to a missing lubricating and balancing groove on one of the bearings of the fuel control unit (FCU) fuel pump related to a non-conforming manufacturing process, and the determination that certain serial numbers of the affected FCUs are not affected by the unsafe condition. The FAA is issuing this AD to detect and correct missing lubricating and balancing grooves on the bearings of the FCU fuel pump and reduce the number of affected serial numbers. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in an uncommanded IFSD and a significant reduction of the control of a single engine helicopter.

(f) Compliance

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

(g) Required Actions

Except as specified in paragraphs (h) and (i) of this AD: Do all required actions within the compliance times specified in, and in accordance with EASA AD 2024–0202R1.

(h) Exceptions to EASA AD 2024–0202R1

(1) Where EASA AD 2024–0202R1 refers to “October 24, 2024 [the effective date of the original issue of this AD],” this AD requires using December 10, 2024 (the effective date of AD 2024–24–02).

(2) Although the service information referenced in EASA AD 2024–0202R1 specifies to return the FCU to a Repair Center approved by Safran Helicopter Engines, this AD requires removing those parts from service.

(3) This AD does not adopt the “Remarks” section of EASA AD 2024–0202R1.

(i) No Reporting Requirement

Although the service information referenced in EASA AD 2024–0202R1 specifies to submit certain information to the manufacturer, this AD does not include that requirement.

(j) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

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

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

(k) Additional Information

For more information about this AD, contact David Bergeron, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; phone: (860) 386–1805; email: david.j.bergeron@faa.gov.

(l) 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 the AD specifies otherwise.

(i) European Union Aviation Safety Agency AD 2024–0202R1, dated September 8, 2025.

(ii) [Reserved]

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

(4) You may view this material at FAA, Operational Safety Branch, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222–5110.

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

Issued on January 14, 2026.

Steven W. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2026–0534; Airspace Docket No. 26–AGL–2]

RIN 2120–AA66

Amendment of Class E Airspace; Covington, KY

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to amend the Class E airspace at Covington, KY. The FAA is proposing this action as the result of airspace reviews conducted due to the decommissioning of the Cincinnati very high frequency omnidirectional range (VOR) as part of the VOR Minimum Operational Network (MON) Program. This action would bring the airspace into compliance with FAA orders and support instrument flight rule (IFR) procedures and operations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 6, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by FAA Docket No. FAA–2026–0534 and Airspace Docket No. 26–AGL–2 using any of the following methods:

* *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

* *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M–30; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12–140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

* *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

* *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at (202) 493–2251.

Docket: Background documents or comments received may be read at www.regulations.gov at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or go to Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FAA Order JO 7400.11K, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed

online at www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. You may also contact the Rules and Regulations Group, Office of Policy, Federal Aviation Administration, 600 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20597; telephone: (202) 267-8783.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Claypool, Federal Aviation Administration, Operations Support Group, Central Service Center, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177; telephone (817) 222-5711.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority for This Rulemaking

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. 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. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it would amend the Class E airspace at the affected airports to support IFR operations.

Comments Invited

The FAA invites interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written comments, data, or views. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the proposal, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. To ensure the docket does not contain duplicate comments, commenters should submit only one time if comments are filed electronically, or commenters should send only one copy of written comments if comments are filed in writing.

The FAA will file in the docket all comments it receives, as well as a report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerning this proposed rulemaking. Before acting on this proposal, the FAA will consider all comments it received on or before the closing date for comments. The FAA will consider comments filed after the comment period has closed if it is possible to do so without incurring

expense or delay. The FAA may change this proposal in light of the comments it receives.

Privacy: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.dot.gov/privacy.

Availability of Rulemaking Documents

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the internet at www.regulations.gov. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's web page at www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/airspace_amendments/.

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office (see the **ADDRESSES** section for the address, phone number, and hours of operations). An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Organization, Central Service Center, Operations Support Group, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177.

Incorporation by Reference

Class E airspace relevant to this action are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order JO 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 on an annual basis. This document proposes to amend the current version of that order, FAA Order JO 7400.11K, dated August 4, 2025, and effective September 15, 2025. These updates would be published in the next update to FAA Order JO 7400.11. FAA Order JO 7400.11K, which lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points, is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to 14 CFR part 71 that would modify the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 ft. above the surface at Covington, KY, due to airspace reviews conducted as part of the decommissioning of the Cincinnati VOR as part of the VOR MON Program.

For the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, Covington, KY, Class E airspace extending upward from

700 ft. above the surface, the proposal would decrease the radius from 10 miles to 7.9 miles from the airport.

For the Clermont County Airport, Batavia, OH, Class E airspace extending upward from 700 ft. above the surface contained within the Covington, KY, airspace legal description, the proposal would increase the radius from 6.8 miles to 7 miles.

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

The FAA has determined that this proposed regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this proposed rule, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review

This proposal will be subject to an environmental analysis in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1G, "FAA National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures" prior to any FAA final regulatory action.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

■ 1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

■ 2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order JO 7400.11K, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 4, 2025, and

effective September 15, 2025, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005 Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward From 700 Feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.

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ASO KY E5 Covington, KY [Amended]

Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, KY

(Lat. 39°02'56" N, long 084°40'04" W)

Cincinnati Municipal Airport/Lunken Field, OH

(Lat. 39°06'12" N, long 084°25'07" W)

Clermont County Airport, OH

(Lat. 39°04'42" N, long 084°12'37" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7.9-mile radius of Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport; and within an 8.8-mile radius of Cincinnati Municipal Airport/Lunken Field; and within 2 miles each side of the 021° bearing from the Cincinnati Municipal Airport/Lunken Field extending from the 8.8-mile radius of the Cincinnati Municipal Airport/Lunken Field to 12.3 miles north of Cincinnati Municipal Airport/Lunken Field; and within 2 miles each side of the 062° bearing of the Cincinnati Municipal Airport/Lunken Field extending from the 8.8-mile radius of Cincinnati Municipal Airport/Lunken Field to 11 miles northeast of Cincinnati Municipal Airport/Lunken Field; and within 2 miles each side of the 201° bearing from the Cincinnati Municipal Airport/Lunken Field extending from the 8.8-mile radius of the Cincinnati Municipal Airport/Lunken Field to 11.7 miles south of Cincinnati Municipal Airport/Lunken Field; and within a 7-mile radius of Clermont County Airport.

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Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on January 15, 2026.

Courtney E. Johns,

Acting Manager, Operations Support Group, ATO Central Service Center.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

21 CFR Part 1308

[Docket No. DEA-1442]

Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of 2-Fluorodeschloroketamine in Schedule I

AGENCY: Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

ACTION: Proposed amendment; notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration is issuing this notice of intent to publish a temporary order to schedule 2-(2-

fluorophenyl)-2-(methylamino)cyclohexan-1-one (commonly known as 2-fluorodeschloroketamine or 2-FDCK), including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation, in schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act. When it is issued, the temporary scheduling order will impose the regulatory controls and administrative, civil, and criminal sanctions applicable to schedule I controlled substances on persons who handle (manufacture, distribute, reverse distribute, import, export, engage in research, conduct instructional activities or chemical analysis with, or possess) or propose to handle 2-fluorodeschloroketamine.

DATES: January 20, 2026.

ADDRESSES: 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of intent contained in this document is issued pursuant to the temporary scheduling provisions of 21 U.S.C. 811(h). The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) intends to issue a temporary scheduling order¹ (in the form of a temporary amendment) to add 2-fluorodeschloroketamine, including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation, to schedule I under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA). The temporary scheduling order will be published in the **Federal Register** on or after February 19, 2026.

Legal Authority

The CSA provides the Attorney General with the authority to temporarily place a substance in schedule I of the CSA for two years without regard to the requirements of 21 U.S.C. 811(b), if she finds that such action is necessary to avoid an imminent hazard to public safety.² In addition, if proceedings to control a substance are initiated under 21 U.S.C.

¹ Though DEA has used the term "final order" with respect to temporary scheduling orders in the past, this notice of intent adheres to the statutory language of 21 U.S.C. 811(h), which refers to a "temporary scheduling order." No substantive change is intended.

² 21 U.S.C. 811(h)(1).

811(a)(1) while the substance is temporarily controlled under section 811(h), the Attorney General may extend the temporary scheduling for up to one year.³

Where the necessary findings are made, a substance may be temporarily scheduled if it is not listed in any other schedule under 21 U.S.C. 812, or if there is no exemption or approval in effect for the substance under section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act), 21 U.S.C. 355.⁴

In addition, the United States is a party to the 1971 United Nations Convention on Psychotropic Substances (1971 Convention), Feb. 21, 1971, 32 U.S.T. 543, 1019 U.N.T.S. 175, as amended. Procedures respecting changes in drug schedules under the 1971 Convention are set forth in 21 U.S.C. 811(d)(2)-(4). When the United States receives notification of a scheduling decision pursuant to Article 2 of the 1971 Convention indicating that a drug or other substance has been added to a schedule specified in the notification, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS),⁵ after consultation with the Attorney General, shall first determine whether existing legal controls under subchapter I of the CSA and the FD&C Act meet the requirements of the schedule specified in the notification with respect to the specific drug or substance. In the event that the Secretary did not consult with the Attorney General, and the Attorney General did not issue a temporary order, as provided under 21 U.S.C. 811(d)(4), the procedures for permanent scheduling set forth in 21 U.S.C. 811(a) and (b) control. The Attorney General has delegated scheduling authority under 21 U.S.C. 811 to the Administrator of DEA (Administrator).⁶

Background

On June 6, 2024, the Secretariat of the United Nations advised the Secretary of State of the United States that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND),

³ 21 U.S.C. 811(h)(2).

⁴ 21 U.S.C. 811(h)(1); 21 CFR part 1308.

⁵ As discussed in a memorandum of understanding entered into by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), FDA acts as the lead agency within HHS in carrying out the Secretary's scheduling responsibilities under the CSA, with the concurrence of NIDA. *Memorandum of Understanding with the National Institute on Drug Abuse*, 50 FR 9518 (Mar. 8, 1985). The Secretary has delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Health of HHS the authority to make domestic drug scheduling recommendations. *Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970, Public Law 91-513, As Amended; Delegation of Authority*, 58 FR 35460 (July 1, 1993).

⁶ 28 CFR 0.100.

during its 67th session on March 19, 2024, voted to place 2-fluorodeschloroketamine in Schedule II of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 (CND Decision 67/4). As a signatory to this international treaty, the United States is required to place appropriate controls within the CSA on 2-fluorodeschloroketamine to meet the requirements of the treaty. To meet the minimum requirements of this treaty and to confront this emerging substance, DEA intends to temporarily place 2-fluorodeschloroketamine in schedule I of the CSA.

The CSA requires the Administrator to notify the Secretary of HHS of this intent to issue a temporary scheduling order.⁷ By letter dated November 1, 2024 (the November 1 DEA letter), the then-Administrator transmitted the required notice to place 2-fluorodeschloroketamine in schedule I on a temporary basis to the then-Assistant Secretary for Health of HHS (then-Assistant Secretary).⁸ By letter dated November 8, 2024 (the November 8 HHS letter), the then-Assistant Secretary responded to this notice and advised that based on a review by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), there were currently no investigational new drug applications (IND) or approved new drug applications (NDA) for 2-fluorodeschloroketamine. The then-Assistant Secretary also stated that HHS had no objection to the temporary placement of this substance in schedule I of the CSA; however, due to the change in HHS's leadership after the November 8 HHS letter, DEA requested an updated response from HHS, by letter dated May 28, 2025 (the May 28 DEA letter). By letter dated June 11, 2025 (the June 11 HHS letter), the Acting Assistant Secretary responded that, based on an updated review by FDA, there are currently no NDAs or INDs for 2-fluorodeschloroketamine. Therefore, HHS had no objections to the temporary placement of 2-fluorodeschloroketamine in schedule I. 2-Fluorodeschloroketamine currently is not listed in any schedule under the CSA.

To find that placing a substance temporarily in schedule I of the CSA is necessary to avoid an imminent hazard to public safety, the Administrator must consider three of the eight factors set forth in 21 U.S.C. 811(c)(4)–(6): the

substance's history and current pattern of abuse; the scope, duration and significance of abuse; and what, if any, risk there is to public health.⁹ This consideration includes any information indicating actual abuse, diversion from legitimate channels, and clandestine importation, manufacture, or distribution of this substance.¹⁰

Substances meeting the statutory requirements for temporary scheduling may only be placed in schedule I.¹¹ Substances in schedule I have high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States,¹² and a lack of accepted

⁹ 21 U.S.C. 811(h)(3).

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ 21 U.S.C. 811(h)(1).

¹² When finding schedule I placement on a temporary basis is necessary to avoid imminent hazard to the public, 21 U.S.C. 811(h) does not require DEA to consider whether the substance has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States. Nonetheless, there is no evidence suggesting that 2-fluorodeschloroketamine has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States. First, DEA looks to whether the drug or substance has FDA approval. When no FDA approval exists, DEA has traditionally applied a five-part test to determine whether a drug or substance has a currently accepted medical use: (1) the drug's chemistry must be known and reproducible; (2) there must be adequate safety studies; (3) there must be adequate and well-controlled studies proving efficacy; (4) the drug must be accepted by qualified experts; and (5) the scientific evidence must be widely available. *Marijuana Scheduling Petition; Denial of Petition; Remand*, 57 FR 10499 (Mar. 26, 1992), *pet. for rev. denied*, *Alliance for Cannabis Therapeutics v. Drug Enforcement Admin.*, 15 F.3d 1131, 1135 (D.C. Cir. 1994). DEA applied the traditional five-part test and concluded the test was not satisfied. In a recent published letter in a different context, HHS applied an additional two-part test to determine currently accepted medical use for substances that do not satisfy the five-part test: (1) whether there exists widespread, current experience with medical use of the substance by licensed health care providers operating in accordance with implemented jurisdiction-authorized programs, where medical use is recognized by entities that regulate the practice of medicine, and, if so, (2) whether there exists some credible scientific support for at least one of the medical conditions for which part (1) is satisfied. On April 11, 2024, the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) issued an opinion, which, among other things, concluded that HHS's two-part test would be sufficient to establish that a drug has a currently accepted medical use. Office of Legal Counsel, Memorandum for Merrick B. Garland Attorney General Re: Questions Related to the Potential Rescheduling of Marijuana at 3 (April 11, 2024). For purposes of this notice of intent, there is no evidence that health care providers have widespread experience with medical use of 2-fluorodeschloroketamine or that the use of 2-fluorodeschloroketamine is recognized by entities that regulate the practice of medicine, so the two-part test also is not satisfied. In the November 8 HHS letter, HHS advised DEA that there were currently no approved new drug applications or investigational new drug applications for 2-fluorodeschloroketamine. Additionally, HHS communicated no objections to the temporary placement of 2-fluorodeschloroketamine in schedule I of the CSA. In the July 11 HHS letter, HHS reaffirmed its position and advised DEA that there are currently

safety for use under medical supervision.¹³

2-Fluorodeschloroketamine

The availability of new psychoactive substances on the illicit drug market continues to pose an imminent hazard to public safety. Adverse health effects associated with the abuse of such substances and their increased popularity have become a serious concern in recent years. Such substances include 2-fluorodeschloroketamine, which has been identified on the illicit drug market in the United States and worldwide.

The positive identification of 2-fluorodeschloroketamine in law enforcement seizures and toxicology reports poses a serious concern to public safety. 2-Fluorodeschloroketamine has been detected in 52 drug seizures across 12 states since 2018, and this substance has been detected in biological samples from 3 overdose cases in the United States.

Data obtained from preclinical pharmacology studies show that 2-fluorodeschloroketamine has a pharmacological profile similar to that of other arylcyclohexylamines, such as phencyclidine (PCP) and ketamine, which are schedule II and III controlled substances, respectively. Due to these pharmacological similarities, the use of 2-fluorodeschloroketamine presents a high risk of abuse and may negatively affect users and their communities. These pharmacological similarities also lead to similar clinical presentations of intoxication that range from hallucinogenic-like adverse effects to death. Thus, 2-fluorodeschloroketamine poses an imminent hazard to public safety.

Available data and information for 2-fluorodeschloroketamine, summarized below, indicate that this substance has a high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, and a lack of accepted safety for use under medical supervision. DEA's three-factor analysis is available in its entirety under "Supporting and Related Material" of the public docket for this action at www.regulations.gov under Docket Number DEA-1442.

no approved new drug applications or investigational new drug applications for 2-fluorodeschloroketamine. Additionally, HHS reaffirmed that it had no objections to the temporary placement of 2-fluorodeschloroketamine in schedule I of the CSA.

¹³ 21 U.S.C. 812(b)(1).

⁷ 21 U.S.C. 811(h)(4).

⁸ The Secretary of HHS has delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Health of HHS the authority to make domestic drug scheduling recommendations. *Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970, Public Law 91-513, As Amended; Delegation of Authority*, 58 FR 35460 (July 1, 1993).

Factor 4. History and Current Pattern of Abuse

2-Fluorodeschloroketamine belongs to a chemical structural class of substances known as arylcyclohexylamines that includes dissociative anesthetics PCP (a schedule II substance) and ketamine (a schedule III substance). Details on 2-fluorodeschloroketamine synthesis have been available since 2014, long after its first reported synthesis without details in 1987. In 2015, online forum users began to discuss the psychoactive properties of 2-fluorodeschloroketamine and commonly compared 2-fluorodeschloroketamine to ketamine. Unlike ketamine, however, 2-fluorodeschloroketamine has no currently approved medical use. In the November 8 HHS letter to DEA, the then-Assistant Secretary stated that there were no FDA-approved NDAs or INDs for 2-fluorodeschloroketamine. In the June 11 HHS letter to DEA, the Acting Assistant Secretary reaffirmed that there were no FDA-approved NDAs or INDs for 2-fluorodeschloroketamine.

2-Fluorodeschloroketamine emerged on the illicit drug market similarly to other dissociative anesthetics that are trafficked for their psychoactive effects; this is evidenced by the identification of this substance in forensic drug exhibits and toxicology samples. Based on available data from user reports and law enforcement seizures, individuals typically purchase 2-fluorodeschloroketamine as powder or crystals, which are then crushed and placed into capsules or solubilized. Common routes of administration include oral consumption or insufflation, while less commonly mentioned routes include intramuscular injection, sublingual administration, and rectal insertion. In addition, scientific literature and toxicological reports indicate that 2-fluorodeschloroketamine is likely co-ingested with other substances, whether as separate products or a single product containing multiple licit and illicit substances. In toxicological reports, substances co-identified with 2-fluorodeschloroketamine included, but were not limited to, 2-fluoromethamphetamine (schedule I); 3,4-methylenedioxymphetamine (MDA; schedule I); 3,4-methylenedioxymphetamine (MDMA; schedule I); 4-methoxy PCP; ADB-BUTINACA (schedule I); ketamine (schedule III); fentanyl (schedule II); mitragynine; morphine (schedule II); and various prescription drugs.

Factor 5. Scope, Duration, and Significance of Abuse

Users on online forums began to discuss 2-fluorodeschloroketamine and its consumption in 2015. In 2016, government authorities in Spain first documented the appearance of 2-fluorodeschloroketamine on the illicit drug market, and this substance has since been detected in numerous countries, such as Australia, Austria, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Italy, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Some of these countries actively regulated 2-fluorodeschloroketamine under psychoactive drug control regulations prior to its international control in 2024.

Law enforcement data indicate that the presence of 2-fluorodeschloroketamine is widespread in the United States. Since 2018, DEA's National Forensic Laboratory Information System (NFLIS-Drug)¹⁴ registered a total of 52 reports, across 12 states, pertaining to the trafficking, distribution, and abuse of 2-fluorodeschloroketamine.¹⁵ These states include California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Factor 6. What, if Any, Risk There Is to Public Health

2-Fluorodeschloroketamine is a potent arylcyclohexylamine, and evidence suggests that users abuse this substance for its dissociative effects. Literature and case reports indicate that the clinical presentation of 2-fluorodeschloroketamine intoxication is similar to that from other arylcyclohexylamines, such as PCP (schedule II) and ketamine (schedule III), and ranges from hallucinogenic-like adverse effects to death. In nonfatal intoxications, adverse effects include acute neurological symptoms resulting in cognitive and behavioral abnormalities, as well as cardiovascular symptoms, such as hypertension and

¹⁴NFLIS-Drug represents an important resource in monitoring illicit drug trafficking, including the diversion of legally manufactured pharmaceuticals into illegal markets. NFLIS-Drug is a comprehensive information system that includes data from forensic laboratories that handle more than 96 percent of an estimated 1 million distinct annual federal, state, and local drug analysis cases. NFLIS-Drug includes drug chemistry results from completed analyses only. While NFLIS-Drug data are not direct evidence of abuse, these can lead to an inference that a drug has been diverted and abused. See *Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Carisoprodol Into Schedule IV*, 76 FR 77330, 77332 (Dec. 12, 2011).

¹⁵NFLIS-Drug data were queried on December 11, 2025. NFLIS-Drug reports are still pending for 2025 due to normal lag time.

tachycardia. Literature also indicates that 2-fluorodeschloroketamine has been used as a "date rape" drug and was detected among 11 cases of drug-facilitated sexual assault internationally.

In addition, according to findings by the DEA Toxicology Testing Program (DEA TOX),¹⁶ 2-fluorodeschloroketamine has been positively identified in a total of three overdose cases, two of which were fatal, and included both male (n = 2, both age 31) and female (n = 1, age 36) users. While toxicological and forensic case reports are available in medical and scientific literature and provide evidence of 2-fluorodeschloroketamine abuse, commonly used drug screening methods may not yet be able to identify 2-fluorodeschloroketamine. Consequently, additional emergency room admissions and fatalities involving 2-fluorodeschloroketamine have likely occurred without report.

Lastly, U.S. law enforcement data indicate that 2-fluorodeschloroketamine has been encountered since 2018 and that this substance is easily and affordably obtainable online and on the illicit market. Consequently, individuals may be unknowingly exposed to this substance despite their intentions to consume other drugs, such as bucinnazine, ketamine, or methoxphenidine. Analytical testing of seized samples indicates single and combinations of substances, suggesting that 2-fluorodeschloroketamine may be frequently used as an adulterant or ketamine substitute. The unpredictable levels of adulterant or drug purity across samples may pose significant harm to public health.

Finding of Necessity of Schedule I Placement To Avoid Imminent Hazard to Public Safety

In accordance with 21 U.S.C. 811(h)(3), based on the available data and information summarized above, the uncontrolled manufacture, distribution, reverse distribution, importation, exportation, conduct of research and chemical analysis, possession, and abuse of 2-fluorodeschloroketamine pose an imminent hazard to public safety. DEA is not aware of any currently accepted medical uses for 2-fluorodeschloroketamine in treatment in the United States. A substance meeting

¹⁶DEA TOX is a surveillance program that aims to detect novel psychoactive substances (NPS) in fatal and nonfatal overdose cases within the United States. From these cases, biological samples, as well as drug paraphernalia (on limited occasions), are submitted for analysis by hospitals, medical examiners, poison centers, and law enforcement nationwide. DEA TOX data include confirmed detections of NPS through the data query date, December 16, 2025.

the statutory requirements for temporary scheduling, found in 21 U.S.C. 811(h)(1), may only be placed in schedule I. Substances in schedule I are those that have a high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, and a lack of accepted safety for use under medical supervision. Available data and information for 2-fluorodeschloroketamine indicate that this substance has a high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, and a lack of accepted safety for use under medical supervision.

As required by 21 U.S.C. 811(h)(4), in the November 1 DEA letter, the then-Administrator notified the then-Assistant Secretary of DEA's intention to temporarily place 2-fluorodeschloroketamine in schedule I. HHS had no objection to the temporary placement of this substance in schedule I. However, due to the change in HHS's leadership after the November 8 HHS letter, DEA requested an updated response from HHS in the May 28 DEA letter. In the June 11 HHS letter, the Acting Assistant Secretary reaffirmed that HHS had no objection to the temporary placement of 2-fluorodeschloroketamine in schedule I.

Conclusion

This notice of intent provides the 30-day notice pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 811(h)(1) of DEA's intent to issue a temporary scheduling order. In accordance with 21 U.S.C. 811(h)(1) and (3), the Administrator considered available data and information, herein set forth the grounds for his determination that it is necessary to temporarily schedule 2-fluorodeschloroketamine in schedule I of the CSA, and finds that placement of this substance in schedule I of the CSA is necessary in order to avoid an imminent hazard to the public's safety.

The temporary placement of 2-fluorodeschloroketamine in schedule I of the CSA will take effect pursuant to a temporary scheduling order, which will not be issued before February 19, 2026. Because the Administrator hereby finds that this temporary scheduling order is necessary to avoid an imminent hazard to public safety, it will take effect on the date the order is published in the **Federal Register** and remain in effect for two years, with a possible extension of an additional year, pending completion of the regular (permanent) scheduling process.¹⁷ The Administrator intends to issue a temporary scheduling order as soon as

possible after the expiration of 30 days from the date of publication of this document. Upon publication of the temporary order, 2-fluorodeschloroketamine will then be subject to the CSA's schedule I regulatory controls and administrative, civil, and criminal sanctions applicable to the manufacture, distribution, reverse distribution, importation, exportation, research, conduct of instructional activities and chemical analysis, and possession.

The CSA sets forth specific criteria for scheduling drugs or other substances. Regular scheduling actions in accordance with 21 U.S.C. 811(a) are subject to formal rulemaking procedures "on the record after opportunity for a hearing" conducted pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 556 and 557.¹⁸ The regular scheduling process of formal rulemaking affords interested parties appropriate process and the government any additional relevant information needed to make a determination. Final decisions that conclude the regular scheduling process of formal rulemaking are subject to judicial review.¹⁹ Temporary scheduling orders are not subject to judicial review.²⁰

Regulatory Analyses

The CSA provides for expedited temporary scheduling actions where necessary to avoid an imminent hazard to public safety. Under 21 U.S.C. 811(h)(1), the Administrator (as delegated by the Attorney General) may, by order, temporarily schedule substances in schedule I. Such orders may not be issued before the expiration of 30 days from: (1) the publication of a notice in the **Federal Register** of the intent to issue such order and the grounds upon which such order is to be issued, and (2) the date that notice of the proposed temporary scheduling order is transmitted to the Assistant Secretary of HHS, as delegated by the Secretary of HHS.²¹

Inasmuch as section 811(h) directs that temporary scheduling actions be issued by order and sets forth the procedures by which such orders are to be issued, including the requirement of a publication in the **Federal Register** of a notice of intent, the notice-and-comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), 5 U.S.C. 553, do not apply to this notice of intent. The APA expressly differentiates between an order and a

rule, as it defines an "order" to mean a "final disposition, whether affirmative, negative, injunctive, or declaratory in form, of an agency *in a matter other than rule making.*"²² This contrasts with permanent scheduling actions, which are subject to formal rulemaking procedures done "on the record after opportunity for a hearing," and final decisions that conclude the scheduling process and are subject to judicial review.²³ The specific language chosen by Congress indicates its intent that DEA issue *orders* instead of proceeding by rulemaking when temporarily scheduling substances. Given that Congress specifically requires the Administrator (as delegated by the Attorney General) to follow rulemaking procedures for *other* kinds of scheduling actions,²⁴ it is noteworthy that, in section 811(h)(1), Congress authorized the issuance of temporary scheduling actions by order rather than by rule.

Even assuming that this notice of intent is subject to the notice-and-comment requirements of the APA, the Administrator finds that there is good cause to forgo the those requirements pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), as any further delays in the process for issuing temporary scheduling orders would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest given the manifest urgency to avoid an imminent hazard to public safety.

Although DEA believes this notice of intent to issue a temporary scheduling order is not subject to the notice-and-comment requirements of the APA, DEA notes that in accordance with 21 U.S.C. 811(h)(4), the Administrator took into consideration comments submitted by the Acting Assistant Secretary in response to the notice that DEA transmitted to the Acting Assistant Secretary pursuant to such subsection.

Further, DEA believes that this temporary scheduling action is not a "rule" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 601(2), and, accordingly, is not subject to the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA). The requirements for the preparation of an initial regulatory flexibility analysis in 5 U.S.C. 603(a) are not applicable where, as here, DEA is not required by the APA or any other law to publish a general notice of proposed rulemaking. As discussed above, DEA is issuing this notice of intent pursuant to DEA's authority to issue a temporary scheduling order.²⁵ Therefore, in this instance, since DEA believes this temporary scheduling

¹⁸ 21 U.S.C. 811.

¹⁹ 21 U.S.C. 877.

²⁰ 21 U.S.C. 811(h)(6).

²¹ 21 U.S.C. 811(h)(1).

²² 5 U.S.C. 551(6) (emphasis added).

²³ 21 U.S.C. 811(a) and 877.

²⁴ See 21 U.S.C. 811(a).

²⁵ 21 U.S.C. 811(h)(1).

¹⁷ 21 U.S.C. 811(h)(1) and (2).

action is not a “rule,” it is not subject to the requirements of the RFA when issuing this temporary action.

In accordance with the principles of Executive Orders (E.O.) 12866 and 13563, this action is not a significant regulatory action. E.O. 12866 directs agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health, and safety effects; distributive impacts; and equity). E.O. 13563 is supplemental to and reaffirms the principles, structures, and definitions governing regulatory review as established in E.O. 12866. Because this is not a rulemaking action, this is not a significant regulatory action as defined in Section 3(f) of E.O. 12866. In addition, DEA

scheduling actions are not subject to either E.O. 14192, Unleashing Prosperity Through Deregulation, or E.O. 14294, Fighting Overcriminalization in Federal Regulations.

This action will 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 E.O. 13132, it is determined that this action does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

List of Subjects in 21 CFR Part 1308

Administrative practice and procedure, Drug traffic control,

Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set out above, DEA proposes to amend 21 CFR part 1308 as follows:

PART 1308—SCHEDULES OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 1308 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 811, 812, 871(b), 956(b), unless otherwise noted.

■ 2. In § 1308.11: Add paragraph (h)(77) to read as follows:

§ 1308.11 Schedule I

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(h) * * *

(86) 2-Fluorodeschloroketamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers (other name: 2-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-(methylamino)cyclohexan-1-one; also known as 2-FDCK)	7284
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Signing Authority

This document of the Drug Enforcement Administration was signed on January 13, 2026, by Administrator Terrance C. Cole. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DEA. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DEA Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of DEA. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Heather Achbach,
Federal Register Liaison Officer, Drug Enforcement Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

34 CFR Part 395
[Docket ID ED-2024-OSERS-0008]
RIN 1820-AB83

Amendments to Definitions and Related Provisions Under the Randolph-Sheppard Vending Facility Program; Withdrawal

AGENCY: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.
ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Secretary is withdrawing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), which proposed to amend certain definitions in, and a new definition to, the Randolph-Sheppard Act (R-S Act) regulations. Specifically, the proposed regulations added a definition of “articles,” modified the definitions of “vending facility” and “vending machine,” amended the regulation pertaining to the location and operation of vending facilities, and added a provision pertaining to severability.

DATES: The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** at 90 FR 2550 on January 10, 2025, is withdrawn as of January 20, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Corinne Weidenthal, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW,

Room 4A114, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 245-6529. Email: Corinne.Weidenthal@ed.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 10, 2025, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a NPRM proposing to amend the R-S regulations at 34 CFR part 395. The comment period closed on March 11, 2025. The Department received a total of 67 public comments in response to the NPRM. Fifty-three of the total comments were submitted as part of a letter-writing campaign using three different form letters. These comments raised similar issues and were submitted by The Elected Committees of Blind Vendors and other blind vendors. In addition, the Department received comments from four State licensing agencies, two stakeholder groups, one organization, and seven other individual comments. Many of the comments were in support of the changes to the definitions and adding the definition of “articles”; however, the majority of comments also expressed concern with the removal of the word “services” within the definition of “vending machine.” Commenters stated that “services” should remain as part of the definition of “vending machine,”

because vending machines are included in the definition of vending facilities which allows for the provision of both articles and services. Further, commenters stated that the proposed definition will limit, not increase, employment opportunities, and maintaining “services” in the definition will allow the program to evolve as future vending becomes available. Further, the proposed regulation amending the location and operation of vending facilities received many comments expressing concern about whether the proposed regulation created or removed an exemption, specifically related to the National Park Service (NPS) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) properties. The current regulations provide that the provisions of the R–S Act do not apply at these locations when all accommodations, facilities, or services in such areas are operated by a single responsible concessioner. The proposed regulations continued with the premise that the R–S Act priority to operate a vending facility would apply to the NPS and NASA properties but clarified that if these agencies provide visitor services through an establishment that meets the definition of “vending facility” the R–S Act priority applies. Commenters expressed concern by the proposed exemption from the Randolph-Sheppard priority when services that meet the definition of a vending facility are combined with other visitor services that do not meet that definition. Other commenters stated they support removing the current exemption permitted by NASA and the NPS (*i.e.*, visitor services operated by a single concessioner) so that their properties are treated the same as all other Federal properties. The proposed rule also added a severability clause, but the Department did not receive any comments relating to that provision.

Withdrawal of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

We appreciate the feedback that the Department received in response to the NPRM. In light of the concerns raised by commenters in opposition and the additional burden these regulations would create, the Department is withdrawing the NPRM published in the **Federal Register** at 90 FR 2550 on January 10, 2025. Withdrawal of the NPRM does not preclude the Department from issuing rulemaking on this subject in the future or commit the

Department to any future course of action.

Accessible Format: On request to the program contact listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document in an accessible format. The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF) or text format (txt), a thumb drive, an MP3 file, braille, large print, audiotape, compact disc, or other accessible format.

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Linda E. McMahon,
Secretary of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 36

[Docket No. VA–2022–VBA–0013]

RIN 2900–AR42

Loan Guaranty: Servicer Tier Ranking Procedures

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is withdrawing a document published in the **Federal Register** on April 19, 2022, that requested public comment on revising VA’s regulations governing the assignment of a performance-based tier ranking to each of the servicers that participate in VA’s

guaranteed home loan program. VA is withdrawing this advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) because of ongoing assessments of agency needs, priorities, and objectives.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this withdrawn proposed rule is available at www.regulations.gov/docket/VA-2022-VBA-0013.

DATES: The ANPRM published at 87 FR 23152 on April 19, 2022, is withdrawn as of January 20, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Trevaayne and Stephanie Li, Assistant Directors, Loan Guaranty Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, (202) 632–8862.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a document published in the **Federal Register** on April 19, 2022, VA described delays associated with developing and implementing a tier ranking system (TRS) for servicers participating in the guaranteed home loan program, noted recent updates to the VA Loan Electronic Interface system, and requested public comment on potential issues, including time and cost, associated with implementing a TRS. 87 FR 23152. VA anticipated incorporating responses into a proposed rulemaking amending VA regulations at 38 Code of Federal Regulations 36.4318.

VA is withdrawing the ANPRM because of ongoing assessments of agency needs, priorities, and objectives. VA appreciates the public comments submitted and continues to consider the best means of addressing some or all of the issues covered in the ANPRM. If, in the future, VA decides it is appropriate to issue regulations on this topic, VA will do so through a new notice of proposed rulemaking, subject to the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 551, *et seq.*

Signing Authority

Douglas A. Collins, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on December 12, 2025 and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Nicole R. Cherry,

*Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2025–0703]

Notice of Request for Revision to and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP)

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request a revision to and extension of approval of an information collection associated with the National Poultry Improvement Plan.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before March 23, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Enter APHIS–2025–0703 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2025–0703, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, 5601 Sunnyside Ave., #AP760, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov> or in our reading room, which is in Room 1620 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through

Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the National Poultry Improvement Plan, contact Dr. Savannah Busby, DVM, Acting Senior Coordinator, National Poultry Improvement Plan, Veterinary Services, APHIS, 1506 Klondike Road SW, Suite 301, Conyers, GA 30094; (678) 501–1476. For more information on the information collection reporting process, contact Ms. Sheniqua Harris, APHIS' Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, at (301) 851–2528 or email APHIS.PRA@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP).

OMB Control Number: 0579–0007.

Type of Request: Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*) the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), is authorized, among other things, to administer the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP), the primary purpose of which is to protect the health of the U.S. poultry population. NPIP is a Federal-State-industry cooperative program for the improvement of poultry flocks and products through disease control techniques. Participation in all NPIP programs is voluntary, but flocks, hatcheries, and dealers of breeding poultry must first qualify as "U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean" as a condition for participation in NPIP programs. The NPIP regulations are contained in 9 CFR part 56, and parts 145 through 147.

To administer the NPIP, APHIS requires a number of activities to include memoranda of understanding; flock selecting and testing reports and commercial waterfowl/game bird egg producing flock surveillance; reports of sales of hatching eggs, chicks and poults (including printing and mailing computerized printouts for small shipments); summaries of breeding flock, table-egg layer flock, meat-type chicken and turkey slaughter plant participation; reports of hatcheries, dealers, and independent flocks, table-egg producers, meat-type chicken and turkey slaughter plants participating in

the NPIP; investigations of salmonella isolations in poultry; flock inspection and check testing reports; and hatchery inspection forms. Activities also include banding or marking of sentinel birds for identification prior to flock vaccination; requests for salmonella serotyping; applications for U.S. Avian influenza and Newcastle Clean Compartment and Clean Component Registrations and requests for removal; component audits; auditor applications for NPIP AI Clean Compartment Program; and compliance statements. Activities further include descriptions of animal identification and traceability processes; laboratory examination for Newcastle disease and reporting; diagnostic test evaluations; Newcastle disease biosecurity plans; indemnity compliance agreements; appraisal and indemnity claims for animals or materials destroyed; initial state response and containment plans; and recordkeeping.

We are asking OMB to approve our use of these information collection activities, as described, for an additional 3 years. APHIS has amended this information collection by correcting the number of Respondents reporting showing an increase which were miscounted in the previous collection; however, the number of Responses and Total Burden Hours slightly decreases.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(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 our 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, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies; *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.472 hours per response.

Respondents: State agriculture officials; flock owners; breeders; hatchery operators; table-egg, meat-type chicken, and meat-type turkey producers; feedlot and slaughter plant personnel; approved laboratory personnel; prospective and certified auditors; visitors, and associated entities.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 4,555.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 51.

Estimated annual number of responses: 234,529.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 110,738 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 15th day of January 2026.

Michael Watson,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Annual Integrated Economic Survey

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on August 21, 2025 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

Title: Annual Integrated Economic Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0607-1024.

Form Number(s): This electronic collection has no form number.

Type of Request: Regular submission, Request for a Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

Number of Respondents: 305,340.

Average Hours per Response: 2 hours and 15 minutes.

Burden Hours: 687,015.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau requests Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to make revisions to the Annual Integrated Economic Survey (AIES). Since survey year 2023 (collected in calendar year 2024), the Census Bureau has conducted the AIES on an annual basis. The AIES was created to integrate seven annual business surveys into one comprehensive survey. It was designed to combine Census Bureau collections to reduce respondent burden and increase data quality. The AIES provides the only comprehensive national and subnational data on business revenues and expenses on an annual basis. The survey covers domestic, nonfarm employer businesses with operations during the survey year. In survey year 2025 (which will be collected in calendar year 2026), a new sample will be selected. Additionally, the AIES will begin to use 2022 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes in its sampling, collection, and dissemination operations; implement a modular and subsampled content strategy to reduce respondent burden while still meeting data users' needs; collect North American Product Classification System (NAPCS)-based data from retail, wholesale, and services businesses; remove depreciable asset questions, select capital expenditure details (finance leases and software), company-level questions (leased employees and research and development spending), and select revenue details; and collect capital expenditures by type (structures and equipment).

Private businesses, organizations, industry analysts, educators and students, and economic researchers will use the estimates for analyzing and conducting impact evaluations on past and current economic performance, short-term economic forecasts, productivity, long-term economic growth, market analysis, tax policy, capacity utilization, business fixed capital stocks and capital formation, domestic and international competitiveness trade policy, product development, market research, and financial analysis. Trade and professional organizations will use the estimates to analyze industry trends and benchmark their own statistical

programs, develop forecasts, and evaluate regulatory requirements. Government program officials and agencies will use the data for research, economic policymaking, and forecasting. Estimates produced from the AIES will serve as a benchmark for Census Bureau indicator programs, such as the Monthly Retail Trade Survey (MRTS); Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders (M3); Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey (MWTS); and Quarterly Services Survey (QSS). The Census Bureau will also continue to use information collected in the AIES to update and maintain the centralized, multipurpose Business Register that provides sampling populations and enumeration lists for the Census Bureau's economic surveys and censuses. The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) will continue to use the estimates to derive industry output for the input-output accounts and for the gross domestic product (GDP). The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will continue to use the data as input to its Producer Price Index (PPI) and in developing productivity measurements. Additionally, the Federal Reserve Board (FRB) will continue to use the data to prepare the Index of Industrial Production, to improve estimates of investment indicators for monetary policy, and in monitoring retail credit lending. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will continue to use the data to estimate expenditures for the National Health Accounts and for monitoring and evaluating healthcare industries. The Department of the Treasury will continue to use the data to analyze depreciation and to research economic trends.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 131 and 182.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and

entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0607–1024.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Challenge and Prize Competition Solicitations Generic Clearance

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before March 23, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by mail to the Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, at PRAcomments@doc.gov. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to the Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, at 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230 or PRAcomments@doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for an extension of a currently approved generic clearance for the collection of routine information

requested of respondents in challenges and competitions that the Department of Commerce posts on the General Service Administration (GSA)'s *Challenge.gov* website since passage of the America COMPETES Act of 2011. In order for DOC to launch competitions quickly and effectively on a continual basis, DOC seeks generic clearance to collect information for these challenges and competitions, which will generally include first name, last name, email, city, state and when applicable other demographic information. It can also include other information necessary to evaluate submissions and understand their impact related to the general goals of the competition. Upon entry or during the judging process, applicants under the age of 18 may be asked to confirm parental consent, requiring students under 18 to have a parent's signature on a parental consent form provided by the DOC in order to qualify for the contest. For certain challenges we may also need to collect data such as types of data sets used in the solution, types of software tools used in the solution, and information regarding uses of proprietary software (*i.e.*, licenses or use agreements). Information obtained from participants will be used by the program managers (challenge manager), technical reviewers, and other agency officials (such as agency counsels).

In 2011, Federal agencies including DOC were given prize authority for administering challenges and competitions. Section 105(a) of the America Competes Act, adds Section 24 to the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3701 *et seq.*) that addresses provisions for challenges and competitions with prizes conducted by Federal agencies. Challenges and competitions enable DOC to tap into the expertise and creativity of the public in new ways. DOC evaluates submissions and typically awards monetary or non-monetary prizes to winning entries. DOC may sponsor challenges and competitions in a wide variety of areas to increase public participation and solicit new ideas on a wide array of topics important to the agency's mission. DOC's goal is to engage a broader number of stakeholders who are inspired to work on some of our most pressing issues.

The information collected will be used to understand whether the participant has met the technical requirements for the challenge, assist in the technical review and judging of the solutions that are provided, and assess how the competition was administered. Information may be collected during the competition or after its completion.

This clearance applies to challenges posted on *Challenge.gov*, which uses a common platform for the solicitation of challenges from the public. Each agency designs the criteria for its solicitations based on the goals of the challenge and the specific needs of the agency. There is no standard submission format for solution providers to follow, and there is no set schedule for the issuance of challenges; they are developed and issued on an "as needed" basis in response to issues the federal agency wishes to solve.

II. Method of Collection

The primary method of collection will be electronic. Some supporting documents may be emailed, mailed, or collected in person.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0690–0031.

Form Number(s): Varies or None.

Type of Review: Regular submission, an extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households; Private Sector; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,100.

Estimated Time per Response: 10–30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 800.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: Nominal.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Requests: One-time.

Legal Authority: 15 U.S.C. 3701 *et seq.*

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal

identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOC-2025-0076]

Privacy Act of 1974: System of Records

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of modified systems of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of Commerce is modifying 16 systems of records, listed below, to add a new routine use that allows information in each system to be disclosed to the Department of the Treasury for purposes of identifying, preventing, or recouping improper payments through Treasury’s Do Not Pay Working System. This modification

makes no other changes to those systems. This notice describes the new routine use and identifies the affected systems.

DATES: Comments on this routine use must be received on or before February 19, 2026. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) and (11), this routine use will go into effect without further notice on February 24, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified as pertaining to “E.O. 14249, Protecting America’s Bank Account Against Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Commerce Routine Use,” via the Federal Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. 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. Therefore, do not include any personal identifiers, contact information, or other non-public information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Brian Anderson, Privacy Act Officer, Office of Privacy and Open Government, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Room 61025, Washington, DC 20230, privacyact@doc.gov or call: 202-482-8294.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 25, 2025, the President signed Executive Order (E.O.) 14249, *Protecting*

America’s Bank Account Against Fraud, Waste, and Abuse, which requires Executive Branch agencies to “review and modify, as applicable, their relevant system of records notices under the Privacy Act of 1974 to include a ‘routine use’ that allows for the disclosure of records to the Department of the Treasury for the purposes of identifying, preventing, or recouping fraud and improper payments, to the extent permissible by law.” On August 20, 2025, OMB issued Memorandum M-25-32, *Preventing Improper Payments and Protecting Privacy Through Do Not Pay*, which provides guidance to agencies for implementing the new routine use requirement under E.O. 14249. The memorandum requires agencies to identify systems of records that maintain information “whose disclosure to Treasury would be relevant and necessary for identifying, preventing, or recouping improper payments by reviewing payment and award eligibility through the Do Not Pay Working System” and add a new routine use to each identified system to allow such disclosure. See OMB M-25-32, Appendix 1. Accordingly, this notice hereby modifies 16 systems of records, listed below, to add the new routine use prescribed by OMB to each of those systems, as set forth below. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(r), the Department has provided a report of these modified systems of records to Congress and to OMB.

The following systems of records are modified by this notice:

System No.* and name	Federal Register citation(s)
The preface “COMMERCE/” followed by: DEPT-1, Attendance, Leave, and Payroll Records of Employees and Certain Other Persons.	79 FR 36459, June 27, 2014; 79 FR 47436, Aug. 13, 2014.
DEPT-2, Accounts Receivable	68 FR 35849, June 17, 2003; 72 FR 45009, Aug. 10, 2007.
DEPT-9, Travel Records (Domestic and Foreign) of Employees and Certain Other Persons.	46 FR 63498, Dec. 31, 1981; 50 FR 9099, March 6, 1985; 72 FR 45009, Aug. 10, 2007.
DEPT-14, Litigation, Claims, and Administrative Proceeding Records.	46 FR 63498, Dec. 31, 1981; 65 FR 21168, May 22, 2000; 72 FR 45009, Aug. 10, 2007.
DEPT-15, Private Legislation Claimants-Central Legislative Files ..	46 FR 63498, Dec. 31, 1981; 72 FR 45009, Aug. 10, 2007.
DEPT-17, Records of Cash Receipts	46 FR 63498, Dec. 31, 1981; 50 FR 9099, March 6, 1985; 72 FR 45009, Aug. 10, 2007.
DEPT-18, Employees Personnel Files not Covered by Notices of Other Agencies.	68 FR 35852, June 17, 2003; 72 FR 38361, July 6, 2006; 71 FR 71506, Dec. 11, 2006; 72 FR 6200, Feb. 9, 2007; 72 FR 45009, Aug. 10, 2007.
DEPT-22, Small Purchase Records	58 FR 37460, July 12, 1993; 72 FR 45009, Aug. 10, 2007.
DEPT-32, Helping American Victims Affected by Neurological Attacks Act of 2021 (HAVANA Act) Records.	88 FR 24972, April 25, 2023.
NIST-8, Child Care Subsidy Program Records	80 FR 40995, July 14, 2015; 80 FR 51533, Aug. 25, 2015.
NOAA-3, NOAA Corps Officer Official Personnel Folders	81 FR 27083, May 5, 2016.
NOAA-5, Fisheries Law Enforcement Case Files	46 FR 63498, Dec. 31, 1981; 51 FR 44822, Dec. 12, 1986; 72 FR 45009, Aug. 10, 2007.
NOAA-13, Personnel, Payroll, Travel, and Attendance Records of the Regional Fishery Management Councils.	46 FR 63498, Dec. 31, 1981; 72 FR 45009, Aug. 10, 2007.
NOAA-14, Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program; Office of Education, Education Partnership Program (EPP), Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship Program and National Marine Fisheries Service Recruitment, Training, and Research Program.	80 FR 55829, Sep. 17, 2015; 80 FR 65983, Oct. 28, 2015.
NOAA-21, Financial Services Division	81 FR 44593, July 8, 2016.

System No.* and name	Federal Register citation(s)
USPTO–10, Fee Management Products	89 FR 32400, April 26, 2024.

* **Note:** The Department uses the following format for system numbers: COMMERCE/["DEPT" or component acronym]-[#]. The abbreviation "DEPT" is for Department-wide systems. For the component-level systems listed above, the acronyms are: "NIST" for National Institute of Standards and Technology; "NOAA" for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and "USPTO" for U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Further information about these systems is available at: <https://www.commerce.gov/opog/privacy/SORN>.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Please refer to the **Federal Register** citations in the table above.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Please refer to the **Federal Register** citations in the table above.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):

Please refer to the **Federal Register** citations in the table above.

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ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

Each system of records listed in the table above is modified to add the new routine use set forth below. All other routine uses in each of those systems are unchanged and remain in effect. The new routine use is as follows:

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To the U.S. Department of the Treasury when disclosure of the information is relevant to review payment and award eligibility through the Do Not Pay Working System for the purposes of identifying, preventing, or recouping improper payments to an applicant for, or recipient of, Federal funds, including funds disbursed by a state (meaning a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, a territory or possession of the United States, or a federally recognized Indian tribe) in a state-administered, federally funded program.

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HISTORY:

Please refer to the **Federal Register** citations in the table above.

Nicholas J. Cormier,
Acting Chief Privacy Officer and Director of Open Government, Office of Privacy and Open Government, U.S. Department of Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XF484]

Fisheries of the South Atlantic; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of Southeast Data Assessment and Review 90 Assessment Webinar 3 for South Atlantic Red Snapper.

SUMMARY: The Southeast Data Assessment and Review (SEDAR) 90 assessment process of South Atlantic Red Snapper will consist of a Data Workshop, a series of Assessment Webinars, and a Review Workshop. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

DATES: The SEDAR 90 Assessment Webinar 3 will be held from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. EDT February 23, 2026.

ADDRESSES: *SEDAR address:* 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405. www.sedarweb.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Emily Ott, SEDAR Coordinator; (843) 302–8434. Email: Emily.Ott@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Meeting address: The SEDAR 90 Assessment Webinar 3 will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. The webinar is open to members of the public. The established times may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the assessment process. Such adjustments may result in the meeting being extended from or completed prior to the time established by this notice.

The Gulf, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with the NMFS and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the SEDAR process. SEDAR is a participatory process for developing, evaluating and reviewing information used for fisheries management advice. This multi-step

process for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region may include (1) a Data stage, and (2) an Assessment stage, and (3) a Review stage. Each stage produces a report summarizing decisions made during that stage. A final stock assessment report is produced at the end of a SEDAR process documenting data sets used, model configurations and the opinions from the independent peer review. Participants for SEDAR projects are appointed by the Gulf, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and National Marine Fisheries Service Southeast Regional Office, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants may include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and non-governmental organizations; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and Federal agencies.

The item of discussion in the SEDAR 90 Assessment Webinar 3 is: Participants will discuss modeling topics.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business days prior to each workshop.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: January 15, 2026.
Rey Israel Marquez,
Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XF432]

Marine Mammals and Endangered Species

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.
ACTION: Notice; issuance of a permit and a permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a permit and a permit amendment have been issued under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA), as applicable.

ADDRESSES: The permits and related documents are available for review upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D.; at (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The requested permits have been issued

under the MMPA of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the ESA of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226), as applicable. Notices were published in the **Federal Register** on the dates listed below that requests had been submitted. To locate the **Federal Register** notice that announced our receipt of the application and a complete description of the activities, go to <https://www.federalregister.gov> and search for the file number provided in table 1 below.

TABLE 1—ISSUED PERMIT AND PERMIT AMENDMENT

File No.	Version No.	RTID	Applicant	Previous Federal Register notice	Issuance date
22306	01	0648-XB081	NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8901 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037 (Responsible Party: David Weller, Ph.D.).	86 FR 26013, May 12, 2021.	December 3, 2025.
29134	N/A	0648-XF188	Emily McCulliss, of Emily McCulliss Photography, LLC, P.O. Box 3668, Littleton, CO 80161.	90 FR 46392, September 26, 2025.	December 8, 2025.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

As required by the ESA, as applicable, issuance was based on a finding that such permits: (1) were applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: January 14, 2026.
Shannon Bettridge,
Chief, Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; North Pacific Fishery Management Council Cooperative Annual Reports

AGENCY: National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before March 23, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0648-0678 in the subject line of your comments. All comments received are part of the public record and will generally be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov> without change. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Mallarie Yeager, Marine Habitat Resource Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668, (907) 586-7228, mallarie.yeager@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This is a request for renewal of an approved information collection. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Alaska Regional Office (AKR), is the sponsor of this information collection.

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) has developed cooperative programs as options in several fishery catch share programs. As part of cooperative

programs, the Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) have required or requested that the cooperatives submit annual reports detailing various fishery activities. These reports are intended to be a resource for the Council to track the effectiveness of cooperatives and their ability to meet the Council's goals, and as way for NMFS to monitor the internal fishery management practices of cooperatives. Additionally, they are a tool for the cooperatives to provide feedback on the programs. This collection covers the following required and voluntary cooperative and inter-cooperative reports, agreements, and plans:

- The Alaska Crab Rationalization Program Cooperative Annual Report is voluntary and provides information about measures taken by cooperatives to increase the availability of crab quota share (QS) for transfer to active participants and crew members in the fishery, as well as actions to decrease high QS lease rates and improve low crew compensation.

- The Rockfish Program Cooperative Annual Report is a voluntary summary of cooperative harvests, retention, discards, monitoring methods, and disciplinary actions made within each Rockfish Program cooperative. Additionally, it contains voluntary reporting requirements including monthly chinook bycatch by origin, and intertemporal harvest information.

- The Amendment 80 Cooperative Annual Report is a required summary of cooperative harvests, discards, monitoring methods, disciplinary actions taken against non-compliant members, groundfish retention calculations, and a third-party audit. Voluntary elements of the report include catch from the Northern Bristol Bay Trawl Area, fleet catch capacity over time, and intertemporal harvest information. An additional voluntary element was added to this report in 2019 requesting information on cooperatives or other measures implemented to reduced bycatch in the BSAI yellowfin sole Trawl Limited Access Sector fishery by A80 participants.

- The Amendment 80 Halibut Prohibited Species Catch (PSC) Management Plan is a voluntary collection providing information to the Council about fishery cooperative halibut avoidance practices, communication between participating harvesters, use of halibut excluders, deck sorting, bycatch performance assessment of individual boats, incentives to reduce bycatch, and

consequences for substandard performance.

- The American Fisheries Act Catcher Vessel Intercooperative Agreement is voluntary and includes fishery allocations of cooperative members, penalties to members that exceed them, monitoring methods, limits on the amount of cod harvested by certain vessels. Procedures for Intercooperative sideboard transfers and incentives for prohibited species catch reduction.

- The American Fisheries Act Cooperative Annual Report is required and must report the cooperative's pollock and sideboard allocations, sub-allocations made to individual vessels, retained and discarded catch, monitoring methods, actions taken against non-compliant members, any pollock landed outside the State of Alaska, and chinook bycatch including a list of vessels with the highest bycatch rates. An additional voluntary element was added to this report in 2019 requesting information on cooperatives or other measures implemented to reduce bycatch in the BSAI yellowfin sole Trawl Limited Access Sector fishery by AFA participants.

- The Pacific Cod Trawl Cooperative (PCTC) Annual Report is voluntary and provides information on the structure, function and operation of the cooperatives, including information on cooperative quota (CQ) leasing activities, and any penalties issued, harvest of CQ resulting from processor-held quota share (QS), cooperative membership, cooperative management, and performance (including implementation of the Aleutian Islands set-aside when in effect).

II. Method of Collection

Methods of submittal include text attachments to email, mail, and facsimile transmission.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0678.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission [extension of a current information collection].

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 31.

Estimated Time per Response: Alaska Crab Rationalization Cooperative Annual Report, 30 hours; Rockfish Program Cooperative Annual Report, 45 hours; Amendment 80 Cooperative Annual Report, 40 hours; Amendment 80 Halibut Bycatch Avoidance Progress Report, 40 hours; Amendment 80 Halibut PSC Management Plan, 12 hours; American Fisheries Act Catcher

Vessel Inter-cooperative Agreement, 40 hours; American Fisheries Act Catcher Vessel Inter-cooperative Report, 8 hours; American Fisheries Act Cooperative Annual Report, 8 hours. Pacific Cod Trawl Cooperative Annual Report, 18 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 783 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$15,255 in recordkeeping and/or reporting costs.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary or Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*).

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this information collection request. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648–XF490]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will convene a Methodology Review Panel meeting to review the products of the Integrated West Coast Pelagics Survey. The meeting will be co-hosted by the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center. The meeting is open to the public and being conducted in person with a web broadcast that provides the opportunity for remote listening and public comment.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, February 24 through Thursday, February 26, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time) or until business for the day has been completed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Pacific Room, 8901 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037, Tel: 858–546–7000.

This meeting is being conducted in person with a web broadcast that provides the opportunity for remote public comment. Specific meeting information, materials, visitor protocols, and instructions for how to connect to the meeting remotely will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council's website (see www.pcouncil.org).

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220–1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katrina Bernaus, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820–2420, email: katrina.bernaus@pcouncil.org; Dr. André Punt, University of Washington; telephone (206) 221–6319; or Dr. Annie Yau, NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center; telephone: (858) 546–7083.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of a methodology review is to provide a peer review process for review and evaluation of new stock survey or data methodologies developed for potential inclusion in Pacific Council products. No management actions will

be decided by the Methodology Review Panel (Panel). The Panel participants' role will be the development of recommendations and reports for consideration by the Pacific Council at its April 2026 meeting in Portland, Oregon. Upon approval by the Scientific and Statistical Committee, the methodology can then be included in stock assessments or other Pacific Council products. This meeting will be a formal review of the net change in the acoustic-trawl survey (now the Integrated West Coast Pelagics Survey) for use in future coastal pelagic species stock assessments. The Panel will provide recommendations regarding whether the Integrated Survey's survey data outputs can be utilized in future coastal pelagic species stock assessments, and if not, what additional research is needed for this to be possible. The Panel will also recommend research topics organized by priority and anticipated time frame for completion for NMFS and Pacific Council consideration.

The Panel will consist of members of the Pacific Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee's Coastal Pelagic Species Subcommittee, at least one independent expert from the Center for Independent Experts, and other invited expert reviewers. Representatives of the Pacific Council's Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team and the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel will also participate in the review as advisers.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agendas may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Visitors to the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center will need to obtain a visitor badge. Visitors are also required to present a REAL ID-compliant form of identification. For instance,
 —State-issued identification that is REAL ID-compliant
 —Passport
 —Enhanced Driver's License
 —Federal employee, military, or veteran identification card

Visitor protocols will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council's website (see www.pcouncil.org).

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (kris.kleinschmidt@pcouncil.org; 503–820–2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: January 15, 2026.

Key Israel Marquez,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648–XF477]

Fisheries of the Highly Migratory Species; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of Southeast Data Assessment and Review 101 Data Scoping Webinar for Highly Migratory Species Sandbar Sharks.

SUMMARY: The Southeast Data Assessment and Review (SEDAR) 101 assessment process of Alternate Assessment Methods will consist of a Development Workshop, a series of Application Webinars, and a Review Workshop. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SEDAR 101 Data Scoping Webinar will be held from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. EDT February 2, 2026.

ADDRESSES: *SEDAR address:* 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405. www.sedarweb.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Emily Ott, SEDAR Coordinator; (843) 302–8434. Email: Emily.Ott@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting address: The SEDAR 101 Data Scoping Webinar will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. The established times may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the assessment process. Such adjustments may result in the meeting being extended from or completed prior to the time established by this notice.

The Gulf, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with the NMFS and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the SEDAR process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region SEDAR is a participatory process for developing, evaluating and reviewing information used for fisheries management advice. The process may include (1) a Data stage, and (2) an Assessment stage, and (3) a Review stage. The product of the Data stage is a report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Assessment stage is a report which compiles and evaluates recommended model configurations that describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks and projects future population conditions. The product of the Review Workshop is a Review Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the products reviewed. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and National Marine Fisheries Service Southeast Regional Office, Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and non-governmental organizations (NGO's); International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and Federal agencies.

The items of discussion in the Data Scoping Webinar are as follows: Participants will discuss terms of reference and data available for use in the assessment. Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business days prior to each workshop.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: January 15, 2026.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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

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U.S. INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

TIME AND DATE: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 10:00 a.m. (OPEN Portion); 10:30 a.m. (CLOSED Portion).

PLACE: Offices of the Corporation, Twelfth Floor Board Room, 1100 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC.

STATUS: Parts of this meeting will be open to the public. The rest of the meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Opening Remarks
2. Public Comment

FURTHER MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: (Closed to the Public 10:30 a.m.)

1. Direct Loan/PRI—Middle East
2. PRI Project—Africa
3. PRI Project—Africa
4. Administrative Matters and Reports

Attendance at the Open Portion of the Meeting: Members of the public planning to virtually attend the open portion of the Board meeting are asked to register. To attend, present at, or submit a written statement to the Board prior to the virtual public hearing, individuals must register with DFC Corporate Secretary Heather Carroll at corporate.secretary@dfc.gov by 5:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, January 14, 2026.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Agenda subject to change. Information on the meeting may be obtained from the Corporate Secretary via email at CorporateSecretary@dfc.gov.

Dated: January 14, 2026.

Lisa Wischkaemper,

Administrative Counsel, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation.

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DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Notice of Public Hearing and Business Meeting; February 4, 2026 and March 4, 2026

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 4, 2026. A business meeting will be held the following month on Wednesday, March 4, 2026. Both the hearing and the business meeting are open to the public and both will be conducted virtually.

Public Hearing. The Commission will conduct the public hearing virtually on February 4, 2026, commencing at 1:30 p.m. Hearing items will include draft dockets for withdrawals, discharges, and other projects that could have a substantial effect on the basin's water resources. A list of the projects scheduled for hearing, including project descriptions, along with links to draft docket approvals will be posted on the Commission's website, www.drbc.gov, in a long form of this notice at least ten days before the hearing date.

Written comments on matters scheduled for hearing on February 4, 2026 will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2026.

The public is advised to check the Commission's website periodically during the ten days prior to the hearing date, as items scheduled for hearing may be postponed if additional time is needed to complete the Commission's review. Items also may be added up to ten days prior to the hearing date. In reviewing docket descriptions, the public is asked to be aware that the details of projects may change during the Commission's review, which is ongoing.

Business Meeting. The business meeting on March 4, 2026 will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will include: adoption of the Minutes of the Commission's December 10, 2025 business meeting; announcements of upcoming meetings and events; a report on hydrologic conditions; reports by the Executive Director and the Commission's General Counsel; and consideration of any items for which a hearing has been completed or is not required. The agenda is expected to include consideration of the draft dockets for withdrawals, discharges, and other projects that were subjects of the public hearing on February 4, 2026.

After all scheduled business has been completed and as time allows, the business meeting will be followed by up to one hour of Open Public Comment, an opportunity to address the

Commission off the record on any topic concerning management of the basin's water resources outside the context of a duly noticed, on-the-record public hearing.

There will be no opportunity for additional public comment for the record at the March 4, 2026 business meeting on items for which a hearing was completed on February 4, 2026 or a previous date. Commission consideration on March 4, 2026 of items for which the public hearing is closed may result in approval of the item as proposed, approval with changes, denial, or deferral. When the Commissioners defer an action, they may announce an additional period for written comment on the item, with or without an additional hearing date, or they may take additional time to consider the input they have already received without requesting further public input. Any deferred items will be considered for action at a public meeting of the Commission on a future date.

Advance Registration and Sign-Up for Oral Comment. Links for registration to attend the virtual public hearing and business meeting will be posted at www.drbc.gov at least ten days before each meeting date. Registrants who wish to comment on the record during the public hearing on February 4, 2026 or to address the Commissioners informally during the Open Public Comment session following the meeting on March 4, 2026 as time allows, will be asked to so indicate when registering. The Commission's public hearing, business meeting, and Open Public Comment session will also be livestreamed on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/@DRBC_1961. For assistance, please contact Ms. Kate Schmidt of the Commission staff, at kate.schmidt@drbc.gov.

Addresses for Written Comment. Written comment on items scheduled for hearing may be submitted through the Commission's web-based comment system, a link to which is provided at www.drbc.gov. Use of the web-based system ensures that all submissions are captured in a single location and their receipt is acknowledged. Exceptions to the use of this system are available based on need, by writing to the attention of the Commission Secretary, DRBC, P.O. Box 7360, 25 Cosey Road, West Trenton, NJ 08628-0360. For assistance, please contact Kate Schmidt at kate.schmidt@drbc.gov.

Accommodation for Special Needs. Closed captioning will be available on both webinar and live-stream platforms. Those with limited internet access may listen and speak at virtual public

meetings of the DRBC using any of several toll-free phone numbers that will be provided to all virtual meeting registrants.

Other individuals in need of an accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act who wish to attend the virtual hearing or business meeting should contact the Commission Secretary directly at 609-477-7203 or through the Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) at 711, to discuss how we can accommodate your needs.

Additional Information, Contacts. Additional public records relating to hearing items may be examined at the Commission's offices by appointment by contacting Donna Woolf, 609-477-7222. For other questions concerning hearing items, please contact David Kovach, Project Review Manager, at 609-477-7264.

Authority. Delaware River Basin Compact, Public Law 87-328, Approved December 27, 1961, 75 Statutes at Large, 688, sec. 14.4.

Dated: January 13, 2026.

Pamela M. Bush,

Commission Secretary and Assistant General Counsel.

[FR Doc. 2026-01003 Filed 1-16-26; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP26-25-000]

Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Maysville Project

On November 17, 2025, Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC (Columbia) filed an application in Docket No. CP26-25-000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the Maysville Project (Project) and would supply 340,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of natural gas transportation capacity to the East Kentucky Power Cooperative's Hugh L. Spurlock Power Station.

On November 26, 2025, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary

reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.¹ The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA August 11, 2026
90-day Federal Authorization Decision
Deadline² November 9, 2026

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

Project Description

The Project involves the installation of 42 miles of 30-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline in Rowan, Fleming, and Mason Counties, Kentucky; a tie-in to the existing Columbia Gulf Mainline in Rowan County, Kentucky (including the installation of a new 36-inch by 30-inch bidirectional pig launcher/receiver);³ construction and operation of a new meter station (*i.e.*, North Maysville Delivery Meter Station) in Mason County, Kentucky, including a tie-in to East Kentucky Power Cooperative's Hugh L. Spurlock Power Station and installation of a new 36-inch by 30-inch bidirectional pig launcher/receiver; and installation of three new 30-inch-diameter mainline valves along the proposed 30-inch-diameter pipeline.

Background

On January 7, 2026, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Maysville Project and Notice of Public Scoping Session* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1768206161.

² The Commission's deadline applies to the decisions of other federal agencies, and state agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission's deadline for other agency's decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.

³ A "pig" is a tool that the pipeline company inserts into and pushes through the pipeline for cleaning the pipeline, conducting internal inspections, or other purposes. A launcher/receiver are where pigs are inserted/retrieved from the pipeline.

affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. To date, the Commission has received comments from several landowners, Kentucky Electric Cooperatives, East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Kentucky Association of Manufacturers, Kentucky State Treasurer, State Senator Robert Stivers, Republican Party of Kentucky's 4th District, Mason County Judge Executive, and the Clark County Fire Chief. The primary issues raised by the commenters are concerns about adverse effects on water quality, hydrology, wildlife habitats, soil erosion, karst features, historic resources, agricultural land, property values, safety, nearby communities, and increased greenhouse gas emissions. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

Additional Information

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15094-002]

Ohio Power and Light, LLC; Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions; Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment; and Anticipated Schedule

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

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

b. *Project No.:* 15094-002.

c. *Date filed:* January 23, 2025.

d. *Applicant:* Ohio Power and Light, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam Hydroelectric Project (RC Byrd Project or project).

f. *Location:* On the Ohio River in Mason County, West Virginia, at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam. The project would occupy 18.29 acres of federal land managed by the Corps.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Jeremy King, P.E., Chief Executive Officer, Current Hydro LLC (agent for the applicant, Ohio Power and Light, LLC), One Boston Place, Suite 2600, Boston, MA 02108, Telephone: (706) 835-8516, Email: jeremy@currenthydro.com; and Ms. Hailee Kessell, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Current Hydro LLC, One Boston Place, Suite 2600, Boston, MA 02108, Telephone: (315) 558-9834, Email: hailee@currenthydro.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Andy Bernick at (202) 502-8660, or andrew.bernick@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions:* on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 16, 2026; reply comments are due on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 29, 2026.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 10,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. You must include

your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam Hydroelectric Project (P-15094-002).

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

k. This application has been accepted and is ready for environmental analysis at this time and a single environmental assessment (EA) will be prepared.¹

l. The proposed RC Byrd Project would be constructed at the two parallel decommissioned lock chambers on the West Virginia side of RC Byrd Locks and Dam and would consist of the following new facilities: (1) two 110-foot-wide, 850-foot-long intake channels with trash racks (with a clear spacing of 5 inches); (2) two 110-foot-wide, 142.5-foot-long, and 71-foot-high concrete powerhouses within the decommissioned lock chambers; (3) three horizontal pit Kaplan turbine-generator units in each powerhouse with a total installed capacity of 28.5 megawatts (MW) for both powerhouses; (4) two 110-foot-wide, 955-foot-long tailrace channels; (5) a 213-foot-long, 12.47-kilovolt (kV) underground generator lead from each powerhouse to a new 110-foot-long and 110-foot-wide substation containing a 12.47-kV/69-kV step-up transformer; (6) a 2.3-mile-long, 69-kV overhead transmission line connecting the project to the point of interconnection at the existing Apple Grove substation; (7) a new 170-foot-long access road between

¹ The unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1767861985.

the existing Corps facility access road and a parking area; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

The proposed RC Byrd Project would operate in a run-of-release mode, whereby outflow from the project would approximate inflow made available for generation by the Corps. The RC Byrd Project is projected to have an annual energy generation of about 165,169 megawatt-hours.

m. A copy of the application is available for review via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field, to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY (202) 502-8659.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS"; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

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You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. The applicant must file the following on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 16, 2026: (1) copy of the water quality certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of a waiver of water quality certification.

o. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on February 13, 2026.

p. The project is covered under Title 41 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST-41). Under FAST-41, agencies are to publish completion dates for all federal environmental reviews and authorizations. This notice identifies the Commission's anticipated schedule for issuance of the single Environmental Assessment.

Issue Single Environmental Assessment: September 29, 2026

A future notice will identify the Commission's anticipated schedule for issuance of the final license order for the project, pending information received on the anticipated schedule for completion of consultation under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the expected date of the applicant's request for water quality certification under section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

Dated: January 14, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 8866-016]

Black Canyon Bliss, LLC; JK Potatoes, LLC; Notice of Application of Transfer of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

On November 18, 2025, Black Canyon Bliss, LLC (transferor) and JK Potatoes, LLC (transferee) filed an application for a transfer of license for the 24-kilowatt Stevenson No. 2 Hydroelectric Project No. 8866. The project is located on a tributary of the Snake River in Gooding County, Idaho and occupies federal land within the Sequoia National Forest administered by the U.S. Forest Service.

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 801, the applicants seek Commission approval to transfer the license for the project from Black Canyon Bliss, LLC to JK Potatoes, LLC. The transferee will be required by the Commission to comply with all the requirements of the license as though it were the original licensee.

Applicants Contact: David Jentzsch, 20511 F Street, Rupert, ID 83350, Phone: (208) 530-8278, Email: david@hcanyonfarms.com.

FERC Contact: Steven Sachs, Phone: (202) 502-8666, Email: Steven.Sachs@ferc.gov.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: February 13, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to, Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-8866-016. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

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Dated: January 14, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD24-7-000]

Federal and State Current Issues Collaborative: Notice Announcing Meeting

On March 21, 2024, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) established a Federal and State Current Issues Collaborative (Collaborative) to explore cross-jurisdictional issues relevant to the

Commission and state utility commissions.¹

The fourth public meeting of the Collaborative will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, from approximately 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST, at the Westin Downtown Washington hotel in Washington, DC. The meeting will be open to the public for listening and observing and will be on the record. There is no fee for attendance and registration is not required. The public may also attend via Webcast. This meeting will be transcribed. Transcripts will be available for a fee from Ace Reporting, 202-347-3700.

The overarching topic the Collaborative will discuss is the impact of growth on affordability. As explained in the Establishing Order, the Commission will issue agendas for each meeting, after consulting with members of the Collaborative and considering suggestions from state commissions.² The Commission will issue the specific agenda for the fourth public meeting no later than January 28, 2026.

Commission 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 1-866-208-3372 (voice) or 202-208-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

More information about the Collaborative is available here: <https://www.ferc.gov/federal-state-current-issues-collaborative>. For questions, please contact: Robert Thormeyer, 202-502-8694, robert.thormeyer@ferc.gov; Joseph Popely, 202-502-8513, joseph.popely@ferc.gov; Zoe Philippides, 202-502-8826, zoe.philippides@ferc.gov; or Kimberly Duffley, 202-898-1305, kduffley@naruc.org.

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Dated: January 14, 2026.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP26-14-000]

Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Mountain Valley Pipeline Boost Project

On October 23, 2025, Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC (Mountain Valley) filed an application in Docket No. CP26-14-000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the Mountain Valley Pipeline Boost Project (Project) and would provide about 600,000 dekatherms of natural gas per day from interconnection points with Equitrans, L.P. and EQM Gathering Opco, LLC to delivery points on the Mountain Valley Pipeline Mainline system and Mountain Valley Pipeline Southgate system.

On November 5, 2025, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.¹ The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA August 7, 2026
90-day Federal Authorization Decision

Deadline² November 5, 2026

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1767605403.

² The Commission's deadline applies to the decisions of other federal agencies, and state agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission's deadline for other agency's decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.

are kept informed of the Project's progress.

Project Description

Mountain Valley proposes to make modifications to three existing compressor stations (CS) and construct and operate the new Swann CS. The Project would consist of the following facilities:

- installation of one additional natural gas turbine and auxiliary facilities to add an additional 23,470 horsepower (hp) to the Bradshaw CS in Wetzel County, WV;
- relocation of existing blowdown silencers and installation of one additional natural gas turbine and auxiliary facilities to add an additional 52,500 hp to the Harris CS in Braxton County, WV;
- relocation of existing blowdown silencers and installation of two additional natural gas turbines and auxiliary facilities and upgrades to two existing natural gas turbines to add an additional 52,880 hp to the Stallworth CS in Fayette County, WV;
- installation of a new compressor station with three natural gas turbines, for a total of 136,900 hp at the Swann CS in Montgomery County, VA; and
- installation of a new pig launcher and receiver,³ mainline valve, and auxiliary facilities at the Swann CS.

Background

On November 19, 2025, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed MVP Boost Project* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the Notice of Scoping, the Commission received comments from 11 non-governmental organizations, five municipalities, two counties, four state agencies, one federal agency, three companies, six state-elected officials, one Congressman, and more than 80 individuals. The primary issues raised by the commenters are concerns regarding groundwater, waterbodies, wildlife, traffic, air emissions, noise and vibration effects, compressor station site and facility alternatives, pipeline safety associated with the increased capacity, human health, climate change, segmentation, and the length of the

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¹ *Fed. and State Current Issues Collaborative*, 186 FERC ¶ 61,189 (2024) (Establishing Order).

² *Id.* P. 7.

scoping comment period. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, is a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EA.

Additional Information

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3428-205]

Brown Bear II Hydro, Inc.; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests, Ready for Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Preliminary Terms and Conditions, and Preliminary Fishway Prescriptions

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed

with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

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

b. *Project No.:* 3428-205.

c. *Date Filed:* November 29, 2023.

d. *Applicant:* Brown Bear II Hydro, Inc. (Brown Bear Hydro).

e. *Name of Project:* Worumbo Hydroelectric Project (Worumbo Project).

f. *Location:* On the Androscoggin River in Androscoggin County, Maine.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. David Fox, Senior Director, Regulatory Affairs, Brown Bear II Hydro, Inc. c/o Eagle Creek Renewable Energy, 7315 Wisconsin Avenue Suite 1100W, Bethesda MD 20814; telephone at (201) 306-5616, or email at david.fox@eaglecreekre.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Jody Callihan at (202) 502-8278 or email at jody.callihan@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway prescriptions: on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 16, 2026; reply comments are due on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 29, 2026.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway prescriptions using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERConline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 10,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Worumbo Hydroelectric Project (P-3428-205).

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors

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

k. This application has been accepted for filing and is now ready for environmental analysis.

l. The Worumbo Project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) an 870-foot-long concrete gravity dam consisting of a 116-foot-long gated spillway containing four 18-foot-wide and 26-foot-high vertical lift gates, and three flashboard spillway sections including (from north to south along the dam): a 233-foot-long ogee spillway topped by 38 2-foot-high hinged steel flashboard panels with a top elevation of 99 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD29) that are designed to fail when the pond elevation reaches 101 feet NGVD29, a 167-foot-long concrete gravity section with 11 Obermeyer air bags controlling 11 2.25-foot-high steel flashboard panels with a top elevation of 99 feet NGVD29 that are designed to deflate and lower when the pond elevation reaches 100.44 feet NGVD29, and a 349-foot-long concrete gravity section with Obermeyer pneumatic flashboards designed to deflate when the pond elevation reaches 100 feet NGVD29; (2) an impoundment with a gross storage capacity of 2,000 acre-feet and a surface area of 240 acres at the normal full-pond elevation of 98.5 feet NGVD29; (3) a 337-foot-long concrete retaining wall with a top elevation of 108 feet NGVD29 leading to the intake structure; (4) a concrete intake structure integral with the powerhouse, containing two vertical slide gates each 33 feet wide and 40 feet high, which are normally fully open and protected by trash racks; (5) a 105-foot-wide, 145-foot-long reinforced concrete powerhouse containing two Kaplan bulb turbine-generator units with a total generating capacity of 19.4 megawatts; (6) an approximately 30-foot-high vertical fish-lift, four vertical attraction pumps, an 8-foot-long and 8-foot-wide hopper lift tank, and a viewing room; (7) an upstream eel passage system consisting of two 2-foot-wide, 7-foot-long bristled ramps, and an eel trap; (8) a downstream fish passage system consisting of three entry way gates with trash racks, a 36-inch-diameter downstream passage pipe, and a 30-foot-wide, 20-foot-long, 10-foot-deep plunge pool; (9) an 850-foot-long, approximately 80-foot-wide, tailrace

excavated from the downstream powerhouse wall to the State Route 125 bridge, flanked by a 200-foot-long concrete retaining wall on the north side and a 230-foot-long concrete training wall on the south side; (10) a 3,540-foot-long, 34.5-kilovolt transmission line leading to the Central Maine Power Company's Lisbon Falls substation; and (11) appurtenant facilities. The project has an average annual generation (from 2013 through 2023) of 87,203 megawatt-hours.

Formal project recreation facilities include a portage trail with a take-out and put-in along the northern shoreline of the river. Lisbon Falls Fishing Park, which contains a parking area and shoreline access trail, is owned by Brown Bear Hydro; however, this facility is currently within the project boundary of the downstream Pejepscot Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 4784). Brown Bear Hydro proposes to assume the operation and maintenance responsibility of Lisbon Falls Fishing Park, and requests the Commission modify the current project boundary to include this facility.

Brown Bear Hydro proposes to continue operating the project in a run-of-river mode by maintaining the project impoundment at a normal maximum operating level of 98.5 feet NGVD29 (top of the Obermeyer pneumatic flashboards) and providing seasonal minimum flows into the bypassed reach to ensure sufficient downstream water depths for migratory (diadromous) fishes, such as Atlantic salmon, American shad, American eel, blueback herring, and alewife. Brown Bear Hydro proposes continuing current operation of the fish passage facilities described above. Specifically, the vertical fish lift would begin operating within 24 hours of the opening of the Brunswick Hydroelectric Project's (FERC No. 2284) upstream fishway or May 1, whichever comes earlier; the vertical fish lift would be operated until November 15 of each year, river conditions permitting. The downstream fish passage facilities would be operated from April 1 through December 31 each year, as river and ice conditions allow. Brown Bear Hydro proposes no new project construction or operational changes at this time.

m. A copy of the application can be viewed on the Commission's website at <https://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document (P-3428). For assistance, contact FERC Online Support (see item j above).

You may also register online at <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/>

overview to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, and .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

All filings must: (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST," "MOTION TO INTERVENE," "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "PRELIMINARY TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRELIMINARY FISHWAY PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

o. *The applicant must file the following on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 16, 2026:* (1) a copy of the water quality certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification.

p. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the

Commission on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on February 13, 2026.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1.)

Dated: January 14, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

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

Docket Numbers: EC25-140-000.

Applicants: Troy ParentCo LLC, TXNM Energy Inc., Public Service Company of New Mexico, New Mexico PPA Corporation.

Description: Response to 12/23/2025, Deficiency Letter of Troy ParentCo LLC et al.

Filed Date: 1/13/26.

Accession Number: 20260113-5205.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/23/26.

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

Docket Numbers: EG26-134-000.

Applicants: Hollis Creek PV I, LLC.

Description: Hollis Creek PV I, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 1/14/26.

Accession Number: 20260114-5104.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/4/26.

Docket Numbers: EG26-135-000.

Applicants: Beekman PV I, LLC.

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

Filed Date: 1/14/26.

Accession Number: 20260114-5109.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/4/26.

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

Docket Numbers: ER17-1984-000.

Applicants: Highland North LLC.

Description: Report Filing: Highland North LLC Non-Material Change in Status to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 1/12/26.

Accession Number: 20260112-5181.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/2/26.

Docket Numbers: ER17-1988-000.

Applicants: Patton Wind Farm, LLC.

Description: Report Filing: Patton Wind Non-Material Change in Status Filing to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 1/12/26.

Accession Number: 20260112–5182.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/2/26.
Docket Numbers: ER22–291–001.
Applicants: PSEG Fossil LLC.
Description: Refund Report: Parkway Generation Operating LLC submits tariff filing per 35.19a(b); Refund Report to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 1/14/26.

Accession Number: 20260114–5149.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/4/26.

Docket Numbers: ER23–2221–000.

Applicants: Big Savage, LLC.

Description: Report Filing: Twin Ridges Non-Material Change in Status to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 1/12/26.

Accession Number: 20260112–5184.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/2/26.

Docket Numbers: ER25–2695–001.

Applicants: Kelso 2 Solar LLC.

Description: Supplement to 12/02/2025, Notice of Non-Material Change in Status of Kelso 2 Solar LLC.

Filed Date: 1/12/26.

Accession Number: 20260112–5260.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/2/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–166–002.

Applicants: UGID Broad Mountain, LLC.

Description: Tariff Amendment: UGID Broad Mountain, LLC Supplemental Response to Deficiency Notice to be effective 11/15/2025.

Filed Date: 1/14/26.

Accession Number: 20260114–5082.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/4/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–414–001.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Southwest Power Pool, Inc. submits tariff filing per 35.17(b); Deficiency Response—Implementation of the Consolidated Planning Process to be effective 3/1/2026.

Filed Date: 1/12/26.

Accession Number: 20260112–5212.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/26/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–507–001.

Applicants: Public Service Company of Colorado.

Description: Tariff Amendment: 2026–01–14 PSC-Batch of Study Cancellations-NOCs-Response to Deficiency to be effective 1/15/2026.

Filed Date: 1/14/26.

Accession Number: 20260114–5148.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/4/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–598–001.

Applicants: Appalachian Power Company.

Description: Tariff Amendment: APCo-Musser Power Supply Agreement Extension to be effective 3/1/2026.

Filed Date: 1/14/26.

Accession Number: 20260114–5102.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/4/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–1017–001.

Applicants: Pastoria Energy Facility L.L.C.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Errata to Filing of Amended and Restated Shared Facilities Agreement to be effective 1/13/2026.

Filed Date: 1/13/26.

Accession Number: 20260113–5187.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/3/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–1033–000.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: Revisions Regarding Outage Submissions to be effective 4/1/2026.

Filed Date: 1/14/26.

Accession Number: 20260114–5022.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/4/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–1034–000.

Applicants: Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: New York Independent System Operator, Inc. submits tariff filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): NYISO-Con Edison Joint 205: Third Amended LGIA Bayonne I and II SA1668 (CEII) to be effective 12/31/2025.

Filed Date: 1/14/26.

Accession Number: 20260114–5079.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/4/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–1035–000.

Applicants: Viridon Midcontinent LLC.

Description: Request for Abandoned Plant Incentive Rate of Viridon Midcontinent LLC.

Filed Date: 1/14/26.

Accession Number: 20260114–5113.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/4/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–1036–000.

Applicants: El Paso Electric Company.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: Submission of Tariff Revisions to be effective 3/16/2026.

Filed Date: 1/14/26.

Accession Number: 20260114–5111.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/4/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–1037–000.

Applicants: Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: New York Independent System Operator, Inc. submits tariff filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): NYISO-Con Edison Joint 205: LGIA Bayonne III SA2938 (CEII) to be effective 12/31/2025.

Filed Date: 1/14/26.

Accession Number: 20260114–5114.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/4/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–1038–000.

Applicants: PacifiCorp.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: Basin Electric NITSA Rev 4 (SA No. 505) to be effective 1/1/2026.

Filed Date: 1/14/26.

Accession Number: 20260114–5145.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/4/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–1039–000.

Applicants: AEP Texas Inc.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: AEPTX–RWE Clean Energy Development Generation Interconnection Agreement to be effective 12/19/2025.

Filed Date: 1/14/26.

Accession Number: 20260114–5151.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/4/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–1040–000.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.
Description: Compliance filing: 2026–01–14 Att FF MHVDC Compliance (EL22–83–000) to be effective 3/16/2026.

Filed Date: 1/14/26.

Accession Number: 20260114–5154.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/4/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–1041–000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Notice of Cancellation of CSA, SA No. 5367; Queue No. AB2–161 to be effective 3/6/2025.

Filed Date: 1/14/26.

Accession Number: 20260114–5155.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/4/26.

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.

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

Dated: January 14, 2026.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 1971–079]

Idaho Power Company; Notice of Availability of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Revised Procedural Schedule for the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed Idaho Power Company's (Idaho Power) application for a new license to continue to operate and maintain the Hells Canyon Hydroelectric Project No. 1971 (project) and has prepared a draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) for the project.¹ The project is located on the Snake River in Washington and Adams Counties, Idaho, and Wallowa, Malheur, and Baker Counties, Oregon and occupies a total of about 5,270 acres of federal land administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (Forest Service). The Hells Canyon Project consists of three developments (dams, reservoirs, and powerhouses) on the segment of the Snake River forming the border between Idaho and Oregon. The three developments are Brownlee, Oxbow, and Hells Canyon, which combined provide 1,222.3 megawatts of power generating capacity and an average of 5,571,005 megawatt-hours of electricity annually.

On August 31, 2007, Commission staff issued a final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed relicensing of the project. On December 30, 2019, Idaho Power filed an Offer of Settlement and Stipulation and Implementation Agreement (2019 Settlement), resolving disputed issues related to spring Chinook salmon and summer steelhead passage and reintroduction with the states of Oregon and Idaho in the context of their respective water quality certifications for the project under section 401 of the Clean Water Act (401 certifications). Pursuant to the 2019 Settlement, the states of Oregon and Idaho each issued 401 certifications for the project on May

24, 2019. On July 8, 2020, Idaho Power filed a supplement to its license application that included new and revised environmental measures proposed under the 2019 Settlement, additional refinements to the proposed action, and new information on project-affected resources. On October 14, 2020, pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (ESA), Idaho Power filed revised draft biological assessments (BAs) for species managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service, which were subsequently revised again in July 1 and July 16, 2025, filings. On October 23, 2024, Idaho Power filed a settlement agreement on behalf of itself and the Forest Service (2024 Settlement), resolving between the parties the appropriate terms and conditions pursuant to section 4(e) of the Federal Power Act to be incorporated into any new license issued for the project for the protection and utilization of federal lands administered by the Forest Service.

In accordance with Commission staff's June 13, 2022 notice of intent to prepare a draft and final SEIS, staff has prepared this draft SEIS to supplement the final EIS with analyses of the new and revised proposed measures and mandatory conditions (*i.e.*, modified 4(e) conditions and 401 certification conditions) filed subsequent to the issuance of the final EIS, as well as the potential effects of the new and revised measures on federally listed species and their designated critical habitats. The draft SEIS describes staff's analysis of the applicant's proposal and the alternatives for relicensing the project and documents the views of governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, affected Indian tribes, the public, the license applicant, and Commission staff.

The Commission provides all interested persons with an opportunity to view and/or print the draft SEIS via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov/>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field, to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659.

You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Any comments should be filed by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Monday, March 2, 2026.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 10,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P–1971–079.

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

Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this draft SEIS (18 CFR 380.10). You must file your request to intervene as specified above.² You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

The notice of intent included a schedule for preparing a draft and final SEIS, which was revised by notices issued on October 12, 2023, May 17, 2024, and April 24, 2025. By this notice, Commission staff is updating the procedural schedule for completing the final SEIS. The revised schedule is shown below. Further revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Issue final SEIS	September 4, 2026.

For further information, contact Aaron Liberty, the Commission's relicensing coordinator for the project, at (202) 502–6862 or aaron.liberty@ferc.gov.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is SEIS–019–20–000–1756911632.

² Interventions may also be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

Dated: January 14, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

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

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP26–379–000.

Applicants: Northern Natural Gas Company.

Description: 4(d) Rate Filing; 20260113 Negotiated Rate Filing to be effective 1/14/2026.

Filed Date: 1/13/26.

Accession Number: 20260113–5103.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/26/26.

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.

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Dated: January 14, 2026.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP26–16–000]

Texas Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Carnation Project

On October 31, 2025, Texas Gas Transmission, LLC (Texas Gas) filed an application in Docket No. CP26–16–000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the Carnation Project (Project) and would increase the capacity of Texas Gas's interstate natural gas transmission system by about 170,000 dekatherms per day.

On November 13, 2025, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.¹ The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—May 11, 2026
90-day Federal Authorization Decision
Deadline²—August 9, 2026

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

Project Description

Texas Gas proposes to install one new 14,189-horsepower compressor unit and

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX–019–20–000–1767610234.

² The Commission's deadline applies to the decisions of other federal agencies, and state agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission's deadline for other agency's decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.

associated facilities including one discharge filter separator, one emergency generator, and one unit blowdown silencer at its Crosby-Harrison Compressor Station in Hamilton County, Ohio. Texas Gas would also construct one electrical building and one storage building and install air compressor and receivers, associated piping and controls, and other auxiliary facilities.

At the New Haven Regulators Facility, also in Hamilton County, Texas Gas proposes to install two new single-run regulators with associated piping and controls on the MLS 26–1TT and MLS 26–2TT pipelines. About 20 feet of aboveground piping and 150 feet of below ground piping would be installed on the mainline pipelines.

Background

On December 3, 2025, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Carnation Project* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the Notice of Scoping, the Commission received comments from Our Children's Trust. The primary issues raised by the commenter are climate change, air pollution, and alternatives. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

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

Additional information about the Project is available from the FERC website (www.ferc.gov). Using the “eLibrary” link, select “General Search” from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and “Docket Number” excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP26–16), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access

to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208–3676, TTY (202) 502–8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

Dated: January 14, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 10198–033]

City of Pelican, AK; Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Pelican Hydroelectric Project

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

a. *Type of Application:* New Minor License.¹

b. *Project No.:* 10198–033.

c. *Date filed:* September 16, 2024.

d. *Applicant:* City of Pelican.

e. *Name of Project:* Pelican Hydroelectric Project (Pelican Project or project).

f. *Location:* The project is located on Pelican Creek in the City of Pelican, Alaska. The project does not occupy federal land.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mayor Barry Bryant and City Administrator Susana Stinnett, City of Pelican, P.O. Box 737, Pelican, AK 99832; 907–735–2202; mayor@pelicanacity.org or administrator@pelicanacity.org.

i. *FERC Contact:* Ingrid Brofman, Project Coordinator, Northwest Branch, Division of Hydropower Licensing; telephone at (202) 502–8347; email at ingrid.brofman@ferc.gov.

j. The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental document that will discuss the environmental effects of relicensing the Pelican Hydroelectric

Project. The Commission will use this environmental document in its decision-making process to determine whether to issue a new license for the project.

k. This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies regarding the project. This notice is intended to advise all participants as to the potential scope of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document and to seek additional information pertinent to this analysis. Commission staff does not intend to issue a separate scoping document.

As part of the NEPA review process, the Commission takes into account concerns the public may have about proposals and the environmental effects that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of a hydropower license. This gathering of public input is referred to as “scoping.” The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the environmental document on the important environmental issues.

l. *Scoping Comments:* By this notice, the Commission requests written public comments on the scope of issues to address in the environmental document. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on February 13, 2026.

Comments should focus on the potential environmental effects and reasonable alternatives. Your input will help Commission staff determine what issues to evaluate in the environmental document. Commission staff will consider all written comments during the preparation of the environmental document.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file scoping comments using the Commission’s eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/> FERCONline.aspx.

Commenters can submit brief comments up to 10,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. You must include your name at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at

FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room

1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Pelican Hydroelectric Project (P–10198–033).

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

m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. *Project Description:* The Pelican Hydroelectric Project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a 12-foot-wide by 22-foot-high rock-filled crib dam buttressed with steel A-frames impounding a reservoir with a net storage capacity of approximately 4.4 acre-feet at an elevation of 143 feet mean sea level; (2) a rectangular steel and concrete intake structure; (3) a 48-inch-diameter, 704-foot-long high density polyethylene pipe leading to a surge tank; (4) a 42-inch-diameter, 316-foot-long high density polyethylene penstock; (5) a powerhouse containing two generating units rated at 600 kW and 100 kW; (6) a 80-foot-long, 4.16-kilovolt transmission line; (7) a 480/4,160-volt, 0.75-megavolt-ampere step-up transformer; (8) a 500-foot-long access road; and (9) appurtenant facilities. The City of Pelican proposes to continue to operate the project in a run-of-river mode.

A copy of the application, with details of the proposed project, can be viewed on the Commission’s website at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the “eLibrary” link. Enter the project’s docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field, to access the document (P–10198). For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call toll-free, (866) 208–3676 or (202) 502–8659 (TTY).

o. *NEPA Process and the Environmental Document:* Any environmental document issued by the Commission will discuss effects that could occur as a result of the project’s relicensing under the relevant general resource areas, such as:

- geology and soils;
- aquatic resources;
- terrestrial resources;

¹ The licensee filed an application for a subsequent license, but because the existing license did not include a waiver of sections 14 and 15 of the FPA, any license issued in response to this application will be a new license pursuant to 18 CFR 16.2(a)."

- threatened and endangered species;
- recreation, land use, and aesthetic resources;
- cultural resources; and
- developmental resources.

Commission staff will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid effects on the various resource areas. Your comments will help Commission staff identify and focus on the issues that might have an effect on the human environment and potentially eliminate others from further discussion in the environmental document.

Following this scoping period, Commission staff will determine whether to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EA or EIS will present Commission staff's independent analysis of the issues. If Commission staff prepares an EA, a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment* will be issued. The EA may be issued for an allotted public comment period. The Commission will consider timely comments on the EA before making its decision regarding the proposed project. If Commission staff prepares an EIS, a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement* will be issued. Staff will then prepare a draft EIS which will be issued for public comment. Commission staff will consider all timely comments received during the comment period on the draft EIS and revise the document, as necessary, before issuing a final EIS. Any EA or draft and final EIS will be available in electronic format in the public record through eLibrary. If eSubscribed, you will receive instant email notification when the environmental document is issued (see paragraph (q) of this notice for instructions on using eSubscription).

p. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

q. This notice is being distributed to the Commission's official mailing list for the project and any additional entities on the applicant's distribution list. You can access the Commission's official mailing list for this project at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/MailListLOR.aspx?Type=MailList&ListVar=P-10198>. If you want to receive future mailings for the project and are not included on the Commission's official mailing list, or if you wish to be removed from the Commission's official mailing list,

please send your request by email to FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. In lieu of an email request, you may submit a paper request. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852. All written or emailed requests must specify your wish to be added to or removed from the mailing list, and must clearly identify the following on the first page: Pelican Hydroelectric Project No. 10198-033.

Additionally, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription, which makes it easy to stay informed of all issuances and submittals regarding the dockets/projects to which you subscribe. These instant email notifications are the fastest way to receive notification and provide a link to the document files, which can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

In addition to publishing the full text of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this notice, as well as other documents in the proceeding (e.g., license application) via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document (P-10198). For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

Dated: January 14, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP26-24-000]

Texas Eastern Transmission, LP; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Kosciusko Compressor Station Replacement Project

On November 13, 2025, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern) filed an application in Docket No. CP26-24-000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) and Authorization pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act to construct, operate, and abandon certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the Kosciusko Compressor Station Replacement Project (Project), and Texas Eastern states it would ensure the continued safe and reliable operation of the Kosciusko Compressor Station while meeting current air emissions requirements and minimizing disruption to customers.

On November 25, 2025, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.¹ The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA May 8, 2026

90-day Federal Authorization Decision

Deadline² August 6, 2026

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1765965341.

² The Commission's deadline applies to the decisions of other federal agencies, and state agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission's deadline for other agency's decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.

provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

Project Description

Texas Eastern proposes to abandon by removal 14 reciprocating compressor units (totaling about 35,000 horsepower) and install three new natural gas turbine units (totaling about 37,500 horsepower) at the existing Kosciusko Compressor Station in Attala County, Mississippi.

Background

On December 16, 2025, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Kosciusko Compressor Station Replacement Project* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the Notice of Scoping, the Commission received comments from Our Children's Trust. The primary issues raised by the commenters are fossil fuel air pollution, air quality, and effects on youth populations. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Additional information about the Project is available from the FERC website (www.ferc.gov). Using the "eLibrary" link, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP26-24), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission,

such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

Dated: January 14, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP26-23-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Hunt Storage Field Abandonment Project

On November 13, 2025, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) filed an application in Docket No. CP26-23-000 requesting an Authorization pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act to abandon certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the Hunt Storage Field Abandonment Project (Project), and would abandon injection/withdrawal wells, observation wells, special wells, all associated pipelines and aboveground appurtenances, and the Hunt Compressor Station in Kanawha County, West Virginia. The Project would end delivery of about 12.4 million cubic feet of natural gas per day and would have no effect to existing customers.

On November 25, 2025, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.¹ The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA July 10, 2026

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1767969814.

90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline² October 8, 2026

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

Project Description

Columbia proposes to abandon the following facilities at the Hunt Storage Field:

- Plug and abandon sixteen injection/withdrawal wells;
- Plug and abandon three observation wells;
- Plug and abandon three special wells, which are observation wells that currently serve low pressure distribution systems;
- Abandon approximately 7.18 miles of various storage pipelines in the Hunt Storage Field (0.45 mile to be abandoned by removal and 6.72 miles to be abandoned in place);
- Abandon by removal the Hunt Compressor Station, including the associated buildings, appurtenances, and aboveground station piping;
- Abandon by removal all above-ground appurtenances including pipeline markers, cathodic protection test stations, rectifiers, casing vents, and above-ground pipeline blowdown vents; and
- Abandon in place compressor station fencing, remaining below-ground piping and miscellaneous appurtenances.

Background

On December 23, 2025, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Hunt Storage Field Abandonment Project* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. The Commission received comments from three landowners in response to the Notice of Application. The primary issue raised by the commenters is gas deliverability. To date, the Commission has not received comments in response to the

² The Commission's deadline applies to the decisions of other federal agencies, and state agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission's deadline for other agency's decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.

Notice of Scoping. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202)502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Additional information about the Project is available from the FERC website (www.ferc.gov). Using the “eLibrary” link, select “General Search” from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and “Docket Number” excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP26-23), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

Dated: January 14, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP26-17-000]

Leaf River Energy Center LLC; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Leaf River Capacity Expansion Project

On October 31, 2025, Leaf River Energy Center LLC (LREC) filed an application in Docket No. CP26-17-000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the Leaf River Capacity Expansion Project (Project) and would increase the certificated natural gas

storage capacity at its existing New Home Salt Dome storage facility by 17.62 billion cubic feet.

On November 13, 2025, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.¹

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—May 1, 2026
90-day Federal Authorization Decision
Deadline²—July 30, 2026

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

Project Description

As described above, LREC proposes to expand existing natural gas storage cavern capacity and create a new natural gas storage cavern, along with adding three new compressors at existing facilities in Smith, Jasper, and Clarke counties, Mississippi. The Leaf River Capacity Expansion Project would allow LREC to increase the certificated natural gas storage capacity at its existing New Home Salt Dome storage facility by 17.62 billion cubic feet. According to LREC, the project would help satisfy market demand for incremental natural gas storage and is needed to provide critical natural gas grid reliability, and to help reduce price volatility and physical supply and demand imbalances in the Gulf Coast natural gas market.

Background

On December 12, 2025, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping*

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1767100220.

² The Commission's deadline applies to the decisions of other federal agencies, and state agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission's deadline for other agency's decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.

Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Leaf River Capacity Expansion Project and Notice of Public Scoping Session (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the Notice of Scoping, the Commission did not receive any comments.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Additional information about the Project is available from the FERC website (www.ferc.gov). Using the “eLibrary” link, select “General Search” from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and “Docket Number” excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP26-17), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

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Dated: January 14, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 372–102]

Southern California Edison Company; Lower Tule Hydro, LLC; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Amendment of license to modify hydroelectric project flowline.
- b. *Project No.:* 372–102.
- c. *Date Filed:* November 17, 2025.
- d. *Applicant:* Lower Tule Hydro, LLC.
- e. *Name of Project:* Lower Tule River Project.
- f. *Location:* The project is located on the Middle Fork of the Tule River in Tulare County, California.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)–825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Ted Sorenson, 711 E Turtle Point Drive, Ivins, UT 84738, (208) 589–6908.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Mr. Steven Sachs, (202) 502–8666, Steven.Sachs@ferc.gov.
- j. *Cooperating agencies:* With this notice, the Commission is inviting federal, state, local, and Tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues affected by the proposal, that wish to cooperate in the preparation of any environmental document, if applicable, to follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item k. below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of any environmental document cannot also intervene. See 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* February 13, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions

sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include the docket number P–372–102. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not part of the Commission record.

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

l. *Description of Request:* The applicant requests an amendment of the project license to abandon a 13,566-foot-long section of the existing flowline, comprised of steel flume, steel pipe, and concrete-lined canal, and replace it with a steel pipe 4 feet in diameter and 8,575 feet long. The proposed pipe would be fully or partially buried for approximately a third of its length and would be supported on concrete saddles for the remainder of its length. Construction would take place over approximately 6 months and would require a 30-foot-wide construction corridor as well as three staging areas occupying a total of 3.7 acres. The applicant intends to remove loose sheet metal flume sections from the existing flowline, but would abandon wooden trestles, concrete canals, and steel pipe in place.

m. *Locations of the application:* This filing may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1–866–208–3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

n. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

o. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214, respectively. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

p. *Filing and Service of Documents:* Any filing must: (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

q. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502–6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

Dated: January 14, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

[Public Notice: 2026–6001]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; EIB 92–51, Application for Special Buyer Credit Limit (SBCL) Under Multi-Buyer Export Credit Insurance Policies

AGENCY: Export-Import Bank of the U.S.
ACTION: Submission for OMB review and comments request.

SUMMARY: The Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM Bank), as a part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the public and other Federal Agencies to comment on the proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 23, 2026 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically on WWW.REGULATIONS.GOV, by mail to Edward Coppola, Export-Import Bank of the United States, 811 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20571, or by email to Edward.Coppola@exim.gov. The application can be reviewed at: https://img.exim.gov/s3fs-public/pub/pending/EIB+92-51_SBCL+Application_2026.pdf.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information, please contact Edward Coppola <Edward.Coppola@exim.gov>, 202-565-3717.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Application for Special Buyer Credit Limit (SBCL) Under Multi-Buyer Export Credit Insurance Policies is used by policyholders, the majority of whom are U.S. small businesses, who export U.S. goods and services. This application provides EXIM Bank with the credit information on a foreign buyer credit limit request needed to make a determination of eligibility for EXIM Bank support in adherence to legislatively required reasonable reassurance of repayment and other statutory requirements.

Titles and Form Number: EIB 92-51, Application for Special Buyer Credit Limit (SBCL) Under Multi-Buyer Export Credit Insurance Policies.

OMB Number: 3048-0015.

Type of Review: Regular.

Need and Use: This application provides EXIM Bank with the credit information on a foreign buyer credit limit request needed to make a determination of eligibility for EXIM Bank support in adherence to legislatively required reasonable reassurance of repayment and other statutory requirements.

Affected Public: This form affects business entities involved in the export of U.S. goods and services. The estimated number of respondents and the annual hour burden was previously lowered to only count new applicants.

The Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Estimated Time per Respondents: 30 minutes.

The Frequency of Response: As needed.

Annual Hour Burden: 1,000 total hours.

Dated: January 14, 2026.

Andrew Smith,
Records Officer.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-1273; FR ID 326189]

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before March 23, 2026. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email PRA@fcc.gov and to Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the

information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-1273.
Title: Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls, CG Docket No. 17-59.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities; not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 1,514 respondents; 18,113 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: .5 hours to 25 hours.

Frequency of Response: Monthly, one time, and on occasion reporting requirements; recordkeeping requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in sections 227 and 251(e)(1) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Total Annual Burden: 16,866 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No cost.

Needs and Uses: On December 12, 2018, the Commission adopted rules in FCC 18-177, *Second Report and Order*, published at 84 FR 11226, March 26, 2019. Specifically, the Commission concluded that the obligation to provide permanent disconnect information will apply to all reporting carriers as defined in the Commission's numbering rules, which include wireless, wireline, and interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol providers that obtain numbers from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator. As part of the Commission reporting requirements, reporting carriers must provide, among other things, the most recent date each North American Numbering Plan telephone number allocated or ported to the reporting carrier was permanently disconnected. The telephone number and date of permanent disconnection will allow voluntary users of the database to determine whether a number has been permanently disconnected prior to calling that number, thereby protecting against unwanted calls to consumers and potential Telephone Consumer Protection Act liability for callers. Reporting carriers and voluntary users of the reassigned numbers database may also need to provide contact information, including names, address, and telephone number, to enable the database administrator to contact the reporting carrier in case there are any issues with their submission.

The Commission has referred to the North American Numbering Council the development of a technical requirements document for the reassigned numbers database for review by the Commission. The technical requirements document will contain a single, unified set of functional and interface requirements for: technical interoperability and operational standards; the user interface specifications and data format for service providers to report to the Administrator; the user interfaces and other means by which callers may submit queries, including providing callers the abilities for high-volume and batch processing or to submit individual queries; appropriate safeguards to protect the privacy and security of subscribers, protect the database from unauthorized access, and ensure the security and integrity of the data; and keeping records of service providers' reporting and accounting.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-0997; FR ID 326286]

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission Under Delegated Authority

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated

collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before March 23, 2026. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email PRA@fcc.gov and to nicole.ongele@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele, (202) 418-2991.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0997.

Title: Section 52.15(k), Numbering Utilization and Compliance Audit.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 10 respondents; 10 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 33 hours.

Frequency of Response: Third party disclosure requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Mandatory. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 251.

Total Annual Burden: 330 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No cost.

Needs and Uses: The audit program, consisting of audit procedures and guidelines, is developed to conduct random audits. The random audits are conducted on the carriers that use numbering resources in order to verify the accuracy of numbering data reported on FCC Form 502, and to monitor compliance with FCC rules, orders and applicable industry guidelines. Failure of the audited carriers to respond to the audits can result in penalties. Based on the final audit report, evidence of potential violations may result in enforcement action.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-0790, OMB 3060-0859; FR ID 326237]

Information Collections Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission Under Delegated Authority

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning:

whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before March 23, 2026. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email PRA@fcc.gov and to nicole.ongele@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele, (202) 418–2991.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060–0790.

Title: Section 68.110 (b), Availability of Inside Wiring Information.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 200 respondents; 1,200 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response:

Recordkeeping requirement and third party disclosure requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Mandatory.

Providers of wireline telecommunications services that willfully or repeatedly fail to comply with this rule are subject to forfeitures under 47 CFR 1.80. Statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in 47 U.S.C. 151, 154, 201–205, 218, 220 and 405 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Total Annual Burden: 1,200 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$5,000.

Needs and Uses: Section 68.110(b) requires that any available technical information concerning carrier-installed wiring on the customer's side of the demarcation point, including copies of existing schematic diagrams and service records, shall be provided by the telephone company upon request of the building owner or agent thereof. The provider of wireline telecommunications services may charge the building owner a reasonable fee for this service, which shall not exceed the cost involved in locating and copying the documents. In the alternative, the provider may make these documents available for review and copying by the building owner or his agent. In this case, the wireline telecommunications carrier may charge a reasonable fee, which shall not exceed the cost involved in making the documents available, and may also require the building owner or his agent to pay a deposit to guarantee the documents' return. The information is needed so that building owners may choose to contract with an installer of their choice on inside wiring maintenance and installation services to modify existing wiring or assist with the installation of additional inside wiring.

OMB Control Number: 3060–0859.

Title: Suggested Guidelines for Petitions for Ruling Under Section 253

of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities and State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 24 respondents; 24 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 63–125 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Voluntary. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 253 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Total Annual Burden: 1,698 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No cost.

Needs and Uses: The Commission will submit this expiring information collection to the OMB after this 60-day comment period in order to obtain the full three-year clearance from them. The Commission is requesting an extension (with no change in the reporting requirement). There is no reduction in the estimated number of respondents/responses and the annual burden hours. Although very few petitions for preemption under section 253 have been filed in the past few years, there is reason to believe that the current estimate is more likely to reflect future developments than a reduction in the number of estimated filings. The Commission published a Public Notice in November 1998 which established suggested guidelines for the filing of petitions for preemption pursuant to section 253 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, as well as suggested guidelines for the filing of comments opposing such requests for preemption. The Commission will use this information to resolve petitions for preemption of state or local statutes, regulations, or other state or local legal requirements that are alleged to prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting any entity from providing a telecommunications service. Section 253 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, which was added by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, requires the Commission, with certain important exceptions, to preempt (to the extent necessary) the enforcement of any state or local statute or regulation, or other state or local legal requirement that prohibits or has the effect of prohibiting any entity from providing any interstate or intrastate telecommunications service. The Commission's consideration of preemption under section 253 typically

begins with the filing of a petition by an aggrieved party. The Commission typically places such petitions on public notice and requests comment by interested parties. The Commission's decision is based on the public record, generally composed of the petition and comments. The Commission has considered a number of preemption items since the passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and believes it is in the public interest to inform the public of the information necessary for full consideration of the issues likely to be involved in section 253 preemption proceedings. In order to render a timely and informed decision, the Commission expects petitioners and commenters to provide it with relevant information sufficient to describe the legal regime involved in the controversy and to provide the factual information necessary for a decision.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., Thursday, February 19, 2026.

PLACE: The meeting will be held via remote means and/or in the Richard V. Backley Hearing Room, Room 511, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 504 North, Washington, DC 20004.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Commission will conduct a meeting closed to the public to consider: *Secretary of Labor v. Rulon Harper Construction, Inc.*, (Issues include: (1) whether the Judge abused her discretion in denying the motions to approve settlement and (2) whether the Secretary has unreviewable discretion to remove an S&S designation from a contested citation without the Commission's approval under section 110(k) of the Mine Act). Commissioners will attend the meeting. Commission staff members who provide technological support and other Commission staff may also be present as necessary. This meeting is closed to the public pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(10) on the basis of the Commission's consideration or disposition of a "particular case of formal agency adjudication."

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Rory P. Smith (202) 525–8649/(202)

708–9300 for TDD Relay/1–800–877–8339 for toll free.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated: January 15, 2026.

Rory P. Smith,

Attorney-Advisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[30Day–26–0666]

Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has submitted the information collection request titled “National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. CDC previously published a “Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations” notice on July 18, 2025 to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. CDC received three comments related to the previous notice. This notice serves to allow an additional 30 days for public and affected agency comments.

CDC will accept all comments for this proposed information collection project. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

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

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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

(d) 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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses; and

(e) Assess information collection costs.

To request additional information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, call (404) 639–7570.

Comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Direct written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice to the Attention: CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395–5806. Provide written comments within 30 days of notice publication.

Proposed Project

National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) (OMB Control No. 0920–0666—Exp. 12/31/2027)—Revision—National Center for Emerging Zoonotic and Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP), National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) collects data from healthcare facilities in the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) under OMB Control No. 0920–0666. NHSN provides facilities, health departments, states, regions, and the nation with data necessary to identify problem areas, measure the progress of prevention efforts, and ultimately eliminate healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) nationwide. NHSN also allows healthcare facilities to track blood safety errors and various HAI prevention practice methods such as healthcare personnel influenza vaccine status and corresponding infection control adherence rates.

Enrollment in NHSN has continuously increased, with over 37,000 actively reporting healthcare facilities across the U.S. Of the total enrolled healthcare facilities, there are over 6,000 acute care facilities; 8,400 dialysis facilities; 600 long-term acute care facilities; 400 inpatient rehabilitation facilities; 800 inpatient psychiatric facilities; nearly 20,000 long-term care facilities; and 6,000 ambulatory surgery facilities. NHSN currently has eight components: Patient Safety (PS), Healthcare Personnel Safety (HPS), Biovigilance (BV), Long-Term Care Facility (LTCF), Outpatient Procedure (OPC), Dialysis Component, Neonatal Component, and Medication Safety Component.

This Revision includes proposed changes to 68 approved and five new NHSN data collections. CDC requests OMB approval for an estimated 3,836,550 annual burden hours. There are no additional costs to respondents other than their time to participate.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Form No. & name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (min/hour)
57.100 NHSN Registration Form	2,000	1	5/60
57.101 Facility Contact Information	2,000	1	10/60
57.102 NHSN Help Desk Customer Satisfaction Survey	26,400	1	2/60
57.103 Patient Safety Component—Annual Hospital Survey	5,400	1	138/60
57.104 NHSN Facility Administrator Change Request Form	800	1	5/60
57.105 Group Contact Information	1,000	1	5/60
57.106 Patient Safety Monthly Reporting Plan	7,821	12	15/60
57.108 Primary Bloodstream Infection (BSI)	6,000	12	43/60
57.111 Pneumonia (PNEU)	1,800	2	33/60
57.112 Ventilator-Associated Event (VAE)	5,463	8	31/60
57.113 Pediatric Ventilator-Associated Event (PedVAE)	334	1	33/60
57.114 Urinary Tract Infection (UTI)	6,000	12	25/60
57.115 Custom Event	600	91	38/60

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS—Continued

Form No. & name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (min/hour)
57.116 Denominators for Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)	1,100	12	240/60
57.117 Denominators for Specialty Care Area (SCA)/Oncology (ONC)	500	12	300/60
57.118 Denominators for Intensive Care Unit (ICU)/Other locations (not NICU or SCA)	5,500	60	300/60
57.120 Surgical Site Infection (SSI)	3,800	12	13/60
57.121 Denominator for Procedure	3,800	12	13/60
57.122 HAI Progress Report State Health Department Survey	55	1	50/60
57.123 Antimicrobial Use and Resistance (AUR)-Microbiology Data Electronic Upload Specification Tables—Initial Set-up	1,200	1	4,800/60
57.123 Antimicrobial Use and Resistance (AUR)-Microbiology Data Electronic Upload Specification Tables—Yearly Maintenance	4,300	2	120/60
57.123 Antimicrobial Use and Resistance (AUR)-Microbiology Data Electronic Upload Specification Tables—Monthly	5,500	12	5/60
57.124 Antimicrobial Use and Resistance (AUR)-Pharmacy Data Electronic Upload Specification Tables—Initial Set-up	800	1	2,400/60
57.124 Antimicrobial Use and Resistance (AUR)-Pharmacy Data Electronic Upload Specification Tables—Yearly Maintenance	4,700	1	120/60
57.124 Antimicrobial Use and Resistance (AUR)-Pharmacy Data Electronic Upload Specification Tables—Monthly	5,500	12	5/60
57.126 MDRO or CDI Infection Form	720	12	33/60
57.127 MDRO and CDI Prevention Process and Outcome Measures Monthly Monitoring	5,500	29	15/60
57.128 Laboratory-identified MDRO or CDI Event	4,800	12	23/60
57.129 Adult Sepsis	50	12	28/60
57.130 Infectious Diseases of Public Health Concern	3,650	365	35/60
57.132 Patient Safety Component Digital Measure Reporting Plan (HOB, HT-CDI, Adult Sepsis, RPS, HYPO, LOSMEN)—IT Initial Set up	4,980	1	1,500/60
57.132 Patient Safety Component Digital Measure Reporting Plan (HOB, HT-CDI, Adult Sepsis, RPS, HYPO, LOSMEN)—IT Yearly Maintenance	20	1	1,200/60
57.132 Patient Safety Component Digital Measure Reporting Plan (RPS ONLY Daily FHIR Submission)—IT Initial Set Up	495	1	1,000/60
57.132 Patient Safety Component Digital Measure Reporting Plan (RPS ONLY Daily FHIR Submission)—Yearly Maintenance	5	1	800/60
57.132 Patient Safety Component Digital Measure Reporting Plan (HOB, HT-CDI, Adult Sepsis, RPS, HYPO, LOSMEN, Claims Data)—Infection Preventionist	5,500	1	10/60
57.132 Patient Safety Digital Reporting Plan (RPS CSV)	25	365	2/60
57.133 Patient Safety Attestation	3,500	1	10/60
57.137 Long-Term Care Facility Component—Annual Facility Survey	6,270	1	135/60
57.138 Laboratory-identified MDRO or CDI Event for LTCF	286	24	22/60
57.139 MDRO and CDI Prevention Process Measures Monthly Monitoring for LTCF	738	12	10/60
57.140 Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) for LTCF	373	24	37/60
57.141 Monthly Reporting Plan for LTCF	546	12	5/60
57.142 Denominators for LTCF Locations	724	12	35/60
57.143 Prevention Process Measures Monthly Monitoring for LTCF	434	12	5/60
57.145 Long Term Care Antimicrobial Use (LTC-AU) Module—Digital Upload Specification Tables	16,500	12	5/60
57.150 LTAC Annual Survey	395	1	100/60
57.151 Rehab Annual Survey	395	1	84/60
57.211 Weekly Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination Cumulative Summary for Non-Long-Term Care Facilities—Manual	117	12	25/60
57.214 Annual Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination Summary—Manual	22,440	1	120/60
57.214 Annual Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination Summary—CSV	1,920	1	55/60
57.215 Seasonal Survey on Influenza Vaccination Programs for Healthcare Personnel	15,426	1	45/60
57.300 Hemovigilance Module Annual Survey	57	1	30/60
57.301 Adverse Reaction Investigator Form	47	5	20/60
57.302 Transfusion Transmitted Infections (TTI) Rapid Alert Form	3	1	5/60
57.303 Transfusion Transmitted Infections (TTI) Investigation Form	3	1	60/60
57.400 Outpatient Procedure Component—Annual Ambulatory Surgery Center Survey	350	1	10/60
57.401 Outpatient Procedure Component—Monthly Reporting Plan	350	12	10/60
57.402 Outpatient Procedure Component Same Day Outcome Measures	50	1	42/60
57.403 Outpatient Procedure Component—Denominators for Same Day Outcome Measures	50	400	20/60
57.404 Outpatient Procedure Component—SSI Denominator	300	100	22/60
57.405 Outpatient Procedure Component—Surgical Site (SSI) Event	300	36	39/60
57.408 Monthly Survey Patient Days & Nurse Staffing	2,500	12	300/60
57.500 Outpatient Dialysis Center Practices Survey	6,900	1	149/60
57.501 Dialysis Monthly Reporting Plan	7,400	12	5/60
57.502 Dialysis Event	7,400	30	50/60
57.503 Denominator for Outpatient Dialysis	7,400	12	10/60
57.504 Prevention Process Measures Monthly Monitoring for Dialysis	1,730	12	60/60
57.507 Home Dialysis Center Practices Survey	550	1	65/60

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS—Continued

Form No. & name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (min/hour)
57.600 Neonatal Component Late Onset Sepsis Meningitis (LOSMEN) Module FHIR/CDA Digital Measure Reporting Plan—Infection Preventionist	5,500	12	2/60
57.601 Late Onset Sepsis/Meningitis Denominator Form: Late Onset Sepsis/Meningitis Denominator Form: Data Table for monthly electronic upload	300	6	5/60
57.602 Late Onset Sepsis/Meningitis Event Form: Data Table for Monthly Electronic Upload	300	6	5/60
57.700 Medication Safety—Digital Measure Reporting Plan (HYPO)—Infection Preventionist	5,500	1	5/60
57.701 Medication Safety Component—Annual Hospital Survey	10	1	150/60
57.800 Claims Data Upload	5,500	12	5/60
57.800 Claims Data—Initial IT Set-Up	5,500	1	45/60
57.801 External Validation Summary Report	20	2	15/60
57.802 Bed Capacity—IT Initial Set Up	25	1	20/60
57.803 Daily Facility Operating Status	3,826	730	5/60
57.900 NHSN FHIR digital Quality Measures (dQMs) Facility Technical Assessment for NHSNLink UI	50	1	25/60
57.901 NHSNCoLab Pilot Site Demographics	21	1	25/60
57.902 NHSNCoLab Pilot Site Technical Assessment	21	1	25/60

Jeffrey M. Zirger,

Lead, Information Collection Review Office, Office of Public Health Ethics and Regulations, Office of Science, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[30Day–26–1408]

Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) received approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) Rapid Surveys System (RSS) [OMB 0920–1408], which includes fielding several surveys per year. The 06/30/2023 clearance approved the Round 1 survey. A second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh round of the RSS were additionally approved. In accordance with the Terms of Clearance, NCHS will publish a 30-day **Federal Register** Notice announcing each new survey so that public comments can be received about the specific content of each survey. This notice includes specific details about the questions that would be asked in the eighth round of the RSS and serves to allow 30 days for public and affected agency comments, consistent with OMB’s terms of clearance.

CDC will accept all comments for this proposed information collection project.

The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

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

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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

(d) 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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses; and

(e) Assess information collection costs.

To request additional information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, call (404) 639–7570. Comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Direct written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice to the Attention: CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503 or by

fax to (202) 395–5806. Provide written comments within 30 days of notice publication.

Proposed Project

Rapid Surveys System (RSS) Round 8 (OMB Control No. 0920–1408, Exp. 6/30/2026) National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

Section 306 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (42 U.S.C.), as amended, authorizes that the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), acting through NCHS, collect data about the health of the population of the United States. The RSS (OMB control No. 0920–1408) collects data on emerging public health topics, attitudes, and behaviors using cross-sectional samples from two commercially available, national probability-based online panels. The RSS then combines these data to form estimates that approximate national representation in ways that many data collection approaches cannot. The RSS collects data in contexts in which decision makers’ need for time-sensitive data of known quality about emerging and priority health concerns is a higher priority than their need for statistically unbiased estimates.

The RSS complements NCHS’s current household survey systems. As quicker turnaround surveys that require less accuracy and precision than CDC’s more rigorous population representative surveys, the RSS incorporates multiple mechanisms to carefully evaluate the resulting survey data for their appropriateness for use in public health surveillance and research (e.g., hypothesis generating) and facilitate

continuous quality improvement by supplementing these panels with intensive efforts to understand how well the estimates reflect populations at most risk. The RSS data dissemination strategy communicates the strengths and limitations of data collected through online probability panels as compared to more robust data collection methods.

The RSS has three major goals: (1) to provide CDC and other partners with time-sensitive data of known quality about emerging and priority health concerns; (2) to use these data collections to continue NCHS's evaluation of the quality of public health estimates generated from commercial online panels; and (3) to improve methods to communicate the appropriateness of public health estimates generated from commercial online panels. The RSS is designed to have several rounds of data collection each year with data being collected by two contractors with probability panels. A cross-sectional nationally representative sample will be drawn from the online probability panel maintained by each of the contractors. As part of the base (minimum sample size), each round of data collection will collect 2,000 responses per quarter. The RSS can be expanded by increasing the number of completed responses per round or the number of rounds per year as needed up to a maximum of 28,000 responses per year per contractor or 56,000 total responses per year. Additionally, each data collection may

include up to 2,000 additional responses per quarter (8,000 for the year) to improve representativeness. This increases the maximum burden by up to 16,000 responses per year. The RSS may also target individual surveys to collect data only from specific subgroups within existing survey panels and may supplement data collection for such groups with additional respondents from other probability or nonprobability samples. An additional 12,000 responses per year may be used for these developmental activities.

Each Round's questionnaire will consist of four main components: (1) basic demographic information on respondents to be used as covariates in analyses; (2) new, emerging, or supplemental content proposed by NCHS, other CDC Centers, Institute, and Offices, and other HHS agencies; (3) questions used for calibrating the survey weights; and (4) additional content selected by NCHS to evaluate against relevant benchmarks. NCHS will use questions from Components 1 and 2 to provide relevant, timely data on new, emerging, and priority health topics to be used for decision making. NCHS will use questions from Components 3 and 4 to weight and evaluate the quality of the estimates coming from questions in Components 1 and 2. NCHS submits a 30-day **Federal Register** Notice with information on the contents of each round of data collection.

NCHS calibrates survey weights from the RSS to gold standard surveys.

Questions used for calibration in this round of RSS will include social and work limitation, health information technology use, telephone use, language used at home and in other settings, and civic engagement. All of these questions have been on the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) in prior years allowing calibration to these data.

Finally, all RSS rounds will include several questions that were previously on NHIS or other suitable federal surveys for benchmarking to evaluate data quality. Panelists in the RSS will be asked about health status, chronic conditions, disability, whole person health, social support and loneliness, social connectivity and isolation, depressive symptoms (PHQ-8), social determinants of health, and health care access and utilization.

Round 8 will include content on artificial intelligence and help seeking behaviors, and selected content from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) including substance use prevalence, risk perception of certain substance use, recovery from drug and alcohol use and mental health problems, and suicidal thoughts, plans, and attempts. The estimated total annual burden hours for the three-year approval period remains at 28,079 burden hours. The NCHS RSS Round 8 (2026) data collection is based on 6,000 complete surveys (2020 hours). There are no costs to respondents other than their time.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)
Adults 18+	Survey: NCHS RSS Round 8	6,000	1	20/60
Adults 18+	Cognitive Interviews	20	1	1

Jeffrey M. Zirger,

Lead, Information Collection Review Office, Office of Public Health Ethics and Regulations, Office of Science, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[30Day-26-0009]

Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has submitted the information collection request titled "National Disease Surveillance Program—I. Case Reports" to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and

approval. CDC previously published a "Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations" notice on July 28, 2025, to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. CDC received three comments related to the previous notice. This notice serves to allow an additional 30 days for public and affected agency comments.

CDC will accept all comments for this proposed information collection project. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

- (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the

functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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

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(e) Assess information collection costs.

To request additional information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, call (404) 639-7570.

Comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Direct written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice to the Attention: CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-5806. Provide written

comments within 30 days of notice publication.

Proposed Project

National Disease Surveillance Program—I. Case Reports (OMB Control No. 0920-0009, Exp. 1/31/2026)—Revision—National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

Surveillance of the incidence and distribution of disease has been an important function of the US Public Health Service (PHS) since the 1878 Act of Congress authorized the PHS to collect morbidity reports. After the Malaria Control in War Areas Program had fulfilled its original 1942 objective of reducing malaria transmission, its basic tenets were carried forward and broadened by the formation of the Communicable Disease Center (CDC) in 1946. CDC was conceived of as a well-equipped, broadly staffed agency used to translate facts about analysis of morbidity and mortality statistics on communicable diseases and through field investigations.

It was soon recognized that control measures (such as the DDT spraying for malaria) did not alleviate the threat of disease reintroduction. In 1950, the Malaria Surveillance Program began and in 1952, the National Surveillance Program started. Both programs were based on the premise that diseases cannot be diagnosed, prevented, or controlled until existing knowledge is expanded and new ideas developed and

implemented. The original scope of the National Surveillance Program included the study of malaria, murine typhus, smallpox, psittacosis, diphtheria, leprosy, and sylvatic plague. Over the years, the mandate of CDC has broadened in preventive health activities and the surveillance systems maintained have expanded. This program is authorized under the Public Health Service Act, Section 301 and 306 (42 U.S.C. 241 and 242K).

This data collection covers surveillance activities for four, rare diseases: (1) Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD); (2) Reye Syndrome; (3) Kawasaki syndrome; and (4) Acute Flaccid Myelitis. Data will be used for planning and evaluating effective programs for prevention and control of these infectious diseases. Disease incidence is needed to study present and emerging disease problems and the surveillance data serves as statistical material for those engaged in research or medical practice, aid to health education officials and students, and data for manufacturers of pharmaceutical products. Annual surveillance data are published in the MMWR Surveillance Summary. Case data will be transmitted to CDC electronically or hard copy from State and Local Health Departments.

This Revision is submitted to renew the data collection package for an additional three years and to update the Acute Flaccid Myelitis format for collecting race and ethnicity. CDC requests OMB approval for an estimated 98 annual burden hours. There is no cost to respondents other than their time to participate.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)
Epidemiologist	Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD)	10	2	20/60
	Reye Syndrome	1	1	20/60
	Kawasaki syndrome	20	2	15/60
	Acute Flaccid Myelitis	60	2	30/60

Jeffrey M. Zirger,

Lead, Information Collection Review Office, Office of Public Health Ethics and Regulations, Office of Science, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifiers: CMS–10943]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information (including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information) and to allow 60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments must be received by March 23, 2026.

ADDRESSES: When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

1. *Electronically.* You may send your comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for "Comment or Submission" or "More Search Options" to find the information collection document(s) that are accepting comments.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Document Identifier: ___ / OMB Control Number: ___, Room C4–26–05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, please access the CMS PRA website by copying and pasting the following web address into your web browser: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William N. Parham at (410) 786–4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Contents

This notice sets out a summary of the use and burden associated with the following information collections. More detailed information can be found in each collection's supporting statement and associated materials (see **ADDRESSES**).

Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires federal agencies to publish a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice.

Information Collections

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection (Request for a new OMB control number); *Title of Information Collection:* CMS Meeting Request Public Portal; *Use:* CMS is seeking approval to streamline the process for entities requesting external meetings. The proposed CMS Meeting Request Portal will gather only necessary information for representatives of the organization to meet with a representative of the federal government. This simplified approach aims to reduce administrative burden while enhancing transparency and accountability in meeting requests. By focusing on essential information, CMS ensures that the evaluation and screening process for private requests remains efficient and centered on logistics, scheduling, and conflict of interest. The proposed information

collection aligns with CMS's commitment to stakeholder engagement while ensuring compliance with all applicable federal laws, regulations, and security protocols.

The information will be collected solely from organizations and third-party requestors, such as law firms or other entities acting on behalf of organizations, that seek a meeting with the Administrator. The implementation of an online portal will facilitate the ease and efficiency of submitting requests. Requestors will have the capability to securely enter their requests electronically through this portal. Information collection is voluntary, whether or not it is provided through the portal or via a letter, but no matter how it is submitted to CMS, failure to provide the requested information will result in CMS's inability to review, process, and/or act on the request. *Form Number:* CMS–10943 (OMB control number: 0938–New); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* Individuals, Private Sector—Business or other for-profits, Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 427; *Total Annual Responses:* 427; *Total Annual Hours:* 142 hours. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Erin Palmer at (202) 690–5943.)

William N. Parham, III,

Director, Division of Information Collections and Regulatory Impacts, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS–10855]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing

collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by February 19, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, please access the CMS PRA website by copying and pasting the following web address into your web browser: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Parham at (410) 786-4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires federal agencies to publish a 30-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicaid Managed Care and Supporting Regulations; *Use:* Most Medicaid beneficiaries receive either all or part of their health care benefits through Medicaid managed care programs, including their prescription drug benefits. Because of the specialized nature of the prescription drug benefit, many of the Medicaid managed care plans (MCOs, PIHPS, or PAHPS) either own, or contract with, PBMs to administer the pharmacy benefit. In 42 CFR 438.3(s), Medicaid MCOs, PIHPS, and PAHPS that provide coverage of covered outpatient drugs (CODs) are required to structure any contract that it has with any subcontractor (*e.g.*, PBM) for the delivery or administration of the COD benefit so that the subcontractor is required to report separately the amounts related to the incurred claims described in § 438.8(e)(2) to the managed care plan. Included are (1) reimbursements for the CODs, (2) payments for other patient services, (3) dispensing or administering providers fees, and (4) subcontractor administrative fees. The provision will ensure that medical loss ratios (MLRs) reported by MCOs, PIHPS and PAHPS that use subcontractors in the delivery of COD coverage will be more accurate and transparent. The separate payment requirements will help States and managed care plans better understand whether they are appropriately and efficiently paying for the delivery of CODs, a significant part of which is funded by the Federal Government. *Form Number:* CMS-10855 (OMB control number 0938-1445); *Frequency:* Annually and once; *Affected Public:* Private sector and State, Local, or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 604; *Number of Responses:* 604; *Total Annual Hours:* 8,614. (For questions regarding this collection, contact: Robert Giles at 410-786-4050).

William N. Parham, III,

Director, Division of Information Collections and Regulatory Impacts, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

[FR Doc. 2026-00896 Filed 1-16-26; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[Office of Management and Budget #: 0970-0248]

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Annual Report on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Programs and State Maintenance-of-Effort Programs—ACF—204 (Annual TANF and MOE Report)

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

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is requesting a 3-year extension of the ACF-204: Annual Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and State Maintenance-of-Effort (MOE) Report (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) #: 0970-0248, expiration March 31, 2026). There are no substantive changes requested to the form but instructions have been updated and burden estimates adjusted.

DATES: *Comments due* March 23, 2026.

ADDRESSES: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ACF is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. You can obtain copies of the proposed collection of information and submit comments by emailing infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: The Annual TANF and MOE Report is used to collect descriptive program characteristics information on the programs operated by states and territories in association with their TANF programs. All state and territory expenditures claimed toward states and territories MOE requirements must be appropriate, *i.e.*, meet all applicable MOE requirements. The Annual TANF and MOE Report provides the ability to learn about and to monitor the nature of state and territory expenditures used to meet states and territories MOE requirements, and it is an important source of information about the different ways that states and territories are using their resources to help families attain and maintain self-sufficiency. In addition, the report is used to obtain state and territory program characteristics for

ACF's annual report to Congress, and the report serves as a useful resource to use in Congressional hearings about how TANF programs are evolving, in assessing state and territory MOE expenditures, and in assessing the need for legislative changes. This information collection will support administration and agency priorities to enhance oversight mechanisms and reinforce accountability across programs. Further, this information collection addresses a recommendation issued by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) in its final report, GAO-25-107235, that the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services should ensure ACF conducts a review of all TANF reporting

requirements and forms and make appropriate changes within its statutory authority to enhance reporting for oversight of TANF funds. The Annual TANF and MOE Report requires states to relate each TANF and MOE benefit or service program to the third and fourth statutory purposes of TANF, which is responsive to GAO's recommendation and aligns with the agency's values of program integrity and fiscal stewardship. This request includes clarifications within instructions, a reduction in burden hours, and a change in collection title to better reflect the content of the collection.

Respondents: The 50 States of the U.S., the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Annual Burden Estimates: ACF proposes a 32 percent reduction in estimated average time per response to reflect the intent of existing regulations. 45 CFR 265.9(d) indicates that states that have already incorporated the information required in their TANF State Plan may meet the annual reporting requirements by reference in lieu of completing a re-submission of a particular data element. If the information in the annual report has not changed since the previous annual report, the state may reference this information in lieu of re-submission of a particular data element. Instructions have been updated to make clear both opportunities to reference in lieu of re-submission.

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
ACF-204; Annual TANF and MOE Report	54	1	80	4,320

Comments: The Department specifically requests comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 602 and 611; the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Public Law 104-193, 110 Stat. 2105.

Mary C. Jones,
ACF/OPRE Certifying Officer.

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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: Biological Chemistry and Macromolecular Biophysics Integrated Review Group; Macromolecular Structure and Function B Study Section.

Date: February 18-19, 2026.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 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: Alexei A. Yeliseev, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 443-0552, yeliseeva@mail.nih.gov.

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

Date: February 20, 2026.

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 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: Soyoun Cho, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Rm. 1011-G, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-6593, Soyoun.cho@nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: January 15, 2026.

Bruce A. George,
Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Library of Medicine; Notice of Partially Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Library of Medicine Board of Scientific Counselors.

The meeting will be held in person and virtually and will be partially open to the public as indicated below. Individuals who plan to view the virtual meeting and need special assistance or other reasonable accommodation to view the meeting should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance

of the meeting. The meeting can be accessed from the NIH Videocast at the following link: <https://videocast.nih.gov/>.

The meeting 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 materials, 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: National Library of Medicine Board of Scientific Counselors.

Date: April 23, 2026.

Open: April 23, 2026, 9:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

Agenda: Program Discussion and Investigator Report.

Closed: April 23, 2026, 10:20 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate personal qualifications, performance, and competence of individual investigators.

Open: April 23, 2026, 11:20 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.

Agenda: Program Discussion and Investigator Report.

Closed: April 23, 2026, 12:05 p.m. to 12:50 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate personal qualifications, performance, and competence of individual investigators.

Open: April 23, 2026, 1:20 p.m. to 2:05 p.m.

Agenda: Program Discussion and Investigator Report.

Closed: April 23, 2026, 2:05 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate personal qualifications, performance, and competence of individual investigators.

Open: April 23, 2026, 3:05 p.m. to 3:35 p.m.

Agenda: Program Discussion and Investigator Report.

Closed: April 23, 2026, 3:50 p.m. to 4:35 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate personal qualifications, performance, and competence of individual investigators.

Open: April 24, 2026, 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Agenda: Program Discussion and Investigator Report.

Closed: April 24, 2026, 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate personal qualifications, performance, and competence of individual investigators.

Open: April 24, 2026, 10:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Agenda: Program Discussion and Investigator Report.

Closed: April 24, 2026, 12:45 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate personal qualifications, performance, and competence of individual investigators.

Address: National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Michelle Krever, Extramural Programs, National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Suite 500, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-496-6132, kreverm1@mail.nih.gov.

Registration is not required to attend the open portion of this meeting.

Any member of the public may submit written comments no later than 15 days in advance of the meeting. Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

Open sessions will be videocast and can be accessed from the NIH Videocasting and Podcasting website (<http://videocast.nih.gov/>) on April 30, 2025. Please direct any questions to the Contact Person listed on this notice.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.879, Medical Library Assistance, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: January 15, 2026.

Denise M. Santeufemio,

Supervisory Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R4-ES-2025-N035;
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Endangered Species; Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received applications for permits to conduct scientific research to promote conservation or other activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered and threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

DATES: We must receive written data or comments on the applications by February 19, 2026.

ADDRESSES:

Reviewing Documents: Submit requests for copies of applications and other information submitted with the applications to permits4es@fws.gov (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). All requests and comments should specify the applicant's name and application number (e.g., Mary Smith, ESPER0001234).

Submitting Comments: If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Email (preferred method):* permitsR4ES@fws.gov. Please include your name and return address in your email message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that we have received your email message, contact us directly at the telephone number listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.
- *U.S. Mail:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Office, Ecological Services, 1875 Century Boulevard, Atlanta, GA 30345 (Attn: Recovery Permit Coordinator).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kaye London via telephone at 404-679-7097 or via email at permitsr4es@fws.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), invite review and comment from the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies on applications we have received for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17. Documents and other information submitted with the applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a), and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

Background

With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits take of listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that authorizes such take. The definition of "take" in the ESA includes hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing, and also such activities as pursuing, harassing,

trapping, capturing, or collecting, or attempting to engage in any such conduct.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to take endangered or threatened species while engaging in activities that are conducted for scientific purposes that promote recovery of species or for enhancement of propagation or survival of species. These activities often include the capture and collection of species, which

would result in prohibited take if a permit were not issued. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA for these permits are found at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment

The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these

permits. Accordingly, we invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies, and the public to submit written data, views, or arguments with respect to these applications. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies. Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild.

Permit application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
ES011542-12	Conservation Fisheries; Knoxville, TN.	Carolina madtom (<i>Noturus furiosus</i>).	North Carolina ..	Surveys, scientific research, and captive propagation.	Capture, handle, identify, and release.	Renewal with amendment
ES06338C-3	David Foltz; Weirton, WV.	Dwarf wedgemussel (<i>Alasmidonta heterodon</i>), eastern hellbender (<i>Cryptobranchus alleganiensis alleganiensis</i>), Nashville crayfish (<i>Orconectes shoupi</i>), and salamander mussel (<i>Simpsonaias ambigua</i>).	Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Vermont.	Surveys	Capture, handle, identify, release, and salvage relic shells.	Amendment
ES28025A-4	The Oriante Society; Tiger, GA.	Reticulated flatwoods salamander (<i>Ambystoma bishopi</i>).	Georgia	Surveys and scientific research.	Capture, handle, identify, collect biological samples, and release.	Renewal and amendment
ES069754-8	Gerald Dinkins; Knoxville, TN.	<i>Fishes:</i> Barrens topminnow (<i>Fundulus julisia</i>), Carolina madtom (<i>Noturus furiosus</i>), grotto sculpin (<i>Cottus specus</i>), Topeka shiner (<i>Notropis Topeka</i>); <i>Mussels:</i> Canoe Creek clubshell (<i>Pleurobema atearni</i>), false spike (<i>Fusconaia mitchelli</i>), Tennessee pigtoe (<i>Pleuronaia bamesiana</i>), Tennessee clubshell (<i>Pleurobema oviforme</i>); <i>Snails:</i> Iowa Pleistocene snail (<i>Discus macclintocki</i>), magnificent rams-horn (<i>Planorbella magnifica</i>), and Virginia fringed mountain snail (<i>Polygyriscus virginianus</i>).	Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.	Surveys and scientific research.	Capture, handle, identify, collect biological samples, release, and salvage relic shells.	Amendment
ES61239D-2	Smithsonian National Zoo & Conservation Biology Institute; Front Royal, VA.	Red wolf (<i>Canis rufus</i>)	Nationwide SAFE program locations.	Scientific research and genomic banking.	Collect biological samples.	Renewal
ES59340D-1	Ashley Long; Baton Rouge, LA.	Northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>).	Louisiana	Scientific research.	Capture, handle, identify, and release.	Renewal
ES65875D	William Pruitt; Athens, GA.	Amber darter (<i>Percina antesella</i>), Conasauga logperch (<i>Percina jenkinsi</i>), Etowah darter (<i>Etheostoma etowahae</i>), fat threeridge (<i>Amblema neisleri</i>), Gulf moccasinshell (<i>Medionidus penicillatus</i>), oval pigtoe (<i>Pleurobema pyriforme</i>), and shinyrayed pocketbook (<i>Hamiota subangulata</i>).	Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee.	Surveys	Capture, handle, identify, release, and salvage relic shells.	Renewal

Permit application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
PER21814598-0	Molly Simonis; Auburn, AL.	Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>), and tricolored bat (<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>).	Alabama	Scientific research.	Capture, handle, identify, collect biological samples, band, tag, and release.	New
PER22287824-0	Atlas Environmental, Inc.; Charlotte, NC.	<i>Mammals</i> : gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>), tricolored bat (<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>), Virginia big-eared bat (<i>Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus</i>); <i>Mussels</i> : Altamaha spiny mussel (<i>Elliptio spinosa</i>), Appalachian elktoe (<i>Alasmidonta raveneliana</i>), Carolina heelsplitter (<i>Lasmigona decorata</i>), dwarf wedgemussel (<i>Alasmidonta heterodon</i>), James spiny mussel (<i>Parvaspina collina</i>), southern elktoe (<i>Alasmidonta triangulata</i>), Tar River spiny mussel (<i>Parvaspina steinstansana</i>); <i>Amphibians</i> : eastern hellbender (<i>Cryptobranchus alleganiensis alleganiensis</i>) and reticulated flatwoods salamander (<i>Ambystoma bishopi</i>).	Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina.	Surveys	Capture, handle, identify, collect biological samples, band, tag, salvage relic shells, and release.	New
PER22577965-0	Matthew Johnson; Franklin, TN.	35 freshwater mussel species	Throughout the range of the species.	Surveys	Capture, handle, identify, collect biological samples, release, and salvage relic shells.	New

Public Availability of Comments

All written comments that are received during the comment period become part of the administrative record associated with this notice. If including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be aware that the comment, including personal identifying information, may be available to the public. While you may request to withhold personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee privacy of the information. All comments will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety from organizations or businesses, including individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of such organizations or businesses.

Next Steps

After the comment period closes, we will make a decision regarding the status of permit issuance for each application. If we issue permits to any of the applicants listed above in this notice, we will publish a subsequent notice in the **Federal Register**. The notice announcing the permit issuance may be located by searching <https://www.regulations.gov> for the permit

application number listed in the table above.

An interested party opposed to a recovery permit’s issuance may object by following the requirements in 50 CFR 17.22(d). The Service will notify the interested party of the Service’s decision for the permit application under that section.

Authority

We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Christopher Cooley,

Deputy Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Southeast Region.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[A2407-014-004-065516, #O2509-014-004-125222]

Filing of Survey Plats: Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of official filing.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of lands described in this notice are scheduled to be officially filed in the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Alaska State Office, Anchorage, Alaska. The surveys, which were executed at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the BLM are necessary for the management of these lands.

DATES: The BLM must receive protests by February 19, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may buy a copy of the plats from the BLM Alaska Public Information Center, 222 West 7th Avenue, Mailstop 13, Anchorage, AK 99513. Please use this address when filing written protests. You may also view the plats at the BLM Alaska Public Information Center, Fitzgerald Federal Building, 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, at no cost.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nathan C. Erickson, Acting Chief, Branch of Cadastral Survey, Alaska State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99513; telephone 907-271-5770; email n05erick@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, blind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access

telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands surveyed are:

Copper River Meridian, Alaska

U.S. Survey No. 3426, supplemental plat accepted July 22, 2025, situated in T. 28 S., R. 54 E.

U.S. Survey No. 14666, accepted August 19, 2025, situated in T. 9 S., R. 8 W. T. 4 S., R. 2 E., accepted August 20, 2025.

T. 8 S., R. 2 E., accepted August 18, 2025.

T. 4 S., R. 4 W., accepted August 18, 2025.

T. 7 S., R. 4 W., accepted August 20, 2025.

Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

U.S. Survey No. 14662, accepted June 4, 2025, situated in T. 19 N., R. 16 W.

U.S. Survey No. 14679, accepted August 19, 2025, situated in T. 7 S., R. 37 W.

A person or party who wishes to protest one or more plats of survey identified above must file a written notice of protest with the State Director for the BLM in Alaska. The protest may be filed by mailing to BLM State Director, Alaska State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99513 or by delivering it in person to BLM Alaska Public Information Center, Fitzgerald Federal Building, 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. The notice of protest must identify the plat(s) of survey that the person or party wishes to protest. You must file the notice of protest before the scheduled date of official filing for the plat(s) of survey being protested. The BLM will not consider any notice of protest filed after the scheduled date of official filing. A notice of protest is considered filed on the date it is received by the State Director for the BLM in Alaska during regular business hours; if received after regular business hours, a notice of protest will be considered filed the next business day. A written statement of reasons in support of a protest, if not filed with the notice of protest, must be filed with the State Director for the BLM in Alaska within 30 calendar days after the notice of protest is filed.

If a notice of protest against a plat of survey is received prior to the scheduled date of official filing, the official filing of the plat of survey identified in the notice of protest will be

stayed pending consideration of the protest. A plat of survey will not be officially filed until the dismissal or resolution of all protests of the plat.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information in a notice of protest or statement of reasons, you should be aware that the documents you submit, including your personally identifiable information, may be made publicly available in their entirety at any time. While you can ask the BLM to withhold your personally identifiable information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

(Authority: 43 U.S.C. chap. 3.)

Nathan C. Erickson,

Acting Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Alaska.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation. No. 337-TA-1479]

Certain Dental Burs and Kits Thereof; Notice of Institution of Investigation

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on December 16, 2025, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, on behalf of Huwais IP Holding LLC of Jackson, Michigan and Versah, LLC of Jackson, Michigan. An amended complaint was filed on January 6, 2026. The amended complaint alleges violations of section 337 based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain dental burs and kits thereof by reason of the infringement of: (1) certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 9,326,778 (“the ‘778 patent”) and U.S. Patent No. 11,712,250 (“the ‘250 patent”); and (2) U.S. Trademark Registration No. 6,261,888 (“the ‘888 mark”); U.S. Trademark Registration No. 6,261,886 (“the ‘886 mark”); and U.S. Trademark Registration No. 4,689,471 (“the ‘471 mark”). The amended complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by the applicable Federal Statute.

The complainants request that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a general exclusion order, or in the

alternative a limited exclusion order, and cease and desist orders.

ADDRESSES: The amended complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>. For help accessing EDIS, please email EDIS3Help@usitc.gov. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at <https://www.usitc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Pathenia M. Proctor, The Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205-2560.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and in section 210.10 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10 (2025).

Scope of Investigation: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on January 13, 2026, ordered that—

(1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended,

(a) an investigation be instituted to determine whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain products identified in paragraph (2) by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 of the ‘778 patent and claims 1 and 7 of the ‘250 patent, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337; and

(b) an investigation be instituted to determine whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(C) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain products identified in paragraph (2) by reason of infringement of the ‘888 mark, the ‘886 mark, and the ‘471 mark, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337;

(2) Pursuant to section 210.10(b)(1) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10(b)(1), the plain language description of the accused products or category of accused products, which defines the scope of the investigation, is "osseodensification dental burs and kits thereof";

(3) For the purpose of the investigation so instituted, the following are hereby named as parties upon which this notice of investigation shall be served:

(a) The complainants are:

Huwais IP Holding LLC, 4645 Eagle Drive, Jackson, MI 49201
Versah, LLC, 2000 Spring Arbor Road, Suite D, Jackson, MI 49203

(b) The respondents are the following entities alleged to be in violation of section 337, and are the parties upon which the complaint is to be served:

Pawn Move, Main Road Near Blue Heaven, Fateh Garh Road, Mohalah Ghaus Pura, Sialkot, 51310, Pakistan
Raheela Instruments, Butter Road, Dubai Transit, United Arab Emirates
Ali House of Dental, Near Tony Chowk Factory, Area Kacha Shabah Bura, Sialkot, Pakistan

Dental68, 701 Hanover Dr., Suite 100, Grapevine, TX 76051
Mahfooz Instruments, House No. 1/235-109 Commissioner Ro, Sialkot, Pakistan

Medsal International, Haji Pura Road, Sialkot, Pakistan, Hamsan International d/b/a Hamsan Surgical, Shahab Pura, NTN:41056094, Sialkot, PU 41310, Pakistan

Arck Instruments UK LTD, 110 Rock Avenue, Gillingham ME7 5PS, United Kingdom

Denshine, 11340 Jersey Boulevard, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

DentalBTC, c/o Mediface Instruments, Shahab Pura Road, Opp. Tajdare-e-Madlina Marid, Sialkot, 61340, Pakistan -or- 701 Hanover Drive, Suite 100, Grapevine, TX 76051

iDentalShop, 301 Lively Blvd., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

Dyna International, E26/37 C 4, Nouman Street, Lahore, 54000, Pakistan

Merit Surgical, 41 Coulthard Blvd., Cambridge, ON N1T 2G1, Canada

Skeema Dental Italia, Via Marco Minghetti, 41012 Carpi, Province of Modena, Italy

Orthodonticdental d/b/a Orthodont, 289, Belmont, 6104, WA Perth, Australia

New Med Instruments, Zafarwal Road, Talwara Mughlan, Sialkot, Pakistan

(c) The Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Suite 401, Washington, DC 20436; and

(4) For the investigation so instituted, the Chief Administrative Law Judge, U.S. International Trade Commission, shall designate the presiding Administrative Law Judge.

Responses to the amended complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with section 210.13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.13. Pursuant to 19 CFR 201.16(e) and 210.13(a), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the Commission of the amended complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the amended complaint and the notice of investigation will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of a respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the amended complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the allegations of the amended complaint and this notice, and to authorize the administrative law judge and the Commission, without further notice to the respondent, to find the facts to be as alleged in the amended complaint and this notice and to enter an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of an exclusion order or a cease and desist order or both directed against the respondent.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: January 14, 2026.

Lisa Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-1444]

Certain Nasal Devices and Components Thereof; Notice of Commission's Request for Written Submissions on Remedy, the Public Interest, and Bonding

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission ("Commission") requests submissions from the parties, interested government agencies, and other interested persons on the issues of remedy, the public interest, and

bonding, under the schedule set forth below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ronald A. Traud, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205-3427. 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: The Commission instituted this investigation on March 26, 2025, based on a complaint filed by Aardvark Medical Inc. ("Complainant") of Denton, Texas. 90 FR 13781-82 (Mar. 26, 2025). The complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337 ("section 337"), in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain nasal devices and components thereof by reason of infringement of one or more claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 9,750,856; 11,318,234; 11,883,009; 11,883,010; and 11,889,995. *Id.* at 13781. The complaint further alleges that a domestic industry exists. *Id.* The Commission's notice of investigation named as respondents Xiamenximier Electronic Commerce Co., Ltd (d/b/a Cenny) ("Cenny") of Fujian, China; Xia Men Deng Jia E-Commerce Co., Ltd. (d/b/a Ronfnea) ("Ronfnea") of Fujian, China; Chongqing Moffy Innovation Technology Co., Ltd. ("Moffy") of Chongqing City, China; Guangdong XINRUNTAO Technology Co., Ltd. ("Xinruntao") and Shenzhen Jun&Liang Media Tech Limited ("Jun&Liang") of Shenzhen, China; RhinoSystems of Brooklyn, Ohio; and Spa Sciences LP of Port St. Lucie, Florida. *Id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is not a party to the investigation. *Id.*

On June 17, 2025, the Commission determined not to review an initial determination (Order No. 9) granting Complainant's motion for leave to amend the Complaint and Notice of Investigation to substitute and correct the appropriate entity from named respondent "Spa Sciences LP" to "Michael Todd Beauty LP d/b/a Spa

Sciences.” Order No. 9 (May 22, 2025), *unreviewed* by Comm’n Notice (June 17, 2025).

On August 6, 2025, the Commission determined not to review an initial determination (Order No. 14) granting a joint motion to terminate Michael Todd Beauty LP d/b/a Spa Sciences from the investigation on the basis of settlement. Order No. 14 (July 14, 2025), *unreviewed* by Comm’n Notice (Aug. 6, 2025). On December 4, 2025, the Commission determined to review in part and on review affirmed an initial determination finding respondents Cenny, Ronfnea, Moffy, Xinruntao, and Jun&Liang in default. Order No. 27 (Sept. 22, 2025), *reviewed in part and aff’d* by Comm’n Notice (Dec. 4, 2025). On December 22, 2025, the Commission determined not to review an initial determination (Order No. 28) granting a joint motion to terminate RhinoSystems from the investigation on the basis of settlement. Order No. 28 (Dec. 4, 2025), *unreviewed* by Comm’n Notice (Dec. 22, 2025). Accordingly, all remaining respondents have been found in default.

On January 5, 2026, Complainant filed a declaration under Commission Rule 210.16 (19 CFR 210.16(c)), seeking immediate entry of a limited exclusion order (“LEO”) and cease and desist order (“CDO”) against each of the respondents found in default. Those respondents are (1) Cenny, (2) Ronfnea, (3) Moffy, (4) Xinruntao, and (5) Jun&Liang. No response to Complainant’s declaration was received.

In connection with the final disposition of the investigation, the statute authorizes issuance of, *inter alia*, (1) an exclusion order that could result in the exclusion of the subject articles from entry into the United States; and/or (2) cease and desist orders that could result in the respondents being required to cease and desist from engaging in unfair acts in the importation and sale of such articles. Accordingly, the Commission is interested in receiving written submissions that address the form of remedy, if any, that should be ordered. If a party seeks exclusion of an article from entry into the United States for purposes other than entry for consumption, the party should so indicate and provide information establishing that activities involving other types of entry either are adversely affecting it or likely to do so. For background, see *Certain Devices for Connecting Computers via Telephone Lines*, Inv. No. 337-TA-360, USITC Pub. No. 2843, Comm’n Op. at 7–10 (Dec. 1994).

The statute requires the Commission to consider the effects of that remedy upon the public interest. The public

interest factors the Commission will consider include the effect that an exclusion order would have on: (1) the public health and welfare, (2) competitive conditions in the U.S. economy, (3) U.S. production of articles that are like or directly competitive with those that are subject to investigation, and (4) U.S. consumers. The Commission is therefore interested in receiving written submissions that address the aforementioned public interest factors in the context of the investigation.

If the Commission orders some form of remedy, the U.S. Trade Representative, as delegated by the President, has 60 days to approve, disapprove, or take no action on the Commission’s determination. See Presidential Memorandum of July 21, 2005, 70 FR 43251 (July 26, 2005). During this period, the subject articles would be entitled to enter the United States under bond, in an amount determined by the Commission and prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury. The Commission is therefore interested in receiving submissions concerning the amount of the bond that should be imposed if a remedy is ordered.

Written Submissions: Parties to the investigation, interested government agencies, and any other interested parties are encouraged to file written submissions on the issues of remedy, the public interest, and bonding.

In its initial submission, Complainant is requested to identify the remedy sought and to submit proposed remedial orders for the Commission’s consideration. Complainant is further requested to state the date that the asserted patents expire, to provide the HTSUS subheadings under which the accused products are imported, and to supply the identification information for all known importers of the products at issue in the investigation. The initial written submissions and proposed remedial orders must be filed no later than close of business on January 29, 2026. Reply submissions must be filed no later than the close of business on February 5, 2026. No further submissions on these issues will be permitted unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

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-1444”) in a prominent place on the cover page and/or the first page. (See Handbook for Electronic Filing Procedures, <https://www.usitc.gov/>

documents/handbook_on_filing_procedures.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 with the Commission and served on any parties to the investigation within two business days of any confidential filing. All information, including confidential business information and documents for which confidential treatment is properly sought, submitted to the Commission for purposes of the 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.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on January 14, 2026.

The authority for the Commission’s determination is contained in 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: January 15, 2026.

Lisa Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Medical CBRN Defense Consortium

Notice is hereby given that, on October 1, 2025, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Medical CBRN Defense Consortium (“MCDC”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damage under specified circumstances. Specifically, BlueHalo LLC, Huntsville, AL; Hyundai Bioscience USA Inc., San Jose, CA; Modus Operandi, Inc., Melbourne, FL; Signature Science LLC, Austin, TX; TDA Research, Inc., Golden, CO; and Universal Solutions International, Incorporated, Newport News, VA, have been added as parties to this venture.

Also, Bluehalo Labs, LLC, Albuquerque, NM; Curia Global INC, Albany, NY; Geneinforec INC, Huntsville, AL; Polaris Sensor Technologies INC, Huntsville, AL; and Universal Solutions International, Incorporated, Newport News, VA, have withdrawn as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made to either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and MCDC intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On November 13, 2015, MCDC filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on January 6, 2016 (81 FR 513).

The last notification was filed with the Department on July 3, 2025. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on January 2, 2026 (91 FR 162).

Suzanne Morris,

Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Biopharmaceutical Manufacturing Preparedness Consortium

Notice is hereby given that, on July 24, 2025, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Biopharmaceutical Manufacturing Preparedness Consortium (“BIOMAP–CONSORTIUM”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Public Health Vaccines LLC, Cambridge, MA; International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, New York, NY; Matisse Pharmaceuticals, B.V., Geleen, KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS; Ayala Engineering & Consulting LLC, San Antonio, TX; Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS; Research & Development Plus LLC, Charleston, SC; Sequence, Inc., Morrisville, NC; Xcellon Biologics, Rockville, MD; Equitech-bio, Inc., Kerrville, TX; Lacamas Laboratories, Inc., Portland, OR; Pluri Biotech LTD, Haifa, STATE OF ISRAEL; Rosewater Consulting LLC, Charleston, SC; toXcel LLC, Gainesville, VA; Biodextris, Inc., Laval, CANADA; ARNAV Biotech, Atlanta, GA; CBRE, Inc., Radnor, PA; CMIC CMO USA Corporation, Cranbury, NJ; F. P. Developments, Inc., Williamstown, NJ; Global Resonance Technologies LLC, Shelburne, VT; Artis BioSolutions, Carlsbad, CA; DSBio Consulting LLC, Annapolis, MD; OnePointOne, Inc., Avondale, AZ; and ViQi, Inc., Santa Barbara, CA; have been added as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and the BIOMAP–CONSORTIUM intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On January 5, 2024, the BIOMAP–CONSORTIUM filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on April 16, 2024 (89 FR 26923).

The last notification was filed with the Department on April 10, 2025. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on January 2, 2026 (91 FR 164).

Suzanne Morris,

Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Mercury Consortium, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on October 28, 2025, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Mercury Consortium, Inc. (“Mercury Consortium”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances.

Specifically, Intertrust Technologies Corporation, Berkeley, CA; Elexon Limited, London, UNITED KINGDOM; EPRI, Palo Alto, CA; Kaluza Ltd., London, UNITED KINGDOM; and Zaptec Charger AS, Sandnes, KINGDOM OF NORWAY have been added as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open and Mercury Consortium intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On July 29, 2025, Mercury Consortium filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on August 18, 2025 (90 FR 40084).

Suzanne Morris,

Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Cooperative Research Group on Corrosion Under Insulation—Phase 2

Notice is hereby given that, on September 8, 2025, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Southwest Research Institute—Cooperative Research Group on Corrosion Under Insulation—Phase 2 (CUI—Phase 2) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, IFA Tech AS, Stavanger, NORWAY has been added as a party to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and CUI—Phase 2 intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On January 6, 2025, CUI—Phase 2 filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on June 13, 2025, (90 FR 25080).

Suzanne Morris,
Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Interchangeable Virtual Instruments Foundation, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on September 19, 2025, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Interchangeable Virtual Instruments Foundation, Inc. (“IVI Foundation”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney

General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Semight Instruments, Suzhou New District, PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, has been added as a party to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and IVI Foundation intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On May 29, 2001, IVI Foundation filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on July 30, 2001 (66 FR 39336).

The last notification was filed with the Department on June 13, 2024. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on September 12, 2024 (89 FR 74290).

Suzanne Morris,
Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Mobile Satellite Services Association

Notice is hereby given that, on November 4, 2025, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Mobile Satellite Services Association (“MSSA”), filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Accelercomm Ltd., Wasserbillig, GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG; Capgemini America Inc., Santa Clara, CA; OQ TECHNOLOGY S.à r.l., Southampton, UNITED KINGDOM; OrbitsIQ Global,

Luxembourg, GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG; and CGI IT UK LIMITED, London, UNITED KINGDOM have been added as parties to this venture.

Also, ULAK HABERLESME A.S., Çankaya, REPUBLIC OF TURKEY has withdrawn as a party to this venture. No other changes have been made to either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group remains open, and MSSA intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On April 26, 2024, MSSA filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on June 21, 2024 (89 FR 52089).

The last notification was filed with the Department on August 8, 2025. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on January 2, 2026 (91 FR 166).

Suzanne Morris,
Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Rapid Response Partnership Vehicle

Notice is hereby given that, on July 7, 2025, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Rapid Response Partnership Vehicle (“RRPV”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances.

Specifically, Alveo Technologies, Inc., Alameda, CA; Arcology, Inc., Culver City, CA; Athari BioSciences, Sterling, VA; BIOQUAL, Inc., Rockville, MD; BioFactura, Inc., Frederick, MD; Biomeme, Inc., Philadelphia, PA; Commense Bio, Inc., Boulder, CO; Deloitte Consulting LLP, Arlington, VA; Faro Molecular, Inc., Salt Lake City, UT; Fluxergy, Irvine, CA; Global Key Solutions Corp., New York, NY; HYUNDAI BIOSCIENCE USA, Inc., San

Jose, CA; NOVODX Corporation, Tequesta, FL; NanoPass Technologies, Ltd., Nes Ziona, STATE OF ISRAEL; NanoViricides, Inc., Shelton, CT; Naval Health Research Center, San Diego, CA; Proactive Dx, Thousand Oaks, CA; Proteios Technology, Inc., Issaquah, WA; READDI, Inc., Research Triangle Park, NC; REDAN LLC, Silver Spring, MD; Research & Development Plus LLC, Charleston, SC; Resonantia Diagnostics, Inc., Durham, NC; Revolution Biomanufacturing, Inc., Canton, MA; Science Systems and Applications, Inc., Lanham, MD; Signum Technologies, Inc., Radnor, PA; Smart World LLC, Fremont, CA; Spectral Platforms, Inc., Duarte, CA; The University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT; University of Maryland Baltimore, Baltimore, MD; University of Missouri System dba Curators of the University of Missouri, Columbia, MO; and Virongy Biosciences, Inc., Manassas, VA; have been added as parties to this venture.

Also, Asha Therapeutics LLC, Tampa, FL; Endpoint Health, Palo Alto, CA; Kudo Biotechnology, Inc., Needham, MA; PIF Partners LLC, Englewood, NJ; and QUZE Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Windsor, CO; have withdrawn as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and RRPV intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On January 5, 2024, RRPV filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on April 16, 2024 (89 FR 26928).

The last notification was filed with the Department on April 8, 2025. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on June 13, 2025 (90 FR 25080).

Suzanne Morris,

Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—PXI Systems Alliance, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on September 19, 2025, pursuant to section

6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), PXI Systems Alliance, Inc. (“PXI Systems”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Chengdu Qing Technology Co., Ltd., Chengdu, PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, has been added as a party to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and PXI Systems intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On November 22, 2000, PXI Systems filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on March 8, 2001 (66 FR 13971).

The last notification was filed with the Department on July 8, 2025. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on August 13, 2025 (90 FR 38996).

Suzanne Morris,

Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—National Fire Protection Association

Notice is hereby given that, on October 1, 2025, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), National Fire Protection Association (“NFPA”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing additions or changes to its standards development activities. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances.

Specifically, NFPA has provided an updated and current list of its standards development activities, related technical committee and conformity assessment activities. Information concerning NFPA regulations, technical committees, current standards, standards development, and conformity assessment activities are publicly available at [nfpa.org](https://www.nfpa.org).

On September 20, 2004, NFPA filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on October 21, 2004 (69 FR 61869).

The last notification was filed with the Department on May 1, 2025. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on June 13, 2025 (90 FR 25081–25082).

Suzanne Morris,

Deputy Director of Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—America’s Datahub Consortium

Notice is hereby given that, on September 22, 2025, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), America’s DataHub Consortium (“ADC”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances.

Specifically, Abril Ph.D., Julie C, Bayfield, CO; Arch Systems LLC, Baltimore, MD; Bao Systems LLC, Washington, DC; Blue Fusion Technologies, LLC, Anna Maria, FL; Brilliant Corporation, Reston, VA; BRK Town Ventures LLC, Fuquay Varina, NC; Cormac Corporation, Leesburg, VA; Daax Technologies Inc., Santa Clara, CA; Defense Operations & Execution Solutions INC, W Melbourne, FL; Imagine Believe Realize LLC, Rockledge, FL; Incept Data Solutions INC, Sterling, VA; Modus Operandi, Inc., Melbourne, FL; National Association of State

Workforce Agencies, Washington, DC; Netimpact Strategies INC, Herndon, VA; Oneida Technology Services LLC, Milwaukee, WI; Optisources LLC, McLean, VA; Sgsd Partners LLC, Washington, DC; SRR International, INC, Riviera Beach, FL; Synergistic INC, New Baltimore, MI; and The Association for the Advancement of Business AI, Clifton, VA, have been added as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and ADC intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On November 11, 2021, ADC filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on December 22, 2021 (86 FR 72628).

The last notification was filed with the Department on June 16, 2025. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on July 25, 2025 (90 FR 35312).

Suzanne Morris,

Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Cooperative Research Group on Separation Technology (STAR) Program: Phase 3 (Star Phase 3)

Notice is hereby given that, on November 25, 2025, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Southwest Research Institute—Cooperative Research Group Separation Technology Research (STAR) Program: Phase 3 (STAR Phase 3) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, TECHNIPFMC, Houston, TX, has been added as a party to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open and STAR Phase 3 intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership or planned activities.

On August 15, 2023, STAR Phase 3 filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on October 6, 2023, (88 FR 69671).

The last notification was filed with the Department on January 9, 2024. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on March 13, 2024, (89 FR 18438).

Suzanne Morris,

Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Pistoia Alliance, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on November 13, 2025, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (the “Act”), Pistoia Alliance, Inc. filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Revvity Signals Software, Waltham, MA; Campana & Schott, New York, NY; CiteAb, Bath, UNITED KINGDOM; Xendat Data & Analytics, Laguna Hills, CA; CGT Catapult, London, UNITED KINGDOM; UCB Pharma SA, Bruxelles, BELGIUM; IBM Watson, London, UNITED KINGDOM; and Certara, London, UNITED KINGDOM have joined as parties to this venture.

Also, Fresh Gravity, Santa Clara, CA; Vitality TechNet Inc., Orlando, FL; Inari, Cambridge, MA; IQVIA Inc., Durham, NC; IBIS, Princeton, NJ; and Accenture, Chicago, IL have withdrawn as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project.

Membership in this group research project remains open, and Pistoia Alliance, Inc. intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On May 28, 2009, Pistoia Alliance, Inc. filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on July 15, 2009 (74 FR 34364).

The last notification was filed with the Department on August 6, 2025. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on January 2, 2025 (90 FR 47823).

Suzanne Morris,

Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—OpenJS Foundation

Notice is hereby given that, on December 2, 2025, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), OpenJS Foundation has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Appwrite, Tel-Aviv, STATE OF ISRAEL; Amazon Web Services, Seattle, WA; CodeRabbit, Walnut Creek, CA; and HarperDB, Denver, CO, have been added as parties to this venture.

Also, The Blog Starter, Inverness, IL, has withdrawn as a party to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and OpenJS Foundation intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On August 17, 2015, OpenJS Foundation filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to

section 6(b) of the Act on September 28, 2015 (80 FR 58297).

The last notification was filed with the Department on March 7, 2024. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on April 16, 2024 (89 FR 26927).

Suzanne Morris,

Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Integrated Photonics Institute for Manufacturing Innovation Operating Under the Name of the American Institute for Manufacturing Integrated Photonics

Notice is hereby given that, on August 18, 2025, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), The Integrated Photonics Institute for Manufacturing Innovation operating under the name of the American Institute for Manufacturing Integrated Photonics (“AIM Photonics”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances.

Specifically, Boston Quantum Photonics, Weston, MA; Northeastern University, Boston, MA; and Microsoft Research Limited, Cambridge, UNITED KINGDOM, have been added as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and AIM Photonics intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On June 16, 2016, AIM Photonics filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on July 25, 2016 (81 FR 48450).

The last notification was filed with the Department on June 2, 2025. A notice was published in the **Federal**

Register pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on June 20, 2025 (90 FR 26328).

Suzanne Morris,

Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Labor Certification Process for the Temporary Employment of Foreign Workers in Agriculture in the United States: Adverse Effect Wage Rate for Range Occupations

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Employment and Training Administration of the Department of Labor (DOL) is issuing this notice to announce updates to the Adverse Effect Wage Rate (AEWR) for the employment of temporary or seasonal nonimmigrant foreign workers (H-2A workers) to perform herding or production of livestock on the range. AEWRs are the minimum wage rates the DOL has determined must be offered, advertised in recruitment, and paid by employers to H-2A workers and workers in corresponding employment so that the wages and working conditions of workers in the United States (U.S.) similarly employed will not be adversely affected. In this notice, DOL announces the annual update of the AEWR for workers engaged in the herding or production of livestock on the range, as required by the methodology previously established in 2015.

DATES: February 3, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brian Pasternak, Administrator, Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC), by email at ETA.OFLC.Forms@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services of the Department of Homeland Security will not approve an employer’s petition for the admission of H-2A nonimmigrant temporary and seasonal agricultural workers in the U.S. unless the petitioner has received an H-2A labor certification from DOL. DOL issues such labor certification when it determines that (1) there are not sufficient U.S. workers who are able, willing, and qualified and who will be available at the time and place needed to perform the labor or services involved

in the petition; and (2) the employment of the foreign worker(s) in such labor or services will not adversely affect the wages and working conditions of workers in the U.S. similarly employed. See 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a), 1184(c)(1), and 1188(a); 8 CFR 214.2(h)(5); 20 CFR 655.100.

Adverse Effect Wage Rate

DOL’s H-2A regulations covering the herding or production of livestock on the range, published in the **Federal Register** as the *Temporary Agricultural Employment of H-2A Foreign Workers in the Herding or Production of Livestock on the Range in the United States*, 80 FR 62958 (Oct. 16, 2015), provide that employers must offer, advertise in recruitment, and pay each worker employed under 20 CFR 655.200 through 655.235 a wage that is at least the highest of the various wage sources listed in § 655.211(a)(1), including the monthly AEWR. See 20 CFR 655.210(g). Further, when the monthly AEWR is adjusted during a work contract, and is higher than both the agreed-upon collective bargaining wage and the applicable minimum wage imposed by Federal or State law or judicial action in effect at the time the work is performed, the employer must pay at least that adjusted monthly AEWR upon publication by DOL in the **Federal Register**. See 20 CFR 655.211(a)(2).

As provided in 20 CFR 655.211(c)(2), the monthly AEWR for range occupations in all States for a calendar year is based on the monthly AEWR for the previous calendar year (\$2,058.31), adjusted by the Employment Cost Index (ECI) for wages and salaries published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the preceding annual period. The 12-month change in the ECI for wages and salaries of private industry workers between September 2024 and September 2025 was 3.6 percent, resulting in a monthly AEWR for range occupations in effect for the following year of \$2,132.41.¹ The national monthly AEWR rate for all range occupations in the H-2A program is calculated by multiplying the monthly AEWR for the previous year by

¹ The regulation at 20 CFR 655.211(c)(2) states that the monthly AEWR is calculated based on the ECI for wages and salaries “for the preceding October–October period.” This regulatory language was intended to identify the Bureau of Labor Statistics’ (BLS) October publication of ECI for wages and salaries, which presents data for the September to September period. Accordingly, the most recent 12-month change in the ECI for private sector workers published on December 10, 2025, by BLS was used for establishing the monthly AEWR under the regulations. See https://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/eci_12102025.pdf. The ECI for private sector workers was used rather than the ECI for all civilian workers given the characteristics of the H-2A herder workforce.

the October 2025 ECI adjustment (\$2,058.31 × 1.036 = \$2,132.41) or \$2,132.41. Accordingly, any employer certified or seeking certification for range workers must pay each worker a wage that is at least the highest of the various wage sources listed in § 655.211(a)(1), including the monthly AEWR of \$2,132.41, at the time work is performed on or after the effective date of this notice.

(Authority: 20 CFR 655.211(b))

Henry Maklakiewicz,

Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Labor.

[FR Doc. 2026–00906 Filed 1–16–26; 8:45 am]

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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) Board of Directors and its Finance and Audit committees will meet January 26–27, 2026. On Monday, January 26, the first meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. CT, with the next meeting commencing promptly upon adjournment of the immediately preceding meeting. On Tuesday, January 27, the first meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. CT, with the next meeting commencing promptly upon adjournment of the immediately preceding meeting.

PLACE: Public Notice of Hybrid Meeting. LSC will conduct its January 26–27, 2026, meetings at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio, 600 E Market St., San Antonio, TX, 78205, and virtually via videoconference.

Public Observation: Unless otherwise noted herein, the Board and all committee meetings will be open to public observation via LSC's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@LegalServicesCorp/streams>.

STATUS: Open, except as noted below.

Audit Committee—Open, except that, upon a vote of the Board of Directors, the meeting may be closed to the public to discuss the FY25 audit and timeline, to discuss follow-up work by the Office of Compliance and Enforcement relating to open Office of Inspector General investigations and to discuss a grantee oversight activities.

Finance Committee—Open, except that, upon a vote of the Board of Directors, the meeting may be closed to the public to discuss LSC's banking services and investment governance framework and advisor selection process.

Board of Directors—Open, except that, upon a vote of the Board of

Directors, a portion of the meeting may be closed to the public to receive briefings from Management and the Inspector General and to consider and act on potential and pending litigation involving LSC as well as a list of prospective Leaders Council and Emerging Leaders Council members.

Any portion of the closed session consisting solely of briefings does not fall within the Sunshine Act's definition of the term "meeting" and, therefore, the requirements of the Sunshine Act do not apply to such portion of the closed session.

A verbatim written transcript will be made of the closed sessions of the Audit, Finance, and Board of Directors meetings. The transcript of any portions of the closed sessions falling within the relevant provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), (7), (9) and (10), will not be available for public inspection. A copy of the General Counsel's Certification that, in his opinion, the closing is authorized by law will be available upon request.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Meeting Schedule

Monday, January 26, 2026

Start Time (all CT)

1. Audit Committee Meeting, 3:00 p.m. CT

a. Matters to be discussed include the Committee's self-evaluation for 2025; briefing by the Office of Inspector General; review of LSC's and the Office of Inspector General's mechanisms for the submission of confidential complaints regarding suspected fraud, theft, corruption, or misuse of funds, or problems involving internal controls, auditing, or accounting, and that there are proper procedures in place for the receipt, retention, and handling of such complaints; a briefing regarding follow-up by the Office of Compliance and Enforcement on referrals by the Office of Inspector General regarding audit reports and annual financial statement audits of grantees; an overview of changes to the A–50 Reporting Process; and a management update regarding Risk Management.

2. Finance Committee Meeting

a. Matters to be discussed include the Committee's self-evaluation for 2025; an overview of LSC's Fiscal Year 2026 appropriation; financial report for the first two months of Fiscal Year 2026; LSC's Fiscal Year 2026 consolidated operating budget; and LSC's Fiscal Year 2027 appropriation request.

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Start Time (all CT)

1. LSC Board of Directors, 10:00 a.m. CT

a. Matters to be discussed include nominations for the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors and all committee assignments; the Board's self-evaluation for 2025; Chairman's Report; Members' Reports; President's Report; Inspector General's Report; and consideration of reports from the Institutional Advancement, Delivery of Legal Services, Operations and Regulations, Governance and Performance Review, Audit, and Finance Committees.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jessica Wechter, Special Assistant to the President, at (202) 295–1500. Questions may also be sent by electronic mail to the Office of the Corporate Secretary at updates@lsc.gov.

Non-Confidential Meeting Materials: Non-confidential meeting materials will be made available in electronic format at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting on the LSC website, at <https://www.lsc.gov/about-lsc/board-meeting-materials>.

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552b.)

Dated: January 15, 2026.

Stefanie Davis,

Deputy General Counsel, Legal Services Corporation.

[FR Doc. 2026–01020 Filed 1–15–26; 4:15 pm]

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[NASA Document Number: 26–005]

Notice of Intent To Grant an Exclusive, Co-Exclusive or Partially Exclusive Patent License

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of intent to grant exclusive, co-exclusive or partially exclusive patent license.

SUMMARY: NASA hereby gives notice of its intent to grant an exclusive, co-exclusive or partially exclusive patent license to practice the inventions described and claimed in the patents and/or patent applications listed in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

DATES: The prospective exclusive, co-exclusive or partially exclusive license may be granted unless NASA receives written objections including evidence and argument, no later than February 4, 2026 that establish that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the

requirements regarding the licensing of federally owned inventions as set forth in the Bayh-Dole Act and implementing regulations. Competing applications completed and received by NASA no later than February 4, 2026 will also be treated as objections to the grant of the contemplated exclusive, co-exclusive or partially exclusive license. Objections submitted in response to this notice will not be made available to the public for inspection and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

Objections and Further Information: Written objections relating to the prospective license or requests for further information may be submitted to Agency Counsel for Intellectual Property, NASA Headquarters at email: hq-patentoffice@mail.nasa.gov. Questions may be directed to Phone: (202) 358-0646.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NASA intends to grant an exclusive, co-exclusive, or partially exclusive patent license in the United States to practice the inventions described and claimed in: U.S. Patent No. 8,179,203 B2 for an invention titled “Wireless Electrical Device Using Open-Circuit Elements Having No Electrical Connections,” U.S. Patent No. 8,692,562 B2 for an invention titled “Wireless Open-Circuit In-Plane Strain and Displacement Sensor Requiring No Electrical Connections,” U.S. Patent No. 7,683,797 B2 for an invention titled “Damage Detection/Locating System Providing Thermal Protection,” and U.S. Patent No. 9,329,153 B2 for an invention titled “Method of Mapping Anomalies in Homogenous Material,” to Volt AI, LLC having its principal place of business in Conover, North Carolina. The fields of use may be limited. NASA has not yet made a final determination to grant the requested license and may deny the requested license even if no objections are submitted within the comment period.

This notice of intent to grant an exclusive, co-exclusive or partially exclusive patent license is issued in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(e) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i). The patent rights in these inventions have been assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The prospective license will comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Information about other NASA inventions available for licensing can be

found online at <http://technology.nasa.gov>.

Olivia Scheuer,

*Senior Counsel for Intellectual Property,
National Aeronautics and Space
Administration.*

[FR Doc. 2026-00930 Filed 1-16-26; 8:45 am]

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2026-0069]

Monthly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory
Commission.

ACTION: Monthly notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 189a.(2) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is publishing this regular monthly notice. The Act requires the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, and grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license or combined license, as applicable, upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration (NSHC), notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

DATES: Comments must be filed by February 19, 2026. A request for a hearing or petitions for leave to intervene must be filed by March 23, 2026. This monthly notice includes all amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, from December 5, 2025, to December 31, 2025. The last monthly notice was published on December 23, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods; however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website.

- *Federal rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2026-0069. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Bridget Curran; telephone: 301-415-1003; email: Bridget.Curran@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual(s) listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see “Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments” in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Lent, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-1365; email: Susan.Lent@NRC.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2026-0069, facility name, unit number(s), docket number(s), application date, and subject when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2026-0069.
- *NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “Begin ADAMS Public Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, at 301-415-4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov. For the convenience of the reader, instructions about obtaining materials referenced in this document are provided in the “Availability of Documents” section.

- *NRC’s PDR:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

B. Submitting Comments

The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website (<https://www.regulations.gov>). Please include Docket ID NRC-2026-0069, facility

name, unit number(s), docket number(s), application date, and subject, in your comment submission.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <https://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses and Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination

For the facility-specific amendment requests shown in this notice, the Commission finds that the licensees' analyses provided, consistent with section 50.91 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) "Notice for public comment; State consultation," are sufficient to support the proposed determinations that these amendment requests involve NSHC. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, operation of the facilities in accordance with the proposed amendments would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The Commission is seeking public comments on these proposed determinations. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determinations.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendments until the expiration of 60 days after the date of publication of this notice. The Commission may issue any of these license amendments before expiration of the 60-day period provided that its final determination is that the amendment

involves NSHC. In addition, the Commission may issue any of these amendments prior to the expiration of the 30-day comment period if circumstances change during the 30-day comment period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example in derating or shutdown of the facility. If the Commission takes action on any of these amendments prior to the expiration of either the comment period or the notice period, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance. If the Commission makes a final NSHC determination for any of these amendments, any hearing will take place after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take action on any amendment before 60 days have elapsed will occur very infrequently.

A. Opportunity To Request a Hearing and Petition for Leave To Intervene

Within 60 days after the date of publication of this notice, any person (petitioner) whose interest may be affected by any of these actions may file a request for a hearing and petition for leave to intervene (petition) with respect to that action. Petitions shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure" in 10 CFR part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.309. If a petition is filed, the Commission or a presiding officer will rule on the petition and, if appropriate, a notice of a hearing will be issued.

Petitions must be filed no later than 60 days from the date of publication of this notice in accordance with the filing instructions in the "Electronic Submissions (E-Filing)" section of this document. Petitions and motions for leave to file new or amended contentions that are filed after the deadline will not be entertained absent a determination by the presiding officer that the filing demonstrates good cause by satisfying the three factors in 10 CFR 2.309(c)(1)(i) through (iii).

If a hearing is requested, and the Commission has not made a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which will serve to establish when the hearing is held. If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make it immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing would take place after issuance of the amendment. If the final determination is that the

amendment request involves a significant hazards consideration, then any hearing held would take place before the issuance of the amendment unless the Commission finds an imminent danger to the health or safety of the public, in which case it will issue an appropriate order or rule under 10 CFR part 2.

A State, local governmental body, Federally recognized Indian Tribe, or designated agency thereof, may submit a petition to the Commission to participate as a party under 10 CFR 2.309(h) no later than 60 days from the date of publication of this notice. Alternatively, a State, local governmental body, Federally recognized Indian Tribe, or agency thereof may participate as a non-party under 10 CFR 2.315(c).

For information about filing a petition and about participation by a person not a party under 10 CFR 2.315, see ADAMS Accession No. ML20340A053 (<https://adamswebsearch2.nrc.gov/webSearch2/main.jsp?AccessionNumber=ML20340A053>) and on the NRC's public website (<https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/adjudicatory/hearing.html#participate>).

B. Electronic Submissions (E-Filing)

All documents filed in NRC adjudicatory proceedings, including documents filed by an interested State, local governmental body, Federally recognized Indian Tribe, or designated agency thereof that requests to participate under 10 CFR 2.315(c), must be filed in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302. The E-Filing process requires participants to submit and serve all adjudicatory documents over the internet, or in some cases, to mail copies on electronic storage media, unless an exemption permitting an alternative filing method, as further discussed, is granted. Detailed guidance on electronic submissions is located in the "Guidance for Electronic Submissions to the NRC" (ADAMS Accession No. ML13031A056), and on the NRC's public website (<https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html>).

To comply with the procedural requirements of E-Filing, at least 10 days prior to the filing deadline, the participant should contact the Office of the Secretary by email at Hearing.Docket@nrc.gov, or by telephone at 301-415-1677, to: (1) request a digital identification (ID) certificate which allows the participant (or its counsel or representative) to digitally sign submissions and access the E-Filing system for any proceeding in which it is participating; and (2) advise the Secretary that the participant

will be submitting a petition or other adjudicatory document (even in instances in which the participant, or its counsel or representative, already holds an NRC-issued digital ID certificate). Based upon this information, the Secretary will establish an electronic docket for the proceeding if the Secretary has not already established an electronic docket.

Information about applying for a digital ID certificate is available on the NRC's public website (<https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals/getting-started.html>). After a digital ID certificate is obtained and a docket is created, the participant must submit adjudicatory documents in the Portable Document Format. Guidance on submissions is available on the NRC's public website (<https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/electronic-sub-ref-mat.html>). A filing is considered complete at the time the document is submitted through the NRC's E-Filing system. To be timely, an electronic filing must be submitted to the E-Filing system no later than 11:59 p.m. ET on the due date. Upon receipt of a transmission, the E-Filing system time-stamps the document and sends the submitter an email confirming receipt of the document. The E-Filing system also distributes an email that provides access to the document to the NRC's Office of the General Counsel and any others who have advised the Office of the Secretary that they wish to participate in the proceeding, so that the filer need not serve the document on those participants separately. Therefore, applicants and other participants (or their counsel or representative) must apply for and receive a digital ID certificate before adjudicatory documents are filed in order to obtain access to the documents via the E-Filing system.

A person filing electronically using the NRC's adjudicatory E-Filing system may seek assistance by contacting the NRC's Electronic Filing Help Desk through the "Contact Us" link located on the NRC's public website (<https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html>), by email to MSHD.Resource@nrc.gov, or by a toll-free call at 1-866-672-7640. The NRC Electronic Filing Help Desk is available between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Participants who believe that they have good cause for not submitting documents electronically must file an exemption request, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302(g), with their initial paper filing stating why there is good cause for not filing electronically and requesting authorization to continue to submit documents in paper format. Such filings must be submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302(b)-(d). Participants filing adjudicatory documents in this manner are responsible for serving their documents on all other participants. Participants granted an exemption under 10 CFR 2.302(g)(2) must still meet the electronic formatting requirement in 10 CFR 2.302(g)(1), unless the participant also seeks and is granted an exemption from 10 CFR 2.302(g)(1).

Documents submitted in adjudicatory proceedings will appear in the NRC's electronic hearing docket, which is publicly available at <https://adams.nrc.gov/ehd>, unless otherwise excluded pursuant to an order of the presiding officer. If you do not have an NRC-issued digital ID certificate as previously described, click "cancel" when the link requests certificates and you will be automatically directed to the NRC's electronic hearing docket where you will be able to access any publicly available documents in a particular

hearing docket. Participants are requested not to include personal privacy information such as social security numbers, home addresses, or personal phone numbers in their filings unless an NRC regulation or other law requires submission of such information. With respect to copyrighted works, except for limited excerpts that serve the purpose of the adjudicatory filings and would constitute a Fair Use application, participants should not include copyrighted materials in their submission.

The following table provides the nuclear power plant names, docket numbers, dates of application, ADAMS accession numbers, and locations in the application of the licensees' proposed NSHC determination. For further details with respect to these license amendment applications, see the applications for amendment, publicly available portions of which are available for public inspection in ADAMS. For additional direction on accessing information related to this document, see the "Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments" section of this document.

The following table provides the plant name, docket number, date of application, ADAMS accession number, and location in the application of the licensees' proposed NSHC determinations. For further details with respect to these license amendment applications, see the applications for amendment, which are available for public inspection in ADAMS. For additional direction on accessing information related to this document, see the "Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments" section of this document.

LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUESTS

Constellation Energy Generation, LLC; Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 2; Calvert County, MD

Docket No	50-318.
Application date	October 30, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25303A324.
Location in Application of NSHC	Pages 13-15 of Attachment 1.
Brief Description of Amendment	The proposed amendment is a one-time extension to the Technical Specification 3.8.3, "Diesel Fuel Oil, Condition C Completion Time for Fuel Oil Storage Tank 21," to allow the Fuel Oil Storage Tank 21 to be out of service for a required Maryland state inspection during the 2027 Unit 2 Refueling Outage for up to 14 days.
Proposed Determination	NSHC.
Name of Attorney for Licensee, Mailing Address	Jason Zorn, Associate General Counsel, Constellation Energy Generation, LLC, 101 Constitution Ave. NW, Suite 400 East, Washington, DC 20001.
NRC Project Manager, Telephone Number	Sam Bina, 301-415-3425.

Constellation Energy Generation, LLC; Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2; Calvert County, MD

Docket Nos	50-317, 50-318.
Application date	December 18, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25352A315.
Location in Application of NSHC	Pages 9-10 of Attachment 1.

LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUESTS—Continued

Brief Description of Amendments	The proposed license amendments would relocate the reactor protective system loss of load function from the technical specifications to the technical requirements manual.
Proposed Determination	NSHC.
Name of Attorney for Licensee, Mailing Address	Jason Zorn, Associate General Counsel, Constellation Energy Generation, LLC, 101 Constitution Ave. NW, Suite 400 East, Washington, DC 20001.
NRC Project Manager, Telephone Number	Sam Bina, 301-415-3425.

Constellation Energy Generation, LLC; Limerick Generating Station, Unit 1; Montgomery County, PA

Docket No	50-352.
Application date	October 9, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25282A072.
Location in Application of NSHC	Pages 20-22 of Attachment 1.
Brief Description of Amendment	The proposed amendment would revise the technical specifications to allow a one-time exception to local leakage rate testing for certain containment isolation valves and an administrative formatting change.
Proposed Determination	NSHC.
Name of Attorney for Licensee, Mailing Address	Jason Zorn, Associate General Counsel, Constellation Energy Generation, LLC, 101 Constitution Ave. NW, Suite 400 East, Washington, DC 20001.
NRC Project Manager, Telephone Number	Audrey Klett, 301-415-0489.

Dominion Energy Nuclear Connecticut, Inc.; Millstone Power Station, Unit No. 2; New London County, CT

Docket No	50-336.
Application date	December 18, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25353A569.
Location in Application of NSHC	Pages 2-4 of Attachment 1.
Brief Description of Amendment	The proposed amendment would adopt Technical Specifications Task Force (TSTF) Traveler 601, "Extend Shield Building Completion Time After Refueling," into the MPS2 technical specifications (TS). TSTF-601 revises the shield building TS to add a new Action that is applicable prior to criticality following a refueling outage. The licensee requests that the amendment be reviewed under the Consolidated Line Item Improvement Process.
Proposed Determination	NSHC.
Name of Attorney for Licensee, Mailing Address	W.S. Blair, Senior Counsel, Dominion Energy Services, Inc., 120 Tredegar St., RS-2, Richmond, VA 23219.
NRC Project Manager, Telephone Number	Theo Edwards, 301-415-1721.

Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.; Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Unit 1, Fairfield County, SC

Docket No	50-395.
Application date	November 9, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25317A687.
Location in Application of NSHC	Pages 8-9 of Attachment 1.
Brief Description of Amendment	The proposed amendment would replace the 10 percent Wide Range requirement with a 25 percent Narrow Range requirement, as described in the application.
Proposed Determination	NSHC.
Name of Attorney for Licensee, Mailing Address	W.S. Blair, Senior Counsel, Dominion Energy Services, Inc., 120 Tredegar St., RS-2, Richmond, VA 23219.
NRC Project Manager, Telephone Number	G. Ed Miller, 301-415-2481.

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; York County, SC

Docket Nos	50-413, 50-414.
Application date	September 30, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25273A166.
Location in Application of NSHC	Pages 26-28 of the Enclosure.
Brief Description of Amendments	The proposed amendments would modify the licensing basis, by the addition of a License Condition, to allow for the implementation of the provisions of 10 CFR 50.69, "Risk-informed Categorization and Treatment of Structures, Systems and Components for Nuclear Power Reactors."
Proposed Determination	NSHC.
Name of Attorney for Licensee, Mailing Address	Tracey Mitchell LeRoy, Deputy General Counsel, Duke Energy Corporation, 525 S Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202.
NRC Project Manager, Telephone Number	Shawn Williams, 301-415-1009.

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; York County, SC

Docket Nos	50-413, 50-414.
Application date	September 30, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25273A162.
Location in Application of NSHC	Pages 7-8 of the Enclosure.

LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUESTS—Continued

Brief Description of Amendments	The proposed amendments would modify Technical Specification requirements to permit the use of Risk-Informed Completion Times in accordance with Technical Specifications Task Force (TSTF) Traveler TSTF-505, Revision 2, "Provide Risk-Informed Extended Completion Times—RITSTF Initiative 4b." The proposed amendments also incorporates NRC-approved traveler TSTF-591, Revision 0, "Revise the Risk Informed Completion Time (RICT) Program."
Proposed Determination	NSHC.
Name of Attorney for Licensee, Mailing Address	Tracey Mitchell LeRoy, Deputy General Counsel, Duke Energy Corporation, 525 S Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202.
NRC Project Manager, Telephone Number	Shawn Williams, 301-415-1009.

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; York County, SC; Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; Mecklenburg County, NC; Duke Energy Progress, LLC; Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Units 1 and 2; Brunswick County, NC; Duke Energy Progress, LLC; H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2; Darlington County, SC

Docket Nos	50-325, 50-324, 50-413, 50-414, 50-369, 50-370, 50-261.
Application date	October 9, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25282A076.
Location in Application of NSHC	Pages E-23-E-24 of the Enclosure.
Brief Description of Amendments	The proposed amendments would revise Technical Specification (TS) 1.1, "Use and Application Definitions," for Brunswick Steam Electric Plant Units 1 and 2 (BSEP); Catawba Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2 (CNS); McGuire Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2 (MNS); and H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit No. 2 (HBRSEP). The amendments would add new TS 5.5.16 for BSEP, TS 5.5.18 for CNS, TS 5.5.19 for MNS, and TS 5.5.19 for HBRSEP, titled "Online Monitoring Program." Duke Energy proposes to use online monitoring (OLM) methodology as the technical basis for moving from time-based calibration surveillance frequencies to condition-based frequencies informed by OLM results.
Proposed Determination	NSHC.
Name of Attorney for Licensee, Mailing Address	Tracey Mitchell LeRoy, Deputy General Counsel, Duke Energy Corporation, 525 S Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202.
NRC Project Manager, Telephone Number	Shawn Williams, 301-415-1009.

Energy Northwest; Columbia Generating Station; Benton County, WA

Docket No	50-397.
Application date	September 2, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25245A260.
Location in Application of NSHC	Pages 1-3 of the Enclosure.
Brief Description of Amendment	The proposed amendment would adopt Technical Specifications Task Force (TSTF) Traveler TSTF-599, "Eliminate Periodic Surveillance Test of Simultaneous Start of Redundant Diesel Generators," which is an approved change to the Standard Technical Specifications, into Columbia's Technical Specifications. The proposed change would eliminate the periodic surveillance requirement to verify that all required diesel generators achieve rated frequency and voltage within the specified time period when started simultaneously.
Proposed Determination	NSHC.
Name of Attorney for Licensee, Mailing Address	Ryan Lukson, Assistant General Counsel, Energy Northwest, MD 1020, P.O. Box 968, Richland, WA 99352.
NRC Project Manager, Telephone Number	Mahesh Chawla, 301-415-8371.

Entergy Operations, Inc.; Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3; St. Charles Parish, LA

Docket No	50-382.
Application date	August 26, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25238A051.
Location in Application of NSHC	Pages 6-7 of the Enclosure.
Brief Description of Amendment	The proposed amendment requests approval to revise the Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3, Technical Specification Section 5.0, "Design Features," consistent with the Design Features section of NUREG-1432, Revision 5, "Standard Technical Specification, Combustion Engineering Plants."
Proposed Determination	NSHC.
Name of Attorney for Licensee, Mailing Address	Susan Raimo, Associate General Counsel—Nuclear, 101 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001.
NRC Project Manager, Telephone Number	Jason Drake, 301-415-8378.

Florida Power & Light Company; St. Lucie Plant, Unit 1; St. Lucie County, FL

Docket No	50-335.
Application date	September 19, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25262A024.
Location in Application of NSHC	Pages 9-10 of Enclosure 1.

LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUESTS—Continued

Brief Description of Amendment	The proposed license amendment would revise St. Lucie Plant, Unit No. 1, Technical Specification 5.6.3, “Core Operating Limits Report,” by updating the listing of NRC-approved analytical methods used to determine the core operating limits. Specifically, changes to the fuel thermal-mechanics, core thermal-hydraulics, emergency core cooling, nuclear design, and select design basis event analyses are proposed using NRC approved advanced codes and methods in support of a St. Lucie Plant, Unit No. 1, transition to 24-month fuel cycles.
Proposed Determination	NSHC.
Name of Attorney for Licensee, Mailing Address	James Petro, Managing Attorney—Nuclear, Florida Power and Light Company 700 Universe Boulevard, MS LAW/JB, Juno Beach, FL 33408–0420.
NRC Project Manager, Telephone Number	Maria Elena Herrera Torres, 301–415–8208.

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.; Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2; Appling County, GA

Docket Nos	50–321, 50–366.
Application date	December 5, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25339A156.
Location in Application of NSHC	Pages E–2 and E–3 of the enclosure.
Brief Description of Amendments	The proposed amendments request adoption of Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF)-576, Revision 3, “Revise Safety/Relief Valve Requirements.” The proposed change revises the Safety/Relief Valve Technical Specification to align the overpressure protection requirements with the safety limits and the regulations.
Proposed Determination	NSHC.
Name of Attorney for Licensee, Mailing Address	Millicent Ronnlund, Vice President and General Counsel, Southern Nuclear Operating Co., Inc., P.O. Box 1295, Birmingham, AL 35201–1295.
NRC Project Manager, Telephone Number	John Lamb, 301–415–3100.

Vistra Operations Company LLC; Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2; Somervell County, TX

Docket Nos	50–445, 50–446.
Application date	July 24, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25209A150.
Location in Application of NSHC	Pages 3–4 of the Enclosure.
Brief Description of Amendments	The proposed amendments would revise technical specifications to adopt Technical Specifications Task Force (TSTF) Traveler TSTF–432, “Change in Technical Specifications End States (WCAP–16294).”
Proposed Determination	NSHC.
Name of Attorney for Licensee, Mailing Address	Carey Fleming, Senior Counsel, Pinnacle West Capital Corporation, 500 N 5th Street, MS 8695, Phoenix, AZ 85004.
NRC Project Manager, Telephone Number	William Orders, 301–415–3329.

III. Notice of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses

During the period since publication of the last monthly notice, the Commission has issued the following amendments. The Commission has determined for each of these amendments that the application complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission’s rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission’s rules and regulations in 10 CFR chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment.

A notice of consideration of issuance of amendment to facility operating

license or combined license, as applicable, proposed NSHC determination, and opportunity for a hearing in connection with these actions, were published in the **Federal Register** as indicated in the safety evaluation for each amendment.

Unless otherwise indicated, the Commission has determined that these amendments satisfy the criteria for categorical exclusion in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared for these amendments. If the Commission has prepared an environmental assessment under the special circumstances provision in 10 CFR 51.22(b) and has

made a determination based on that assessment, it is so indicated in the safety evaluation for the amendment.

For further details with respect to each action, see the amendment and associated documents such as the Commission’s letter and safety evaluation, which may be obtained using the ADAMS accession numbers indicated in the following table. The safety evaluation will provide the ADAMS accession numbers for the application for amendment and the **Federal Register** citation for any environmental assessment. All of these items can be accessed as described in the “Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments” section of this document.

LICENSE AMENDMENT ISSUANCES

Constellation Energy Generation, LLC; Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1, Grundy County, IL

Docket No	50–010.
Amendment Date	December 17, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25343A122.
Amendment No	51.

LICENSE AMENDMENT ISSUANCES—Continued

Brief Description of Amendment	The amendment modified Dresden Nuclear Power Station (Dresden), Unit 1 Technical Specification (TS) 5.1.A, "Site and Exclusion Area" to align with Dresden, Units 2 and 3, TS 4.1.1, "Site and Exclusion Area Boundaries," and removes the specific acreage value. Removing the specific acreage value does not change the site area boundary or exclusion area.
Public Comments Received as to Proposed NSHC (Yes/No).	No.

Constellation Energy Generation, LLC; Zion Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2; Lake County, IL

Docket Nos	50–295, 50–304, 72–1037.
Amendment Date	December 2, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25254A166 (Package).
Amendment Nos	193 (Unit 1), and 180 (Unit 2).
Brief Description of Amendments	The amendments deleted license conditions relating to the License Termination Plan and deleted license conditions relating to the terms and conditions of decommissioning trust agreements, and, instead, conform to the 10 CFR 50.75(h) regulations.
Public Comments Received as to Proposed NSHC (Yes/No).	No.

Dominion Energy Nuclear Connecticut, Inc.; Millstone Power Station, Unit No. 3; New London County, CT

Docket No	50–423.
Amendment Date	December 16, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25339A001.
Amendment No	293.
Brief Description of Amendment	The amendment adopted Technical Specifications (TS) Task Force (TSTF) Traveler TSTF–577, Revision 1, "Revised Frequencies for Steam Generator Tube Inspections." The amendment revised the TSs related to steam generator tube inspections and reporting requirements in TS section 6.8.4.g, "Steam Generator (SG) Program," and TS section 6.9.1.7, "Steam Generator Tube Inspection Report," respectively, based on operating history.
Public Comments Received as to Proposed NSHC (Yes/No).	No.

Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.; Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Unit 1, Fairfield County, SC

Docket No	50–395.
Amendment Date	December 30, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25342A206.
Amendment No	228.
Brief Description of Amendment	The amendment modified Technical Specification 6.8.4.g, "Containment Leakage Rate Testing Program," to replace the reference to Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) Technical Report 94–01, Revision 2–A, with NEI Technical Report 94–01, Revision 3–A, and conditions and limitations specified in NEI–94–01, Revision 2–A, as described in the request.
Public Comments Received as to Proposed NSHC (Yes/No).	No.

Duke Energy Florida, LLC; Crystal River Unit 3 Nuclear Generating Plant; Citrus County, FL

Docket No	50–302.
Amendment Date	December 18, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25241A165 (Package).
Amendment No	262.
Brief Description of Amendment	The amendment approved an application submitted by Accelerated Decommissioning Partners Crystal River Unit 3, LLC to remove 618 acres of property, classified as either radiologically non-impacted or Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual Class 3. As part of the request, the NRC also amended the Crystal River Unit 3 Operating License to reflect approval of a January 2, 2020, partial site release (ML19339G509).
Public Comments Received as to Proposed NSHC (Yes/No).	No.

Entergy Operations, Inc., System Energy Resources, Inc., Cooperative Energy, A Mississippi Electric Cooperative, and Entergy Mississippi, LLC; Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 1; Claiborne County, MS

Docket No	50–416.
Amendment Date	December 17, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25324A332.
Amendment No	239.

LICENSE AMENDMENT ISSUANCES—Continued

Brief Description of Amendment	The amendment allowed crediting of NETCO–SNAP–IN® neutron absorbing rack inserts in the criticality safety analysis (CSA) for the storage rack cells in the station's spent fuel storage facility. The amendment revised the technical specifications (TS) regarding criticality design features of the spent fuel storage racks as contained in TS 4.3, "Fuel Storage," Subpart 4.3.1, "Criticality," to specifically identify the neutron absorbing inserts, remove requirements for Region II storage racks, and to update the value of K-infinity used in the CSA, consistent with Standard Technical Specifications (STS). Lastly, the amendment added a new program requirement in TS 5.5, "Programs and Manuals," that implements a monitoring program for the neutron absorbing rack inserts, consistent with STS improvement initiatives.
Public Comments Received as to Proposed NSHC (Yes/No).	No.

Florida Power & Light Company, et al.; St. Lucie Plant, Unit No. 2; St. Lucie County, FL

Docket No	50–389.
Amendment Date	December 12, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25258A158.
Amendment No	213.
Brief Description of Amendment	The amendment revised the St. Lucie Plant, Unit No. 2, Technical Specification 5.6.3, "Core Operating Limits Report," by updating the listing of NRC-approved analytical methods used to determine the core operating limits. Specifically, changes to the fuel thermal-mechanics, core thermal hydraulics, emergency core cooling, nuclear design, and select design-basis event analyses were proposed using NRC-approved advanced codes and methods in support of a St. Lucie, Unit No. 2, transition to 24-month fuel cycles.
Public Comments Received as to Proposed NSHC (Yes/No).	No.

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.; Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2; Appling County, GA

Docket Nos	50–321, 50–366.
Amendment Date	December 30, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25350C117.
Amendment Nos	330 and 275.
Brief Description of Amendments	The amendments revised Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant Technical Specification (TS) Surveillance Requirement (SR) diesel generator (DG) loading required by SR 3.8.1.2 and SR 3.8.1.5. Specifically, the change replaced the current DG loading requirements with a loading requirement of 90 to 100 percent of the continuous rating for the DGs.
Public Comments Received as to Proposed NSHC (Yes/No).	No.

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.; Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 3 and 4; Burke County, GA

Docket Nos	52–025, 52–026.
Amendment Date	December 30, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25351A015.
Amendment Nos	210 and 208.
Brief Description of Amendments	The amendments revised the technical specifications (TSs) to increase flexibility in mode restraints. The changes are similar to those described in Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF) 359, Revision 9, "Increased Flexibility in Mode Restraints," with changes similar to those identified in TSTF–529, Revision 4, "Clarify Use and Application Rules," for Limiting Condition for Operation 3.0.4.
Public Comments Received as to Proposed NSHC (Yes/No).	No.

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.; Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 3 and 4; Burke County, GA

Docket Nos	52–025, 52–026.
Amendment Date	December 31, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25351A043.
Amendment Nos	211 and 209.
Brief Description of Amendments	The amendments revised Technical Specification (TS) 3.7.6, "Main Control Room Emergency Habitability System (VES)," and TS 3.3.13, "Engineered Safety Feature Actuation System (ESFAS) Main Control Room Isolation, Air Supply Initiation, and Electrical Load De-energization."
Public Comments Received as to Proposed NSHC (Yes/No).	No.

Tennessee Valley Authority; Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2, and 3; Limestone County, AL

Docket Nos	50–259, 50–260, 50–296.
Amendment Date	December 18, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25337A128.
Amendment Nos	337 (Unit 1), 360 (Unit 2), and 320 (Unit 3).

LICENSE AMENDMENT ISSUANCES—Continued

Brief Description of Amendments	The amendments revised the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2, and 3, technical specifications by adopting Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF) Traveler TSTF-423-A, Revision 1, "Technical Specifications End States, NEDC-32998-A," to modify the end state for selected Required Actions to allow the units to stay in Mode 3.
Public Comments Received as to Proposed NSHC (Yes/No).	No.

Tennessee Valley Authority; Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2, and 3; Limestone County, AL

Docket Nos	50-259, 50-260, 50-296.
Amendment Date	December 18, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25335A121.
Amendment Nos	338 (Unit 1), 361 (Unit 2) and 321 (Unit 3).
Brief Description of Amendments	The amendments revised Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2, and 3, Technical Specification Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) 3.0.3 by adopting Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF) Traveler TSTF-597-A, "Eliminate LCO 3.0.3 Mode 2 Requirement."
Public Comments Received as to Proposed NSHC (Yes/No).	No.

Tennessee Valley Authority; Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2; Hamilton County, TN; Tennessee Valley Authority; Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2; Rhea County, TN

Docket Nos	50-327, 50-328, 50-390, 50-391.
Amendment Date	December 18, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25134A248.
Amendment Nos	Sequoyah-374 (Unit 1) and 369 (Unit 2); Watts Bar-178 (Unit 1) and 83 (Unit 2).
Brief Description of Amendments	The amendments revised Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, and Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, Technical Specification Limiting Condition for Operation 3.5.2, "ECCS [Emergency Core Cooling System]—Operating," Note 1, to include one residual heat removal pump flow path to perform pressure isolation valve testing.
Public Comments Received as to Proposed NSHC (Yes/No).	No.

Tennessee Valley Authority; Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2; Hamilton County, TN; Tennessee Valley Authority; Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2; Rhea County, TN

Docket Nos	50-327, 50-328, 50-390, 50-391.
Amendment Date	December 9, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25328A120.
Amendment Nos	Sequoyah-373 (Unit 1) and 368 (Unit 2); Watts Bar-177 (Unit 1) and 82 (Unit 2).
Brief Description of Amendments	The amendments revised Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, (Sequoyah) and Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, (Watts Bar) Technical Specification (TS) 1.1, "Use and Application Definitions," and added new Sequoyah TS 5.5.19 and new Watts Bar TS 5.7.2.24, "Online Monitoring Program," to permit the use of an online monitoring methodology (OLM) as the technical basis to switch from time-based surveillance frequency for channel calibrations to a condition-based calibration frequency based on OLM results.
Public Comments Received as to Proposed NSHC (Yes/No).	Yes.

Vistra Operations Company LLC; Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Unit No. 1; Lake County, OH

Docket No	50-440.
Amendment Date	December 19, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25343A180.
Amendment No	205.
Brief Description of Amendment	The amendment revised the technical specifications in accordance with Technical Specifications Task Force (TSTF) Traveler TSTF-597, Revision 0, "Eliminate LCO [Limiting Conditions for Operations] 3.0.3 Mode 2 Requirement."
Public Comments Received as to Proposed NSHC (Yes/No).	No.

Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation; Wolf Creek Generating Station, Unit 1; Coffey County, KS

Docket No	50-482.
Amendment Date	December 10, 2025.
ADAMS Accession No	ML25317A783.
Amendment No	245.
Brief Description of Amendment	The amendment approved a deviation from the fire protection program requirements to allow the use of portable lighting.
Public Comments Received as to Proposed NSHC (Yes/No).	No.

Dated: January 8, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Hipólito González,

Acting Deputy Director, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-104604; File No. SR-SAPPHIRE-2025-45]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; MIAX Sapphire, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the MIAX Sapphire Options Exchange Fee Schedule To Extend the Temporary Discount Program for the Open-Close Report Until June 30, 2026

January 14, 2026.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act” or “Exchange Act”)¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on December 31, 2025, MIAX Sapphire, LLC (“MIAX Sapphire” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) a 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 amend the MIAX Sapphire Options Exchange Fee Schedule (“Fee Schedule”) to extend the temporary discount program for the Open-Close Report.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at <https://www.miaxglobal.com/markets/us-options/all-options-exchanges/rule-filings>, and at MIAX Sapphire’s principal office.

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 Exchange 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 these

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 aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend Section 6(c) of the Fee Schedule to extend the temporary discount program for the Open-Close Report until June 30, 2026. Currently, the Exchange provides a temporary 20% discount on fees assessed to Exchange Members³ and non-Members that purchase a single order of historical Open-Close Report data, which is set to expire on December 31, 2025.⁴

By way of background, the Exchange offers two versions of the Open-Close Report, an end-of-day summary and intra-day report.⁵ The End-of-Day Open-Close Report is a volume summary of trading activity on the Exchange at the option level by origin (Priority Customer,⁶ Non-Priority Customer, Firm, Broker-Dealer, and Market Maker⁷), side of the market (buy or sell), contract volume, and transaction type (opening or closing). The customer and professional customer volume is further broken down into trade size buckets (less than 100 contracts, 100–199 contracts, greater than 199 contracts).

The Intra-Day Open-Close Report provides similar information to that of the End-of-Day version but is produced and updated every 10 minutes during the trading day. Data is captured in “snapshots” taken every 10 minutes throughout the trading day and is available to subscribers within five minutes of the conclusion of each 10-minute period. Each update represents the aggregate data captured from the current “snapshot” and all previous “snapshots.” The Intra-Day Open-Close data provides a volume summary of trading activity on the Exchange at the option level by origin (Priority

Customer, Non-Priority Customer, Firm, Broker-Dealer, and Market Maker), side of the market (buy or sell), and transaction type (opening or closing). All volume is further broken down into trade size buckets (less than 100 contracts, 100–199 contracts, greater than 199 contracts).

Both versions of the Open-Close Report contain proprietary Exchange trade data and do not include trade data from any other exchange. The Intra-Day and End-of-Day Open-Close Report data products are completely voluntary products, in that the Exchange is not required by any rule or regulation to make this data available and that potential customers may purchase it on an ad-hoc basis only if they voluntarily choose to do so. The Open-Close Report is also a historical data product and not a real-time data feed.

The Exchange makes the Open-Close Report available for purchase to Members and non-Members.⁸ Customers may currently purchase the Open-Close Report on a subscription basis (monthly) or by ad hoc request for a specified month or number of months. The Exchange assesses a monthly fee of \$600 per month for subscribing to the End-of-Day summary Open-Close Report and \$2,000 per month for subscribing to the Intra-Day Open-Close Report.⁹ The Exchange also assesses a fee of \$500 per request per month for ad-hoc requests for historical End-of-Day Open-Close data.¹⁰ An ad-hoc request for historical End-of-Day Open-Close data can be for any number of months beginning with August 2024 for which the data is available.¹¹ The Exchange also assesses a fee of \$1,000 per request per month for ad-hoc requests for historical Intra-Day Open-Close data.¹² An ad-hoc request for historical Intra-Day Open-Close data can be for any number of months beginning with August 2024 for which the data is available.¹³ The Exchange also provides discounts in Section 6(c) of the Fee Schedule for customers who request multiple subscriptions or who are Qualifying Academic Purchasers.¹⁴

⁸ See Fee Schedule, Section 6(c).

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² *Id.*

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ In order to qualify for the academic pricing, an academic purchaser must: (1) be an accredited academic institution or member of the faculty or staff of such an institution, and (2) use the data in independent academic research, academic journals and other publications, teaching and classroom use, or for other bona fide educational purposes (*i.e.*, academic use). See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 100751 (August 16, 2024), 89 FR 68010 (August 22, 2024) (SR-SAPPHIRE-2024-09).

³ The term “Member” means an individual or organization approved to exercise the trading rights associated with a Trading Permit. Members are deemed “members” under the Exchange Act. See Exchange Rule 100.

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 103483 (July 17, 2025), 90 FR 34533 (July 22, 2025) (SR-SAPPHIRE-2025-29) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the MIAX Sapphire Options Exchange Fee Schedule To Extend the Temporary Discount Program for the Open-Close Report).

⁵ See Exchange Rule 531(d)(1).

⁶ See Exchange Rule 100.

⁷ *Id.*

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

Open-Close Report data is subject to direct competition from similar end-of-day and intra-day options trading summaries offered by several other options exchanges.¹⁵ All of these exchanges offer essentially the same end-of-day and intra-day options trading summary information for trading activity on those exchanges.

Currently, the Exchange provides a temporary pricing incentive program in which Members and non-Members that purchase historical Open-Close Report data receive a percentage fee discount. Specifically, the footnote “e.” below the table of fees for the Open-Close Report in Section 6)c) of the Fee Schedule, which applies to the rows for “End-of-Day Ad-hoc Request (historical data)” and “Intra-Day Ad-hoc Request (historical data),” provides a 20% discount for ad-hoc purchases of historical Open-Close Report data.¹⁶ To encourage the purchase of monthly subscriptions to Open-Close Report data, the temporary discount program is provided to only existing subscribers who purchase the same category of historical data for which they have a

¹⁵ These substitute products are as follows: Open-Close Data products from Cboe Exchange, Inc. (“Cboe”), Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc. (“C2”), Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. (“EDGX Options”), and Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (“BZX Options”); Nasdaq PHLX LLC (“PHLX”) Options Trade Outline, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq”) Options Trade Outline, Nasdaq ISE, LLC (“ISE”) Open/Close Trade Profile, and Nasdaq GEMX, LLC (“GEMX”) Open/Close Trade Profile; and NYSE Options Open-Close Volume Summary for each of NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca”) and NYSE American LLC (“NYSE American”). See e.g., Cboe Fee Schedule, Livevol Fees, Open-Close Data, Page 12, available at https://cdn.cboe.com/resources/membership/Cboe_FeeSchedule.pdf (last visited December 18, 2025); BZX Options Fee Schedule, Cboe LiveVol, LLC Market Data Fees, Open-Close Data, available at https://www.cboe.com/us/options/membership/fee_schedule/bzx/?_gl=1*ync049*_up*MQ..*_ga*MTc4NDUwMDg0Ny4xNzZzNzYwNzEw*_ga_5Q99WB9X71MTczMzc2MDcwOS4xLjEuMTczMzc2MTM3MS4wLjAuMA (last visited December 18, 2025); PHLX Options Rules, Options 7 Pricing Schedule, Section 10. Proprietary Data Feed Fees, PHLX Options Trade Outline (“PHOTO”), available at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/phlx/rules/Phlx%20Options%207> (last visited December 18, 2025); ISE Options Rules, Options 7: Pricing Schedule, Sections 10.A.–C., available at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/ise/rules/ISE%20Options%207> (last visited December 18, 2025); GEMX Options Rules, Options 7: Pricing Schedule, Sections 7.D.–F., available at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/gemx/rules/GEMX%20Options%207> (last visited December 18, 2025); and NYSE Arca Options Proprietary Market Data Fees, NYSE Options Open-Close Volume Summary, page 2, available at https://www.nyse.com/publicdocs/nyse/data/NYSE_Arca_Options_Proprietary_Data_Fee_Schedule.pdf (last visited December 18, 2025).

¹⁶ The discount will apply on an order-by-order basis. To qualify for the discount, an order must contain End-of-Day Ad-hoc Requests (historical data) and/or Intra-Day Ad-hoc Requests (historical data) and there is no purchase threshold for such order to qualify for the discount.

monthly Intra-Day or an End-of-Day subscription. The temporary discount program cannot be combined with any other discounts offered by the Exchange, including the academic discount provided for Qualifying Academic Purchasers¹⁷ of historical Open-Close Report data. The temporary discount program for Open-Close Report is currently set to expire on December 31, 2025.

The Exchange now proposes to extend the temporary discount program until June 30, 2026.¹⁸ The purpose of this extension is to continue attracting subscribers of historical Open-Close Report data and making such data more widely accessible.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,¹⁹ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,²⁰ in particular, in that it is 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 a national market system, and to protect investors and the public interest, and that it is not designed to permit unfair discrimination among customers, brokers, or dealers. The Exchange also believes that its proposed changes to its Fee Schedule concerning fees for the Open-Close Report is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act²¹ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act²² in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of dues, fees and other charges among its members and other recipients of Exchange data.

In adopting Regulation NMS, the Commission granted self-regulatory organizations (“SROs”) and broker-dealers increased authority and flexibility to offer new and unique market data to the public. It was believed that this authority would expand the amount of data available to consumers, and also spur innovation and competition for the provision of market data. Particularly, the Open-Close Report further broadens the availability of U.S. options market data

¹⁷ See *supra* note 14.

¹⁸ The Exchange notes that at the end of this period, the temporary discount program will expire unless the Exchange files another 19b–4 Rule Filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) to amend the terms or extend the discount program.

¹⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

²⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

²¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

²² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

to investors consistent with the principles of Regulation NMS. The data product also promotes increased transparency through the dissemination of the Open-Close Report. Particularly, information regarding opening and closing activity across different option series during the trading day may indicate investor sentiment, which may allow market participants to make better informed trading decisions throughout the day. Subscribers to the data may also be able to enhance their ability to analyze option trade and volume data and create and test trading models and analytical strategies. The Exchange believes that the Open-Close Report provides a valuable tool that subscribers can use to gain comprehensive insight into the trading activity in a particular series, but also emphasizes such data is not necessary for trading and completely optional. Moreover, several other exchanges offer similar data products which offer the same type of data content through end-of-day or intra-day reports.²³

The Exchange operates in a highly competitive environment. Indeed, there are currently 18 registered options exchanges that trade options. Based on publicly available information, no single options exchange had more than approximately 12–13% of the equity options market share for the month of November 2025 and the Exchange represented only approximately 3.48% of the equity options market share for the month of November 2025.²⁴ The Commission has repeatedly expressed its preference for competition over regulatory intervention in determining prices, products, and services in the securities markets. Particularly, in Regulation NMS, the Commission highlighted the importance of market forces in determining prices and SRO revenues and, also, recognized that current regulation of the market system “has been remarkably successful in promoting market competition in its broader forms that are most important to investors and listed companies.”²⁵ Making similar data products available to market participants fosters competition in the marketplace, and constrains the ability of exchanges to charge supra-competitive fees. In the event that a market participant views one exchange’s data product as more or less attractive than the competition they can, and do, switch between similar

²³ See *supra* note 15.

²⁴ See the “Market Share” section of the Exchange’s website, available at <https://www.mixglobal.com/>.

²⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51808 (June 9, 2005), 70 FR 37496, 37499 (June 29, 2005) (“Regulation NMS Adopting Release”).

products. The extension of the fee discount for historical Open-Close Report data is a result of this competitive environment, as the Exchange seeks to continue attracting subscribers of historical Open-Close Report data and making such data more widely accessible.

The Exchange believes that the temporary discount program for any Member or non-Member who purchases historical Open-Close Report data is reasonable because such purchasers receive a 20% discount for purchasing historical Open-Close Report data. The Exchange believes the discount is reasonable as it gives purchasers the ability to use and test the historical Open-Close Report data at a discounted rate and therefore encourages and promotes users to purchase the historical Open-Close Report data. Further, the extension of the temporary discount is intended to continue promoting increased use of the Exchange's historical Open-Close Report data by defraying some of the costs a purchaser would ordinarily have to expend. Further, providing the discount to only existing subscribers of a monthly Intra-Day or an End-of-Day subscription is designed to encourage the purchase of monthly subscriptions to Open-Close Report data.

The Exchange believes that the extension of the temporary discount program is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it applies equally to all Members and non-Members who are existing subscribers of Open-Close Report data and chose to also purchase historical Open-Close Report data. Providing the discount to only existing subscribers of a monthly Intra-Day or an End-of-Day subscription is not unfairly discriminatory because it is a reasonable means to encourage the purchase of monthly subscriptions to Open-Close Report data. Lastly, the purchase of this data product is discretionary and not compulsory. Indeed, no market participant is required to purchase the historical Open-Close Report data, and the Exchange is not required to make the historical Open-Close Report data available to all investors. Potential purchasers may request the data at any time if they believe it to be valuable or may decline to purchase such data.

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 operates in a highly

competitive environment in which the Exchange must continually adjust its fees to remain competitive. Because competitors are free to modify their own fees in response, the Exchange believes that the degree to which fee changes in this market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited. As discussed above, Open-Close Report data is subject to direct competition from several other options exchanges that offer substantively similar substitutes to the Exchange's Open-Close Report, albeit for trading data on those exchanges.²⁶ Moreover, purchase of historical Open-Close Report data is entirely optional. It is designed to help investors understand underlying market trends to improve the quality of investment decisions, but is not necessary to execute a trade.

The rule change is grounded in the Exchange's efforts to compete more effectively. In this competitive environment, potential purchasers are free to choose which, if any, similar product to purchase to satisfy their need for market information. As a result, the Exchange believes this proposed rule change permits fair competition among national securities exchanges. Further, the Exchange believes that the proposed change will not cause any unnecessary or inappropriate burden on intermarket competition, as the extension of the temporary discount program applies uniformly to any purchaser of historical Open-Close Report data.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,²⁷ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)²⁸ thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine

whether the proposed rule should be approved or 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-SAPPHIRE-2025-45 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-SAPPHIRE-2025-45. 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 filing 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-SAPPHIRE-2025-45 and should be submitted on or before February 10, 2026.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁹

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,
Deputy Secretary.

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²⁶ See *supra* note 15.

²⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

²⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

²⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-104607; File No. SR-MIAX-2025-51]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Fee Schedule To Extend the Temporary Discount Program for the Open-Close Report Until June 30, 2026

January 14, 2026.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act” or “Exchange Act”) ¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, ² notice is hereby given that on December 31, 2025, Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC (“MIAX” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) a 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 amend the MIAX Options Exchange Fee Schedule (the “Fee Schedule”) to extend the temporary discount program for the Open-Close Report.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at <https://www.miaxglobal.com/markets/us-options/all-options-exchanges/rule-filings> and at MIAX’s principal office.

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 Exchange 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 these 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 aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend Section 6)e) of the Fee Schedule to extend the temporary discount program for the Open-Close Report until June 30, 2026. Currently, the Exchange provides a temporary 20% discount on fees assessed to Exchange Members ³ and non-Members that purchase \$20,000 or more in a single order of historical Open-Close Report data, which is set to expire on December 31, 2025. ⁴

By way of background, the Exchange offers two versions of the Open-Close Report, an end-of-day summary and intra-day report. ⁵ The End-of-Day Open-Close Report is a volume summary of trading activity on the Exchange at the option level by origin (Priority Customer, ⁶ Non-Priority Customer, Firm, Broker-Dealer, and Market Maker ⁷), side of the market (buy or sell), contract volume, and transaction type (opening or closing). The customer and professional customer volume is further broken down into trade size buckets (less than 100 contracts, 100–199 contracts, greater than 199 contracts).

The Intra-Day Open-Close Report provides similar information to that of the End-of-Day version but is produced and updated every 10 minutes during the trading day. Data is captured in “snapshots” taken every 10 minutes throughout the trading day and is available to subscribers within five minutes of the conclusion of each 10-minute period. Each update represents the aggregate data captured from the current “snapshot” and all previous “snapshots.” The Intra-Day Open-Close data provides a volume summary of trading activity on the Exchange at the option level by origin (Priority Customer, Non-Priority Customer, Firm, Broker-Dealer, and Market Maker), side of the market (buy or sell), and transaction type (opening or closing). All volume is further broken down into trade size buckets (less than 100

contracts, 100–199 contracts, greater than 199 contracts).

Both versions of the Open-Close Report contain proprietary Exchange trade data and do not include trade data from any other exchange. The Intra-Day and End-of-Day Open-Close Report data products are completely voluntary products, in that the Exchange is not required by any rule or regulation to make this data available and that potential customers may purchase it on an ad-hoc basis only if they voluntarily choose to do so. The Open-Close Report is also a historical data product and not a real-time data feed.

The Exchange makes the Open-Close Report available for purchase to Members and non-Members. ⁸ Customers may currently purchase the Open-Close Report on a subscription basis (monthly) or by ad hoc request for a specified month or number of months. The Exchange assesses a monthly fee of \$600 per month for subscribing to the End-of-Day summary Open-Close Report and \$2,000 per month for subscribing to the Intra-Day Open-Close Report. ⁹ The Exchange also assesses a fee of \$500 per request per month for ad-hoc requests for historical End-of-Day Open-Close data. ¹⁰ An ad-hoc request for historical End-of-Day Open-Close data can be for any number of months beginning with June 2021 for which the data is available. ¹¹ The Exchange also assesses a fee of \$1,000 per request per month for ad-hoc requests for historical Intra-Day Open-Close data. ¹² An ad-hoc request for historical Intra-Day Open-Close data can be for any number of months beginning with January 2013 for which the data is available. ¹³ The Exchange also provides discounts in Section 6)e) of the Fee Schedule for customers who request multiple subscriptions or who are Qualifying Academic Purchasers. ¹⁴

Open-Close Report data is subject to direct competition from similar end-of-day and intra-day options trading summaries offered by several other options exchanges. ¹⁵ All of these

⁸ See Fee Schedule, Section 6)e).

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² *Id.*

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ In order to qualify for the academic pricing, an academic purchaser must: (1) be an accredited academic institution or member of the faculty or staff of such an institution, and (2) use the data in independent academic research, academic journals and other publications, teaching and classroom use, or for other bona fide educational purposes (*i.e.*, academic use). See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 97302 (April 13, 2024), 88 FR 24221 (April 19, 2023) (SR-MIAX-2023-15).

¹⁵ These substitute products are as follows: Open-Close Data products from Cboe Exchange, Inc.

³ The term “Member” means an individual or organization approved to exercise the trading rights associated with a Trading Permit. Members are deemed “members” under the Exchange Act. See Exchange Rule 100.

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 103485 (July 17, 2025), 90 FR 34564 (July 22, 2025) (SR-MIAX-2025-33) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the MIAX Options Exchange Fee Schedule To Extend the Temporary Discount Program for the Open-Close Report).

⁵ See Exchange Rule 531(d)(1).

⁶ See Exchange Rule 100.

⁷ *Id.*

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

exchanges offer essentially the same end-of-day and intra-day options trading summary information for trading activity on those exchanges.

Currently, the Exchange provides a temporary pricing incentive program in which Members and non-Members that purchase historical Open-Close Report data receive a percentage fee discount when a specific purchase threshold is met. Specifically, the footnote “e.” below the table of fees for the Open-Close Report in Section 6(e) of the Fee Schedule, which applies to the rows for “End-of-Day Ad-hoc Request (historical data)” and “Intra-Day Ad-hoc Request (historical data),” provides a 20% discount for ad-hoc purchases of historical Open-Close Report data of \$20,000 or more.¹⁶ To encourage the purchase of monthly subscriptions to Open-Close Report data, the temporary discount program is provided to only existing subscribers who purchase the same category of historical data for which they have a monthly Intra-Day or

(“Cboe”), Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc. (“C2”), Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. (“EDGX Options”), and Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (“BZX Options”); Nasdaq PHLX LLC (“PHLX”) Options Trade Outline, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq”) Options Trade Outline, Nasdaq ISE, LLC (“ISE”) Open/Close Trade Profile, and Nasdaq GEMX, LLC (“GEMX”) Open/Close Trade Profile; and NYSE Options Open-Close Volume Summary for each of NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca”) and NYSE American LLC (“NYSE American”). See e.g., Cboe Fee Schedule, LiveVol Fees, Open-Close Data, Page 12, available at https://cdn.cboe.com/resources/membership/Cboe_FeeSchedule.pdf (last visited December 18, 2025); BZX Options Fee Schedule, Cboe LiveVol, LLC Market Data Fees, Open-Close Data, available at https://www.cboe.com/us/options/membership/fee-schedule/bzx/?_gl=1ync049_upMQ_gaMTc4NDUwMDg0Ny4xNzZmZnZyYwNzEw_ga_5Q99WB9X71MTczMzc2MDcwOS4xLjEuMTczMzc2MTM3MS4wLjAuMA (last visited December 18, 2025); PHLX Options Rules, Options 7 Pricing Schedule, Section 10. Proprietary Data Feed Fees, PHLX Options Trade Outline (“PHOTO”), available at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/phlx/rules/Phlx%20Options%207> (last visited December 18, 2025); ISE Options Rules, Options 7: Pricing Schedule, Sections 10.A.–C., available at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/ise/rules/ISE%20Options%207> (last visited December 18, 2025); GEMX Options Rules, Options 7: Pricing Schedule, Sections 7.D.–F., available at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/gemx/rules/GEMX%20Options%207> (last visited December 18, 2025); and NYSE Arca Options Proprietary Market Data Fees, NYSE Options Open-Close Volume Summary, page 2, available at https://www.nyse.com/publicdocs/nyse/data/NYSE_Arca_Options_Proprietary_Data_Fee_Schedule.pdf (last visited December 18, 2025).

¹⁶ The discount applies on an order-by-order basis. To qualify for the discount, an order must contain End-of-Day Ad-hoc Requests (historical data) and/or Intra-Day Ad-hoc Requests (historical data) and must total \$20,000 or more. The Exchange does not aggregate purchases made throughout a billing cycle for purposes of the incentive program. The discount applies to the total purchase price, once the \$20,000 minimum purchase is satisfied (for example, a qualifying order of \$25,000 would be discounted to \$20,000, i.e., receive a 20% discount of \$5,000).

an End-of-Day subscription. The temporary discount program cannot be combined with any other discounts offered by the Exchange, including the academic discount provided for Qualifying Academic Purchasers¹⁷ of historical Open-Close Report data. The temporary discount program for Open-Close Report is currently set to expire on December 31, 2025.

The Exchange now proposes to extend the temporary discount program until June 30, 2026.¹⁸ The purpose of this extension is to continue attracting subscribers of historical Open-Close Report data and making such data more widely accessible.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,¹⁹ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,²⁰ in particular, in that it is 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 a national market system, and to protect investors and the public interest, and that it is not designed to permit unfair discrimination among customers, brokers, or dealers. The Exchange also believes that its proposed changes to its Fee Schedule concerning fees for the Open-Close Report is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act²¹ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act²² in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of dues, fees and other charges among its members and other recipients of Exchange data.

In adopting Regulation NMS, the Commission granted self-regulatory organizations (“SROs”) and broker-dealers increased authority and flexibility to offer new and unique market data to the public. It was believed that this authority would expand the amount of data available to consumers, and also spur innovation and competition for the provision of market data. Particularly, the Open-Close Report further broadens the availability of U.S. options market data to investors consistent with the

principles of Regulation NMS. The data product also promotes increased transparency through the dissemination of the Open-Close Report. Particularly, information regarding opening and closing activity across different option series during the trading day may indicate investor sentiment, which may allow market participants to make better informed trading decisions throughout the day. Subscribers to the data may also be able to enhance their ability to analyze option trade and volume data and create and test trading models and analytical strategies. The Exchange believes that the Open-Close Report provides a valuable tool that subscribers can use to gain comprehensive insight into the trading activity in a particular series, but also emphasizes such data is not necessary for trading and completely optional. Moreover, several other exchanges offer similar data products which offer the same type of data content through end-of-day or intra-day reports.²³

The Exchange operates in a highly competitive environment. Indeed, there are currently 18 registered options exchanges that trade options. Based on publicly available information, no single options exchange had more than approximately 12–13% of the equity options market share for the month of November 2025 and the Exchange represented only approximately 8.56% of the equity options market share for the month of November 2025.²⁴ The Commission has repeatedly expressed its preference for competition over regulatory intervention in determining prices, products, and services in the securities markets. Particularly, in Regulation NMS, the Commission highlighted the importance of market forces in determining prices and SRO revenues and, also, recognized that current regulation of the market system “has been remarkably successful in promoting market competition in its broader forms that are most important to investors and listed companies.”²⁵ Making similar data products available to market participants fosters competition in the marketplace, and constrains the ability of exchanges to charge supra-competitive fees. In the event that a market participant views one exchange’s data product as more or less attractive than the competition they can, and do, switch between similar products. The extension of the fee

¹⁷ See *supra* note 14.

¹⁸ The Exchange notes that at the end of this period, the temporary discount program will expire unless the Exchange files another 19b–4 Rule Filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) to amend the terms or extend the discount program.

¹⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

²⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

²¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

²² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

²³ See *supra* note 15.

²⁴ See the “Market Share” section of the Exchange’s website, available at <https://www.miaxglobal.com/>.

²⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51808 (June 9, 2005), 70 FR 37496, 37499 (June 29, 2005) (“Regulation NMS Adopting Release”).

discount for historical Open-Close Report data is a result of this competitive environment, as the Exchange seeks to continue attracting subscribers of historical Open-Close Report data and making such data more widely accessible.

The Exchange believes that the temporary discount program for any Member or non-Member who purchases historical Open-Close Report data is reasonable because such purchasers receive a 20% discount for purchasing \$20,000 or more worth of historical Open-Close Report data. The Exchange believes the discount is reasonable as it gives purchasers the ability to use and test the historical Open-Close Report data at a discounted rate and therefore encourages and promotes users to purchase the historical Open-Close Report data. Further, the extension of the temporary discount is intended to continue promoting increased use of the Exchange's historical Open-Close Report data by defraying some of the costs a purchaser would ordinarily have to expend. Further, providing the discount to only existing subscribers of a monthly Intra-Day or an End-of-Day subscription is designed to encourage the purchase of monthly subscriptions to Open-Close Report data.

The Exchange believes that the extension of the temporary discount program is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it applies equally to all Members and non-Members who are existing subscribers of Open-Close Report data and chose to also purchase historical Open-Close Report data. Providing the discount to only existing subscribers of a monthly Intra-Day or an End-of-Day subscription is not unfairly discriminatory because it is a reasonable means to encourage the purchase of monthly subscriptions to Open-Close Report data. Lastly, the purchase of this data product is discretionary and not compulsory. Indeed, no market participant is required to purchase the historical Open-Close Report data, and the Exchange is not required to make the historical Open-Close Report data available to all investors. Potential purchasers may request the data at any time if they believe it to be valuable or may decline to purchase such data.

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 operates in a highly competitive environment in which the

Exchange must continually adjust its fees to remain competitive. Because competitors are free to modify their own fees in response, the Exchange believes that the degree to which fee changes in this market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited. As discussed above, Open-Close Report data is subject to direct competition from several other options exchanges that offer substantively similar substitutes to the Exchange's Open-Close Report, albeit for trading data on those exchanges.²⁶ Moreover, purchase of historical Open-Close Report data is entirely optional. It is designed to help investors understand underlying market trends to improve the quality of investment decisions, but is not necessary to execute a trade.

The rule change is grounded in the Exchange's efforts to compete more effectively. In this competitive environment, potential purchasers are free to choose which, if any, similar product to purchase to satisfy their need for market information. As a result, the Exchange believes this proposed rule change permits fair competition among national securities exchanges. Further, the Exchange believes that the proposed change will not cause any unnecessary or inappropriate burden on intermarket competition, as the extension of the temporary discount program applies uniformly to any purchaser of historical Open-Close Report data.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,²⁷ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)²⁸ thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine

whether the proposed rule should be approved or 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-MIAX-2025-51 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-MIAX-2025-51. 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 filing 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-MIAX-2025-51 and should be submitted on or before February 10, 2026.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁹

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,
Deputy Secretary.

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²⁶ See *supra* note 15.

²⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

²⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

²⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–104610; File No. SR–NASDAQ–2025–112]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend FINRA Fees

January 14, 2026.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on December 31, 2025, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “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 amend Nasdaq’s Pricing Schedule at Equity 7, Section 30, Regulatory, Registration and Processing Fees, to reflect adjustments to FINRA Fees.³

While the changes proposed herein are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated the amendments become operative on January 1, 2026.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/nasdaq/rulefilings>, and at the principal office of the Exchange.

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 Exchange 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 these 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 aspects of such statements.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ This rule change impacts FINRA fees for members who trade equity and options products on Nasdaq as all Nasdaq Options Participants are required to be Nasdaq members.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

This proposal amends Equity 7, Section 30, Regulatory, Registration and Processing Fees, to reflect adjustments to FINRA⁴ Registration Fees and Fingerprinting Fees[sic].⁵ The FINRA fees are collected and retained by FINRA via Web CRD for the registration of employees of Nasdaq members that are not FINRA members (“Non-FINRA members”). The Exchange is merely listing these fees on its Pricing Schedule. The Exchange does not collect or retain these fees.

FINRA Annual System Processing Fee

In 2024, FINRA amended certain fees assessed for use of the CRD system for implementation between 2026 and 2028.⁶ The Exchange accordingly proposes to amend its FINRA fees to mirror the system processing fees assessed by FINRA, which will be implemented concurrently with the amended FINRA fees as of January 2026.⁷ Specifically, the Exchange proposes to amend Equity 7, Section 30 to modify FINRA Annual System Processing Fee from \$70 to the following, based on the number of securities regulators with which each such registered person is registered, excluding registration as an investment adviser representative:⁸

Number of securities regulators	Fee
1–5	\$70
6–20	95
21–40	110
41+	125

These amendments are being made in accordance with a FINRA rule change to adjust to its fees.⁹

⁴ FINRA operates Web CRD, the central licensing and registration system for the U.S. securities industry. FINRA uses Web CRD to maintain the qualification, employment and disciplinary histories of registered associated persons of broker-dealers.

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 93709 (November 21, 2024), 89 FR 93709 (November 27, 2024) (SR–FINRA–2024–019).

⁶ See *id.*

⁷ This rule change impacts FINRA fees for members who trade equity and options products on Nasdaq as all Nasdaq Options Participants are required to be Nasdaq members.

⁸ See Section (4)(b)(7) of Schedule A to the FINRA By-laws.

⁹ See note 5. FINRA noted in its rule change that it was adjusting its fees to provide sustainable funding for FINRA’s regulatory mission.

Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee

The Exchange also proposes to amend Equity 7, Section 30 with respect to the Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee to increase the fee from \$18 to \$25 to mirror the same change proposed by FINRA in SR–FINRA–2024–019.¹⁰

Finally, the Exchange proposes to remove outdated rule text at Equity 7, Section 30 which describes fees that were in place prior to January 1, 2023. Those fees have since been replaced with the Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee.¹¹

The FINRA Web CRD Fees are user-based and there is no distinction in the cost incurred by FINRA if the user is a FINRA member or a Non-FINRA member. Accordingly, the proposed fees mirror those currently assessed by FINRA.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,¹² in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,¹³ in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange believes it is reasonable to amend the FINRA Annual System Processing Fee and the Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee because the fees will be identical to those adopted by FINRA as of January 2026 for use of the CRD system for each of the member’s registered representatives and principals for system processing and for continuing education.¹⁴ The costs of operating and improving the CRD system and for continuing education are similarly borne by FINRA when a Non-FINRA member uses the CRD system; accordingly, the fees collected for such use should, as proposed by the Exchange, mirror the fees assessed to

¹⁰ See note 5.

¹¹ The Exchange proposes to remove the following rule text, \$55 Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee for each individual who is required to complete the Regulatory Element of the Continuing Education Requirements pursuant to Exchange General 4, Section 1240. This fee will be amended on January 1, 2023 as noted below. Also, the Exchange proposes to remove this sentence: The below Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee will be assessed by FINRA commencing on January 1, 2023.

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

¹⁴ See note 5.

FINRA members. In addition, as FINRA noted in amending its fees, it believes that its proposed pricing structure is reasonable and correlates fees with the components that drive its regulatory costs to the extent feasible. The Exchange further believes that the change is reasonable because it will provide greater specificity regarding the CRD system fees and continuing education fees that are applicable to Non-FINRA members. All similarly situated members are subject to the same fee structure, and every member must use the CRD system for registration and disclosure and pay for continuing education. Accordingly, the Exchange believes that the fees collected for such use should likewise increase in lockstep with the fees assessed to FINRA members, as proposed by the Exchange.

The Exchange believes the proposed FINRA Annual System Processing Fee and the Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee are equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the fees apply equally to all individuals and firms required to report information in the CRD system and comply with continuing education. The proposal will result in the same regulatory fees being charged to all members required to report information to CRD and comply with continuing education and for services performed by FINRA regardless of whether such members are FINRA members. Further, the Exchange will not be collecting or retaining these fees, therefore, the Exchange will not be in a position to apply them in an inequitable or unfairly discriminatory manner.

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 not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

The Exchange believes the proposed FINRA Annual System Processing Fee and the Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee do not impose an undue burden on competition because the fees apply equally to all individuals and firms required to report information in the CRD system and comply with continuing education. The proposal will result in the same regulatory fees being charged to all members required to report information to CRD and comply with continuing education and for services performed by FINRA regardless of whether such members are FINRA members. Further, the Exchange will not be collecting or retaining these fees, therefore, the Exchange will not be in a

position to apply them in an inequitable or unfairly discriminatory manner.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were either solicited or received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act.¹⁵

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is: (i) necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or 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-NASDAQ-2025-112 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-NASDAQ-2025-112. 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 filing 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

¹⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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-NASDAQ-2025-112 and should be submitted on or before February 10, 2026.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁶

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-104611; File No. SR-Phlx-2025-80]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend FINRA Fees

January 14, 2026.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on December 31, 2025, Nasdaq PHLX LLC ("Phlx" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "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 amend Phlx's Pricing Schedule at Options 7, Section 9C, FINRA Fees, to reflect adjustments to FINRA Fees.³

While the changes proposed herein are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated the amendments become operative on January 1, 2026.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/phlx/rulefilings>, and at the principal office of the Exchange.

¹⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ This rule change impacts FINRA fees for members who trade equity and options products on Phlx. Equity 7, Section 4.B, indicates that a list of fees that will be collected and retained by FINRA via the Web CRD registration system for the registration of associated persons of Exchange members that are not also FINRA members is available within Options 7, Section 9C.

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 Exchange 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 these 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 aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

This proposal amends Options 7, Section 9C, FINRA Fees, to reflect adjustments to FINRA⁴ Registration Fees and Fingerprinting Fees[sic].⁵ The FINRA fees are collected and retained by FINRA via Web CRD for the registration of employees of Phlx members that are not FINRA members ("Non-FINRA members"). The Exchange is merely listing these fees on its Pricing Schedule. The Exchange does not collect or retain these fees.

FINRA Annual System Processing Fee

In 2024, FINRA amended certain fees assessed for use of the CRD system for implementation between 2026 and 2028.⁶ The Exchange accordingly proposes to amend its FINRA fees to mirror the system processing fees assessed by FINRA, which will be implemented concurrently with the amended FINRA fees as of January 2026.⁷ Specifically, the Exchange proposes to amend Options 7, Section 9C to modify FINRA Annual System Processing Fee from \$70 to the following, based on the number of securities regulators with which each such registered person is registered,

excluding registration as an investment adviser representative:⁸

Number of securities regulators	Fee
1–5	\$70
6–20	95
21–40	110
41+	125

These amendments are being made in accordance with a FINRA rule change to adjust to its fees.⁹

Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee

The Exchange also proposes to amend Options 7, Section 9C with respect to the Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee to increase the fee from \$18 to \$25 to mirror the same change proposed by FINRA in SR–FINRA–2024–019.¹⁰

Finally, the Exchange proposes to remove outdated rule text at Options 7, Section 9C which describes fees that were in place prior to January 1, 2023. Those fees have since been replaced with the Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee.¹¹

The FINRA Web CRD Fees are user-based and there is no distinction in the cost incurred by FINRA if the user is a FINRA member or a Non-FINRA member. Accordingly, the proposed fees mirror those currently assessed by FINRA.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,¹² in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,¹³ in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange believes it is reasonable to amend the FINRA Annual System

Processing Fee and the Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee because the fees will be identical to those adopted by FINRA as of January 2026 for use of the CRD system for each of the member's registered representatives and principals for system processing and for continuing education.¹⁴ The costs of operating and improving the CRD system and for continuing education are similarly borne by FINRA when a Non-FINRA member uses the CRD system; accordingly, the fees collected for such use should, as proposed by the Exchange, mirror the fees assessed to FINRA members. In addition, as FINRA noted in amending its fees, it believes that its proposed pricing structure is reasonable and correlates fees with the components that drive its regulatory costs to the extent feasible. The Exchange further believes that the change is reasonable because it will provide greater specificity regarding the CRD system fees and continuing education fees that are applicable to Non-FINRA members. All similarly situated members are subject to the same fee structure, and every member must use the CRD system for registration and disclosure and pay for continuing education. Accordingly, the Exchange believes that the fees collected for such use should likewise increase in lockstep with the fees assessed to FINRA members, as proposed by the Exchange.

The Exchange believes the proposed FINRA Annual System Processing Fee and the Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee are equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the fees apply equally to all individuals and firms required to report information in the CRD system and comply with continuing education. The proposal will result in the same regulatory fees being charged to all members required to report information to CRD and comply with continuing education and for services performed by FINRA regardless of whether such members are FINRA members. Further, the Exchange will not be collecting or retaining these fees, therefore, the Exchange will not be in a position to apply them in an inequitable or unfairly discriminatory manner.

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 not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

⁴ FINRA operates Web CRD, the central licensing and registration system for the U.S. securities industry. FINRA uses Web CRD to maintain the qualification, employment and disciplinary histories of registered associated persons of broker-dealers.

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 93709 (November 21, 2024), 89 FR 93709 (November 27, 2024) (SR–FINRA–2024–019).

⁶ See *id.*

⁷ This rule change impacts FINRA fees for members who trade equity and options products on Phlx. Equity 7, Section 4.B. indicates that a list of fees that will be collected and retained by FINRA via the Web CRD registration system for the registration of associated persons of Exchange members that are not also FINRA members is available within Options 7, Section 9C.

⁸ See Section (4)(b)(7) of Schedule A to the FINRA By-laws.

⁹ See note 5. FINRA noted in its rule change that it was adjusting its fees to provide sustainable funding for FINRA's regulatory mission.

¹⁰ See note 5.

¹¹ The Exchange proposes to remove the following rule text, \$55 Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee for each individual who is required to complete the Regulatory Element of the Continuing Education Requirements pursuant to Exchange General 4, Section 1240. This fee will be amended on January 1, 2023 as noted below. Also, the Exchange proposes to remove this sentence: The below Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee will be assessed by FINRA commencing on January 1, 2023.

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

¹⁴ See note 5.

The Exchange believes the proposed FINRA Annual System Processing Fee and the Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee do not impose an undue burden on competition because the fees apply equally to all individuals and firms required to report information in the CRD system and comply with continuing education. The proposal will result in the same regulatory fees being charged to all members required to report information to CRD and comply with continuing education and for services performed by FINRA regardless of whether such members are FINRA members. Further, the Exchange will not be collecting or retaining these fees, therefore, the Exchange will not be in a position to apply them in an inequitable or unfairly discriminatory manner.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were either solicited or received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act.¹⁵

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is: (i) necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or 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-Phlx-2025-80 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-Phlx-2025-80. 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 filing 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-Phlx-2025-80 and should be submitted on or before February 10, 2026.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁶

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2026.

PLACE: The meeting will be held via remote means and at the Commission's headquarters, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters also may be present.

In the event that the time, date, or location of this meeting changes, an announcement of the change, along with the new time, date, and/or place of the meeting will be posted on the Commission's website at <https://www.sec.gov>.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has

certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (6), (7), (8), 9(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (a)(5), (a)(6), (a)(7), (a)(8), (a)(9)(ii) and (a)(10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

The subject matter of the closed meeting will consist of the following topics:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings;

Resolution of litigation claims; and

Other matters relating to examinations and enforcement proceedings.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting agenda items that may consist of adjudicatory, examination, litigation, or regulatory matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For further information, please contact Vanessa A. Countryman from the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated: January 15, 2026.

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-104608; File No. SR-MEMX-2025-36]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; MEMX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Exchange's Fee Schedule To Extend the Sunset Provision Related to the Options Regulatory Fee (ORF)

January 14, 2026.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on December 31, 2025, MEMX LLC ("MEMX" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "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.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

¹⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

¹⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange is filing with the Commission a proposed rule change to amend the Exchange's fee schedule applicable to Members³ and non-Members of the Exchange (the "Fee Schedule") pursuant to Exchange Rules 15.1(a) and (c) to extend the current sunset date of December 31, 2025 applicable to the Options Regulatory Fee ("ORF") to June 30, 2026. The Exchange proposes to implement the changes to the Fee Schedule pursuant to this proposal on January 1, 2026. The text of the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.

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 Exchange 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 these 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 aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend its Options Fee Schedule related to the ORF to extend the current sunset date of December 31, 2025 to June 30, 2026, and thus continue charging the previously established ORF in the amount of \$0.0015 per contract side through June 30, 2026. As discussed herein, the ORF sunset date was initially proposed to provide time for the Exchange to discuss alternative ORF models with its Members. At this point, alternative models are continuing to be pursued among industry participants, and other exchanges have recently filed proposals with the Commission that propose modified ORF assessment and collection methodologies.⁴ The

Exchange is committed to switching to a new, unified model as soon as a consistent framework has been established by the Commission, adopted by all the options exchanges, and necessary regulatory filings submitted. Thus, while the Exchange continues to engage in the process surrounding ORF reform, it is necessary to continue to fund its regulatory program via the ORF so that it may operate on equal footing with each of the seventeen (17) other options exchanges that charge similar regulatory fees in amounts that exceed the relatively modest amounts collected by the Exchange.

The ORF is designed to recover a material portion of the costs to the Exchange of the supervision and regulation of Members' customer options business, including performing routine surveillances and investigations, as well as policy, rulemaking, interpretive and enforcement activities. The Exchange believes that revenue generated from the ORF, when combined with all of the Exchange's other regulatory fees and fines, will cover a material portion, but not all, of the Exchange's regulatory costs. Currently, all other registered options exchanges impose ORF on their members, and those exchanges also charge ORF for executions occurring on MEMX Options cleared by their customers.⁵

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 58817 (October 20, 2008), 73 FR 63744 (October 27, 2008) (SR-CBOE-2008-05) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness of Cboe Exchange, Inc. ("Cboe") adopting an ORF applicable to transactions across all options exchanges) 61133 (December 9, 2009), 74 FR 66715 (December 16, 2009) (SR-Phlx-2009-100) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness of Nasdaq PHLX LLC ("Phlx") adopting an ORF applicable to transactions across all options exchanges); 61154 (December 11, 2009), 74 FR 67278 (December 18, 2009) (SR-ISE-2009-105) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness of Nasdaq ISE, LLC ("ISE") adopting an ORF applicable to transactions across all options exchanges); 61388 (January 20, 2010), 75 FR 4431 (January 27, 2010) (SR-BX-2010-001) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness of Nasdaq OMX BX, Inc. ("BX") adopting an ORF applicable to transactions across all options exchanges); 70200 (August 14, 2013) 78 FR 51242 (August 20, 2013) (SR-Topaz-2013-01) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness of Nasdaq GEMX, LLC ("GEMX"), formerly known as ISE Gemini and Topaz Exchange, adopting an ORF applicable to transactions across all options exchanges); 64400 (May 4, 2011), 76 FR 27118 (May 10, 2011) (SR-NYSEAmex-2011-27) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness of NYSE Amex LLC ("NYSE AMEX") adopting an ORF applicable to transactions across all options exchanges); 64399 (May 4, 2011), 76 FR 27114 (May 10, 2011) (SR-NYSEArca-2011-20) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness of NYSE Arca, Inc. ("NYSE Arca") adopting an ORF applicable to transactions across all options exchanges); 65913 (December 8, 2011), 76 FR 77883 (December 14, 2011) (SR-NASDAQ-2011-163) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness of Nasdaq Options Market

The Exchange notes that in 2019, the Commission issued suspensions of and orders instituting proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove a proposed rule change to modify the Options Regulatory Fee of NYSE American, NYSE Arca, MIAA, MIAA Pearl, MIAA Emerald, Cboe, Cboe EDGX Options, and C2.⁶ Each of those exchanges had filed to increase their ORF, and the Commission indicated that each of those filings lacked detail and specificity, signaling that more information was needed to speak to

("NOM") adopting an ORF applicable to transactions across all options exchanges); 66979 (May 14, 2012), 77 FR 29740 (May 18, 2012) (SR-BOX-2012-002) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness of BOX Options Exchange LLC ("BOX") adopting an ORF applicable to transactions across all options exchanges); 67596 (August 6, 2012), 77 FR 47902 (August 10, 2012) (SR-C2-2012-023) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness of C2 Options Exchange, Inc. ("C2") adopting an ORF applicable to transactions across all options exchanges); 68711 (January 23, 2013) 78 FR 6155 (January 29, 2013) (SR-MIAA-2013-01) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness of Miami International Securities Exchange LLC ("MIAA") adopting an ORF applicable to transactions across all options exchanges); 74214 (February 5, 2015), 80 FR 7665 (February 11, 2015) (SR-BATS-2015-08) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness of Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. ("BZX") formerly known as BATS, adopting an ORF applicable to transactions across all options exchanges); 80025 (February 13, 2017) 82 FR 11081 (February 17, 2017) (SR-BatsEDGX-2017-04) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness of Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. ("EDGX") formerly known as Bats EDGX Exchange, Inc., adopting an ORF applicable to transactions across all options exchanges); 80875 (June 7, 2017) 82 FR 27096 (June 13, 2017) (SR-PEARL-2017-26) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness of MIAA Pearl, LLC ("MIAA Pearl") adopting an ORF applicable to transactions across all options exchanges); 85127 (February 13, 2019) 84 FR 5173 (February 20, 2019) (SR-MRX-2019-03) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness of Nasdaq MRX, LLC ("MRX") adopting an ORF applicable to transactions across all options exchanges); 85251 (March 6, 2019) 84 FR 8931 (March 12, 2019) (SR-EMERALD-2019-01) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness of MIAA Emerald LLC ("MIAA Emerald") adopting an ORF applicable to transactions across all options exchanges); 100924 (August 27, 2024) 89 FR 71496 (September 3, 2024) (notice of filing and immediate effective of MIAA Sapphire LLC ("MIAA Sapphire") adopting an ORF applicable to transactions across all options exchanges).

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 87168 (September 30, 2019), 84 FR 53210 (October 4, 2019) (SR-Emerald-2019-29); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 87167 (September 30, 2019), 84 FR 53189 (October 4, 2019) (SR-PEARL-2019-23); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 87169 (September 30, 2019), 84 FR 53195 (October 4, 2019) (SR-MIAA-2019-35); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 87170 (September 30, 2019), 84 FR 53213 (October 4, 2019) (SR-CBOE-2019-040); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 87172 (September 30, 2019) 84 FR 53192 (October 4, 2019) (SR-CboeEDGX-2019-051); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 87171 (September 30, 2019), 84 FR 53200 (October 4, 2019) (SR-C2-2019-018); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 86832 (August 30, 2019), 84 FR 46980 (September 6, 2019) (SR-NYSEArca-2019-49); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 86833 (August 30, 2019) 84 FR 47029 (September 6, 2019) (SR-NYSEAMER-2019-27).

³ See Exchange Rule 1.5(p).

⁴ Proposals have been filed by each of the four options markets operated by Cboe Exchange, Inc. (collectively, the "Cboe Proposals"); see, e.g., Securities Exchange Act Release No. 104403 (December 15, 2025) (SR-CboeBZX-2025-157) (Notice of filing and immediate effectiveness of a proposed rule change to adopt a new methodology for assessment and collection of the Options Regulatory Fee (ORF)).

whether the proposed increased ORFs were reasonable, equitably allocated and not unfairly discriminatory, particularly given that the ORF is assessed on transactions that clear in the “customer” range and regardless of the exchange on which the transaction occurs. The Commission also noted that the filings provided only broad general statements regarding options transaction volume and did not provide any information on those exchanges’ historic or projected options regulatory costs (including the costs of regulating activity that cleared in the “customer” range and the costs of regulating activity that occurred off exchange), the amount of regulatory revenue they had generated and expected to generate from the ORF as well as other sources, or the “material portion” of options regulatory expenses that they sought to recover from the ORF. Each of those exchanges withdrew their filings, but continue charging ORF today as discussed above. Since that time, MEMX Options launched and commenced operations and as noted previously, its initial ORF filing was also suspended.⁷ Unlike its competitors noted above, however, the Exchange did not have a previously implemented ORF to continue charging notwithstanding said suspensions. As such, the Exchange proposed to establish an ORF but has maintained a sunset date, in order to allow it time to inform its approach to the ORF moving forward.

As previously noted, the Exchange appreciates the evolving changes in the market and regulatory environment and, in connection with industry and other feedback, is continuing to evaluate the current methodologies and practices for the assessment and collection of ORF. If during the proposed sunset period of January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026, a viable alternative methodology for the ORF presents itself, the Exchange would endeavor to implement said alternative prior to the proposed sunset date. In other words, the existence of the sunset date of June 30, 2026 for the Exchange’s current ORF would not preclude the Exchange from filing to modify its ORF methodology prior to that date, if applicable.

Until that time, the Exchange believes it is reasonable, appropriate and fair to fund a portion of its regulatory program through the same regulatory fee charged by every other options exchange. Further, the Exchange emphasizes that other exchanges will be charging ORF for transactions occurring on MEMX Options, and as such, it follows that the

Exchange that is primarily responsible for monitoring those transactions should also be able to charge the ORF for activity occurring on its own market, as well as transactions it surveils on away markets.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal to amend its Fee Schedule is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁸ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act⁹ in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members and issuers and other persons using its facilities. The Exchange also believes the proposal furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act¹⁰ in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general to protect investors and the public interest and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers and dealers.

The ORF is designed to recover a material portion of the costs of supervising and regulating Members’ customer options business including performing routine surveillances and investigations, as well as policy, rulemaking, interpretive, and enforcement activities. Extending the current ORF sunset date is reasonable because continued collection of ORF will serve to balance the Exchange’s regulatory revenue against the anticipated regulatory costs, thereby ensuring proper regulatory funding. Moreover, the Exchange’s ORF rate is significantly lower than the amount of ORF assessed by other exchange groups.¹¹

The Exchange notes that while certain individual options exchanges do charge a lower ORF than that currently charged by the Exchange, each of these options exchanges is part of an exchange “group” (*i.e.*, affiliated with other options exchanges). In turn, each of these exchange groups charges more than three (3) to four (4) times the amount of ORF as a group when

compared to the Exchange’s ORF rate.¹² While each additional options exchange is its own legal entity with regulatory obligations under the Act to regulate its members, there is significant scale that can be achieved for an exchange group that operates multiple exchanges, including with respect to regulation, and this scale allows such options exchanges to operate with a lower assessment of ORF. In other words, the initial fixed costs associated with implementing an exchange group’s options regulatory program are scalable as additional options exchanges are launched by that exchange group.

Extending the sunset date is also reasonable because doing so would allow the Exchange to recoup a portion of its regulatory expenses via the ORF as other options exchanges do. If the Exchange were not allowed to charge an ORF, then after the current sunset date of December 31, 2025, it would be forced to pay for its regulatory program solely out of business revenues while working towards an alternative ORF solution, unlike every other competing exchange, each of which would continue to assess an ORF, including on transactions executed on MEMX Options. This would impact MEMX’s ability to assure adequate funding of its regulatory program.

Extending the ORF sunset date to June 30, 2026, is also equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because prior to the proposed sunset date, the ORF would continue to be objectively allocated to Members in a manner that is consistent with the ORF currently imposed by the other seventeen (17) options exchanges. The Exchange will

¹² Each of NYSE Arca Options, NYSE American Options, MIA X Pearl, MIA X Emerald, MIA X Sapphire, Cboe BZX Options, Cboe C2 Options, Cboe EDGX Options, Nasdaq Options Exchange, Nasdaq MRX Options, Nasdaq GEMX Options, Nasdaq PHLX Options, Nasdaq ISE Options, and Nasdaq BX Options, currently charges a lower rate than \$0.0015 per contract, which is the rate proposed by the Exchange. However, the NYSE exchanges, comprised of two options exchanges, are currently waiving their ORF of \$0.0023 per contract until December 31, 2025, and in January 2026 each of their ORFs will increase to \$0.0026 per contract, resulting in an aggregate ORF rate of \$0.0052 per contract (over three times the Exchange’s current rate). Additionally, the Cboe exchanges, comprised of four options exchanges, charge an aggregate ORF rate of \$0.0027 per contract (more than the Exchange’s current rate), the MIA X exchanges, comprised of four options exchanges, charge an aggregate ORF rate of \$0.0048 per contract (nearly three times the Exchange’s current rate) and in January 2026 their aggregate ORF rate will increase to \$0.0052 per contract; and the Nasdaq exchanges, comprised of six options exchanges, charge an aggregate ORF rate of \$0.00215 per contract, which beginning January 1 2026, will also increase significantly, to \$0.0829 per contract, and starting in February 2026, will decrease to \$0.0063 per contract (over four times the Exchange’s current rate).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹¹ *See, e.g.*, Cboe Options Fee Schedule, which provides an ORF rate of \$0.0023 per contract that will sunset on December 31, 2025, at which point it will revert to a rate of \$0.0017 per contract, BOX Options Fee Schedule Section II(C), which provides an ORF rate of \$0.00295 per contract, MIA X Options Fee Schedule, Section 2(b), which provides an ORF rate of \$0.0015 per contract until January 2026, when it will increase to \$0.0017 per contract.

⁷ *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 98585 (September 28, 2023), 88 FR 68692 (October 4, 2023) (SR-MEMX-2023-25).

continue to monitor the amount of revenue collected from the ORF to ensure that it, in combination with its other regulatory fees and fines, does not exceed the Exchange's total regulatory costs. The Exchange has designed the ORF to generate revenues that, when combined with all of the Exchange's other regulatory fees, will be less than 75% of the Exchange's regulatory costs, which is consistent with the Exchange's limited liability company agreement that states in Section 17.4(b): "[a]ny Regulatory Funds shall not be used for non-regulatory purposes or distributed, advanced or allocated to any Company Member, but rather, shall be applied to fund regulatory operations of the Company (including surveillance and enforcement activities) . . ." ¹³

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. This proposal will not create an unnecessary or inappropriate intra-market burden on competition because the Exchange's ORF is designed to enable the Exchange to recover a material portion of the Exchange's cost related to its regulatory activities. This proposal will not create an unnecessary or inappropriate inter-market burden on competition because it will be a regulatory fee that supports regulation and customer protection in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange is obligated to ensure that the amount of regulatory revenue collected from the ORF, in combination with its other regulatory fees and fines, does not exceed regulatory costs.

The Exchange's ORF, as described herein, is lower than or comparable to fees charged by other options exchanges (though as noted above, some exchange groups do have options exchanges operating with a lower ORF on a standalone basis).

The Exchange notes that while it does not believe that its ORF will impose any burden on inter-market competition, the Exchange being precluded from charging an ORF after December 31, 2025, while other options exchanges are permitted to continue to charge ORF would, in-fact, significantly burden the Exchange's ability to assure adequate funding of its regulatory program. As noted above, the Exchange is a new entrant in the highly competitive environment for equity options trading. As also noted above, all seventeen (17)

other registered options exchanges currently impose the ORF on their members, and such ORF fees imposed by other options exchanges currently do and will continue to extend to executions occurring on the Exchange. The Exchange notes that it is not precluded from adopting an alternative model during the proposed sunset period, however, while alternative ORF models are in development, in order to be treated similarly to these other exchanges, it must, in fact, impose an ORF on its Members during this period, and the inability to do so would result in an unfair disadvantage to the Exchange.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

The Exchange neither solicited nor received comments on the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act ¹⁴ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) ¹⁵ thereunder.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or 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-MEMX-2025-36 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-MEMX-2025-36. 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 filing 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-MEMX-2025-36 and should be submitted on or before February 10, 2026.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁶

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 35903; File No. 812-15888]

Hamilton Lane Private Assets Fund, et al.

January 14, 2026.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC").

ACTION: Notice.

Notice of application for an order under sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") and rule 17d-1 under the Act to permit certain joint transactions otherwise prohibited by sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) of the Act and rule 17d-1 under the Act.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants request an order to permit certain business development companies ("BDCs") and closed-end management investment companies to co-invest in portfolio companies with each other and

¹³ See MEMX LLC—LLC Agreement at <https://info.memxtrading.com/regulation/governance/>.

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

¹⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

with certain affiliated investment entities.

APPLICANTS: Hamilton Lane Private Assets Fund, Hamilton Lane Private Infrastructure Fund, HL SCOPE RIC LLC, Hamilton Lane Private Secondary Fund, Hamilton Lane Venture Capital and Growth Fund, Hamilton Lane Credit Income Fund, Hamilton Lane Advisors, L.L.C. and certain of their affiliated entities as described in Schedule A to the application.

FILING DATES: The application was filed on September 2, 2026 and amended on January 8, 2026.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the requested relief will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by emailing the SEC's Secretary at Secretaries-Office@sec.gov and serving the Applicants with a copy of the request by email, if an email address is listed for the relevant Applicants below, or personally or by mail, if a physical address is listed for the relevant Applicants below. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on February 9, 2026, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the Applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Pursuant to rule 0-5 under the Act, hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, any facts bearing upon the desirability of a hearing on the matter, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by emailing the Commission's Secretary at Secretaries-Office@sec.gov.

ADDRESSES: The Commission: Secretaries-Office@sec.gov. Applicants: Keith Kleinman, Esq., Hamilton Lane Advisors, L.L.C., kkleinman@hamiltonlane.com; Ryan P. Brizek, Esq., Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, ryan.brizek@stblaw.com.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel Loko, Senior Special Counsel or Thomas Ahmadifar, Branch Chief, at (202) 551-6825 (Division of Investment Management, Chief Counsel's Office).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For Applicants' representations, legal analysis, and conditions, please refer to Applicants' application, filed January 8, 2026, which may be obtained via the Commission's website by searching for the file number at the top of this document, or for an Applicants using the Company name search field, on the SEC's EDGAR system. The SEC's EDGAR system may be searched at <https://www.sec.gov/edgar/search/>. You

may also call the SEC's Office of Investor Education and Advocacy at (202) 551-8090.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-104603; File No. SR-MRX-2025-35]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq MRX, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend FINRA Fees

January 14, 2026.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on December 31, 2025, Nasdaq MRX, LLC ("MRX" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "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 amend MRX's Pricing Schedule at Options 7, Section 5D, FINRA Web CRD Fees, to reflect adjustments to FINRA Fees.

While the changes proposed herein are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated the amendments become operative on January 1, 2026.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/mrx/rulefilings>, and at the principal office of the Exchange.

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 Exchange 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 these 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 aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

This proposal amends Options 7, Section 5D, FINRA Web CRD Fees, to reflect adjustments to FINRA³ Registration Fees and Fingerprinting Fees[sic].⁴ The FINRA fees are collected and retained by FINRA via Web CRD for the registration of employees of MRX Members that are not FINRA members ("Non-FINRA members"). The Exchange is merely listing these fees on its Pricing Schedule. The Exchange does not collect or retain these fees.

FINRA Annual System Processing Fee

In 2024, FINRA amended certain fees assessed for use of the CRD system for implementation between 2026 and 2028.⁵ The Exchange accordingly proposes to amend its FINRA fees to mirror the system processing fees assessed by FINRA, which will be implemented concurrently with the amended FINRA fees as of January 2026. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to amend Options 7, Section 5D to modify FINRA Annual System Processing Fee from \$70 to the following, based on the number of securities regulators with which each such registered person is registered, excluding registration as an investment adviser representative:⁶

Number of securities regulators	Fee
1-5	\$70
6-20	95
21-40	110
41+	125

These amendments are being made in accordance with a FINRA rule change to adjust to its fees.⁷

³ FINRA operates Web CRD, the central licensing and registration system for the U.S. securities industry. FINRA uses Web CRD to maintain the qualification, employment and disciplinary histories of registered associated persons of broker-dealers.

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 93709 (November 21, 2024), 89 FR 93709 (November 27, 2024) (SR-FINRA-2024-019).

⁵ See *id.*

⁶ See Section (4)(b)(7) of Schedule A to the FINRA By-laws.

⁷ See note 5. FINRA noted in its rule change that it was adjusting its fees to provide sustainable funding for FINRA's regulatory mission.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee

The Exchange also proposes to amend Options 7, Section 5D with respect to the Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee to increase the fee from \$18 to \$25 to mirror the same change proposed by FINRA in SR-FINRA-2024-019.⁸

Finally, the Exchange proposes to remove outdated rule text at Options 7, Section 5D which describes fees that were in place prior to January 1, 2023. Those fees have since been replaced with the Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee.⁹

The FINRA Web CRD Fees are user-based and there is no distinction in the cost incurred by FINRA if the user is a FINRA member or a Non-FINRA member. Accordingly, the proposed fees mirror those currently assessed by FINRA.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,¹⁰ in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,¹¹ in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange believes it is reasonable to amend the FINRA Annual System Processing Fee and the Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee because the fees will be identical to those adopted by FINRA as of January 2026 for use of the CRD system for each of the member's registered representatives and principals for system processing and for continuing education.¹² The costs of operating and improving the CRD system and for continuing education are similarly borne by FINRA when a Non-FINRA member uses the CRD system; accordingly, the fees collected for such use should, as proposed by the Exchange, mirror the fees assessed to

FINRA members. In addition, as FINRA noted in amending its fees, it believes that its proposed pricing structure is reasonable and correlates fees with the components that drive its regulatory costs to the extent feasible. The Exchange further believes that the change is reasonable because it will provide greater specificity regarding the CRD system fees and continuing education fees that are applicable to Non-FINRA members. All similarly situated members are subject to the same fee structure, and every member must use the CRD system for registration and disclosure and pay for continuing education. Accordingly, the Exchange believes that the fees collected for such use should likewise increase in lockstep with the fees assessed to FINRA members, as proposed by the Exchange.

The Exchange believes the proposed FINRA Annual System Processing Fee and the Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee are equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the fees apply equally to all individuals and firms required to report information in the CRD system and comply with continuing education. The proposal will result in the same regulatory fees being charged to all Members required to report information to CRD and comply with continuing education and for services performed by FINRA regardless of whether such Members are FINRA members. Further, the Exchange will not be collecting or retaining these fees, therefore, the Exchange will not be in a position to apply them in an inequitable or unfairly discriminatory manner.

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 not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

The Exchange believes the proposed FINRA Annual System Processing Fee and the Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee do not impose an undue burden on competition because the fees apply equally to all individuals and firms required to report information in the CRD system and comply with continuing education. The proposal will result in the same regulatory fees being charged to all Members required to report information to CRD and comply with continuing education and for services performed by FINRA regardless of whether such Members are FINRA members. Further, the Exchange will not be collecting or retaining these fees, therefore, the Exchange will not be in a

position to apply them in an inequitable or unfairly discriminatory manner.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were either solicited or received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act.¹³ At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is: (i) necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or 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-MRX-2025-35 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-MRX-2025-35. 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 filing 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

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁸ See note 5.

⁹ The Exchange proposes to remove the following rule text, \$55 Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee for each individual who is required to complete the Regulatory Element of the Continuing Education Requirements pursuant to Exchange General 4, Section 1240. This fee will be amended on January 1, 2023 as noted below. Also, the Exchange proposes to remove this sentence: The below Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee will be assessed by FINRA commencing on January 1, 2023.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

¹² See note 5.

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-MRX-2025-35 and should be submitted on or before February 10, 2026.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁴

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-104602; File No. SR-NYSEARCA-2026-01]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend the NYSE Arca Equities Fees and Charges

January 14, 2026.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on January 2, 2026, NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca” or the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. 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 amend the NYSE Arca Equities Fees and Charges (“Fee Schedule”) to delete pricing that is no longer in effect. The proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at www.nyse.com and at the principal office of the Exchange.

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 amend its Fee Schedule to delete Gross FOCUS fee related pricing that is no longer in effect.

The Exchange proposes to implement the fee changes effective January 2, 2026.

Background and Proposed Rule Change

In September 2025, the Exchange waived the Gross FOCUS Fee from September 2, 2025, through December 31, 2025, in order to help ensure that the amounts collected from the Gross FOCUS Fee, in combination with other regulatory fees and fines, did not exceed the Exchange’s total projected Regulatory Costs.³ The Exchange added text to the Fee Schedule describing the waiver and providing that the Exchange would assess the monthly fee of \$0.069 per \$1,000 of gross revenue reported on its FOCUS Report as of January 1, 2026. The Exchange proposes to delete this text as obsolete.

The Exchange believes the proposed change would improve the clarity of Fee Schedule by removing obsolete text, thereby obviating potential confusion regarding pricing currently in effect.

The proposed change is not otherwise intended to address other issues, and the Exchange is not aware of any significant problems that market participants would have in complying with the proposed changes.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁴ in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and (5) of the Act,⁵ in particular, because it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members, issuers and other persons using its facilities and does not unfairly

discriminate between customers, issuers, brokers or dealers.

The Proposed Change Is Reasonable

The Exchange believes the proposed elimination of text in the Fee Schedule describing pricing that is no longer applicable to any member organizations is reasonable because it would improve the clarity of the Fee Schedule and reduce confusion as to which fees and credits are applicable on the Exchange. The Exchange believes that amending the Fee Schedule to remove obsolete pricing would further the protection of investors and the public interest by promoting clarity and transparency in the Fee Schedule and making the Fee Schedule easier to navigate and understand.

The Proposal Is an Equitable Allocation of Fees

The Exchange believes the proposed change supports an equitable allocation of fees and credits among its market participants because it would eliminate obsolete text from the Fee Schedule describing pricing programs that are no longer applicable to any market participants. Accordingly, the Exchange believes the proposal would impact all similarly situated member organizations on an equal basis. The Exchange also believes that the proposed change would promote investor protection and the public interest because the deletion of expired pricing programs from the Fee Schedule would enhance the clarity of the Fee Schedule and reduce confusion regarding fees and credits currently applicable to market participants who transact on the Exchange.

The Proposal Is Not Unfairly Discriminatory

The Exchange believes that the proposal is not unfairly discriminatory because it neither targets nor will it have a disparate impact on any category of market participant. The proposed elimination of obsolete pricing would affect all market participants on an equal and non-discriminatory basis, as the programs with which such pricing is associated are no longer available to any market participants. The Exchange also believes that the proposed change would protect investors and the public interest because the deletion of expired waiver language would facilitate market participants’ understanding of the pricing currently applicable on the Exchange.

For the foregoing reasons, the Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the Act.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 103970 (September 15, 2025), 90 FR 45067 (September 18, 2025) (SR-NYSEARCA-2025-68).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) & (5).

¹⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

In accordance with Section 6(b)(8) of the Act,⁶ the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change would not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Instead, as discussed above, the proposed change relates solely to the elimination of obsolete pricing associated with expired pricing and, accordingly, would not have any impact on intramarket or intermarket competition. The proposed change is designed to ensure that the Fee Schedule accurately reflects pricing currently effective on the Exchange, thereby adding clarity to the Fee Schedule to the benefit of all market participants.

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

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,⁷ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder⁸ the Exchange has designated this proposal as establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed on any person, whether or not the person is a member of the self-regulatory organization, which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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 (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or

- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-NYSEARCA-2026-01 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-2026-01. 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 filing 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-2026-01 and should be submitted on or before February 10, 2026.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁹

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-104599; File No. SR-NYSE-2026-01]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend its Price List

January 14, 2026.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on January 2, 2026, New York Stock Exchange LLC ("NYSE" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the self-

regulatory organization. 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 amend its Price List to delete pricing that is no longer in effect. The proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at www.nyse.com and at the principal office of the Exchange.

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 amend its Price List to delete Gross FOCUS fee related pricing that is no longer in effect.

The Exchange proposes to implement the fee changes effective January 2, 2026.

Background and Proposed Rule Change

In September 2025, the Exchange waived the Gross FOCUS Fee from September 2, 2025, through December 31, 2025, in order to help ensure that the amounts collected from the Gross FOCUS Fee, in combination with other regulatory fees and fines, did not exceed the Exchange's total projected Regulatory Costs.³ The Exchange added text to the Price List describing the waiver and providing that the Exchange would assess the monthly fee of \$0.11 fee per \$1,000 of gross revenue reported on its FOCUS Report as of January 1, 2026. The Exchange proposes to delete this text as obsolete.

The Exchange believes the proposed change would improve the clarity of Price List by removing obsolete text,

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 103971 (September 15, 2025), 90 FR 45064 (September 18, 2025) (SR-NYSE-2025-35).

thereby obviating potential confusion regarding pricing currently in effect.

The proposed change is not otherwise intended to address other issues, and the Exchange is not aware of any significant problems that market participants would have in complying with the proposed changes.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁴ in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and (5) of the Act,⁵ in particular, because it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members, issuers and other persons using its facilities and does not unfairly discriminate between customers, issuers, brokers or dealers.

The Proposed Change Is Reasonable

The Exchange believes the proposed elimination of text in the Price List describing pricing that is no longer applicable to any member organizations is reasonable because it would improve the clarity of the Price List and reduce confusion as to which fees and credits are applicable on the Exchange. The Exchange believes that amending the Price List to remove obsolete pricing would further the protection of investors and the public interest by promoting clarity and transparency in the Price List and making the Price List easier to navigate and understand.

The Proposal Is an Equitable Allocation of Fees

The Exchange believes the proposed change supports an equitable allocation of fees and credits among its market participants because it would eliminate obsolete text from the Price List describing pricing programs that are no longer applicable to any market participants. Accordingly, the Exchange believes the proposal would impact all similarly situated member organizations on an equal basis. The Exchange also believes that the proposed change would promote investor protection and the public interest because the deletion of expired pricing programs from the Price List would enhance the clarity of the Price List and reduce confusion regarding fees and credits currently applicable to market participants who transact on the Exchange.

The Proposal Is Not Unfairly Discriminatory

The Exchange believes that the proposal is not unfairly discriminatory because it neither targets nor will it have a disparate impact on any category of market participant. The proposed elimination of obsolete pricing would affect all market participants on an equal and non-discriminatory basis, as the programs with which such pricing is associated are no longer available to any market participants. The Exchange also believes that the proposed change would protect investors and the public interest because the deletion of expired waiver language would facilitate market participants' understanding of the pricing currently applicable on the Exchange.

For the foregoing reasons, the Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the Act.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

In accordance with Section 6(b)(8) of the Act,⁶ the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change would not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Instead, as discussed above, the proposed change relates solely to the elimination of obsolete pricing associated with expired pricing and, accordingly, would not have any impact on intramarket or intermarket competition. The proposed change is designed to ensure that the Price List accurately reflects pricing currently effective on the Exchange, thereby adding clarity to the Price List to the benefit of all market participants.

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

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,⁷ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder⁸ the Exchange has designated this proposal as establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed on any person, whether or not the person is a member of the self-regulatory organization, which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing. At any time within 60 days of the

filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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 (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-NYSE-2026-01 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-NYSE-2026-01. 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 filing 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-NYSE-2026-01 and should be submitted on or before February 10, 2026.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁹

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,

Deputy Secretary.

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⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) & (5).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-104597; File No. SR-PHLX-2026-01]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend the PHLX Pricing Schedule at Options 7, Section 2, Customer Rebate Program, and at Options 7, Section 4, Multiply Listed Options Fees

January 14, 2026.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on January 2, 2026, Nasdaq PHLX LLC (“PHLX” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “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 amend the PHLX Pricing Schedule at Options 7, Section 2, Customer Rebate Program, and at Options 7, Section 4, Multiply Listed Options Fees.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/phlx/rulefilings>, and at the principal office of the Exchange.

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 Exchange 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 these 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 aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

PHLX proposes to amend its Pricing Schedule at Options 7, Section 2 (Customer³ Rebate Program) and at Options 7, Section 4 (Multiply Listed Options Fees).

A. Customer Rebate Program

The Exchange proposes to amend the Pricing Schedule at Options 7, Section 2, Customer Rebate Program.

1. Current Status

Currently, the Exchange pays rebates on five Customer Rebate Tiers according to four categories. The Customer Rebate Tiers below are calculated by totaling Customer volume in Multiply Listed Options (including SPY) that are electronically-delivered and executed, except volume associated with electronic Qualified Contingent Cross Orders, as defined in Options 3, Section 12. Rebates are paid on Customer Rebate Tiers according to the below categories.⁴

Customer rebate tiers	Percentage thresholds of national customer volume in Multiply-Listed Equity and ETF Options Classes, excluding SPY Options (monthly)	Category A	Category B	Category C	Category D
Tier 1	0.00%–0.60%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tier 2	Above 0.60%–1.30%	0.10	0.10	0.16	0.21
Tier 3	Above 1.30%–1.80%	0.15	0.12	0.18	0.22
Tier 4	Above 1.80%–2.50%	0.20	0.16	0.22	0.26
Tier 5	Above 2.50%	0.21	0.17	0.22	0.27

The Exchange pays a Category A Rebate to members who execute electronically-delivered Customer Simple Orders in Penny Symbols and Customer Simple Orders in Non-Penny Symbols in Options 7, Section 4 symbols.⁵

The Exchange pays a Category B Rebate on Customer PIXL Orders⁶ in Options 7, Section 4 symbols that execute against non-Initiating Order interest. In the instance where member organizations qualify for Tier 4 or higher in the Customer Rebate Program, Customer PIXL Orders that execute against a PIXL Initiating Order are paid a rebate of \$0.14 per contract. Rebates

on Customer PIXL Orders are capped at 4,000 contracts per order for Simple PIXL Orders.

The Exchange pays a Category C Rebate to members executing electronically-delivered Customer Complex Orders⁷ in Penny Symbols in Options 7, Section 4 symbols. Rebates are paid on Customer PIXL Complex Orders in Options 7, Section 4 symbols that execute against non-Initiating Order interest. Customer Complex PIXL Orders that execute against a Complex PIXL Initiating Order are not paid a rebate under any circumstances. The Category C Rebate is not paid when an electronically-delivered Customer

Complex Order, including Customer Complex PIXL Order, executes against another electronically-delivered Customer Complex Order.

The Exchange pays a Category D Rebate to members executing electronically-delivered Customer Complex Orders in Non-Penny Symbols in Options 7, Section 4 symbols. Rebates are paid on Customer PIXL Complex Orders in Options 7, Section 4 symbols that execute against non-Initiating Order interest. Customer Complex PIXL Orders that execute against a Complex PIXL Initiating Order are not paid a rebate under any circumstances. The Category D Rebate is not paid when an

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ The term “Customer” applies to any transaction that is identified by a member or member organization for clearing in the Customer range at The Options Clearing Corporation (“OCC”) which is not for the account of a broker or dealer or for the account of a “Professional” (as that term is defined in Options 1, Section 1(b)(45)). See Options 7, Section 1(c).

⁴ Members and member organizations under Common Ownership may aggregate their Customer volume for purposes of calculating the Customer Rebate Tiers and receiving rebates. Affiliated Entities may aggregate their Customer volume for purposes of calculating the Customer Rebate Tiers and receiving rebates. See Options 7, Section 2.

⁵ Options 7, Section 4 describes pricing for Multiply Listed Options Fees (Includes options overlying equities, ETFs, ETNs and indexes which

are Multiply Listed) (Excludes SPY and broad-based index options symbols listed within Options 7, Section 5.A).

⁶ PIXL Orders are entered into the Exchange’s Price Improvement XL (“PIXL”) Mechanism as described in Options 3, Section 13.

⁷ Complex Orders are described in Options 3, Section 14.

electronically-delivered Customer Complex Order, including Customer Complex PIXL Order, executes against another electronically-delivered Customer Complex Order.⁸

Currently, under note “*”, the Exchange pays a \$0.02 per contract Category A and B rebate and a \$0.03 per contract Category C and D rebate in addition to the applicable Tier 2 and 3 rebate, provided the Lead Market Maker,⁹ Market Maker¹⁰ or Appointed MM¹¹ has reached the Monthly Market Maker Cap¹² as defined in Options 7, Section 4, to: (1) a Lead Market Maker or Market Maker who is not under Common Ownership¹³ or is not a party

⁸ Rebates are not paid on broad-based index options symbols listed within Options 7, Section 5.A. in any Category, however broad-based index options symbols listed within Options 7, Section 5.A. will count toward the volume requirement to qualify for a Customer Rebate Tier. See Options 7, Section 2.

⁹ The term “Lead Market Maker” applies to transactions for the account of a Lead Market Maker (as defined in Options 2, Section 12(a)). A Lead Market Maker is an Exchange member who is registered as an options Lead Market Maker pursuant to Options 2, Section 12(a). An options Lead Market Maker includes a Remote Lead Market Maker which is defined as an options Lead Market Maker in one or more classes that does not have a physical presence on an Exchange floor and is approved by the Exchange pursuant to Options 2, Section 11. See Options 7, Section 1(c).

¹⁰ The term “Market Maker” is defined in Options 1, Section 1(b)(28) as a member of the Exchange who is registered as an options Market Maker pursuant to Options 2, Section 12(a). A Market Maker includes SQTs and RSQTs as well as Floor Market Makers. The term “Streaming Quote Trader” or “SQT” is defined in Options 1, Section 1(b)(55) as a Market Maker who has received permission from the Exchange to generate and submit option quotations electronically in options to which such SQT is assigned. The term “Remote Streaming Quote Trader” or “RSQT” is defined in Options 1, Section 1(b)(49) as a Market Maker that is a member affiliated with an RSQTO with no physical trading floor presence who has received permission from the Exchange to generate and submit option quotations electronically in options to which such RSQT has been assigned. A Remote Streaming Quote Trader Organization or “RSQTO,” which may also be referred to as a Remote Market Making Organization (“RMO”), is a member organization in good standing that satisfies the RSQTO readiness requirements in Options 2, Section 1(a). See Options 7, Section 1(c).

¹¹ The term “Appointed MM” is a Phlx Market Maker or Lead Market Maker who has been appointed by an Order Flow Provider (“OFF”) for purposes of qualifying as an Affiliated Entity. An OFF is a member or member organization that submits orders, as agent or principal, to the Exchange. See Options 7, Section 1(d).

¹² Lead Market Makers and Market Makers are currently subject to a “Monthly Market Maker Cap” of \$500,000 for: (i) electronic Option Transaction Charges, excluding surcharges and excluding options overlying broad-based index options symbols listed within Options 7, Section 5.A; and (ii) QCC Transaction Fees (as defined in Exchange Options 3, Section 12 and Floor QCC Orders, as defined in Options 8, Section 30(e)). See Options 7, Section 4.

¹³ The term “Common Ownership” shall mean members or member organizations under 75%

of an Affiliated Entity;¹⁴ or (2) an Order Flow Provider or “OFF” member or member organization affiliate under Common Ownership; or (3) an Appointed OFF¹⁵ of an Affiliated Entity.

In addition, currently, under note “#”, the Exchange pays a \$0.04 per contract Category C rebate and a \$0.02 per contract Category D rebate in addition to the applicable Tier 2, 3, 4 and 5 rebates to members or member organizations or member or member organization affiliated under Common Ownership provided the member or member organization qualified for any Market Access and Routing Subsidy (“MARS”) Payments in Options 7, Section 6, Part E.

In the event that a member or member organization has qualified for the rebates under both note * and note # in a given month, the Exchange will only pay the higher of the two rebates.

Currently, note “&” provides that the Exchange will pay the applicable Tier 2 rebates to qualifying members or member organizations, qualifying affiliates under Common Ownership, or qualifying Affiliated Entities, provided they: (1) execute a Percentage Threshold of National Customer Volume in Multiply-Listed Equity and ETF Options Classes, excluding SPY Options (monthly), of above 0.25%; (2) reach the Monthly Firm Fee Cap as defined in Options 7, Section 4; and (3) meet the MARS System Eligibility requirements as provided in Options 7, Section 6, Part E.

common ownership or control. See Options 7, Section 1(c).

¹⁴ The term “Affiliated Entity” is a relationship between an Appointed MM and an Appointed OFF for purposes of qualifying for certain pricing specified in the Pricing Schedule. Market Makers or Lead Market Makers, and OFFs are required to send an email to the Exchange to appoint their counterpart, at least 3 business days prior to the last day of the month to qualify for the next month. The Exchange will acknowledge receipt of the emails and specify the date the Affiliated Entity is eligible for applicable pricing, as specified in the Pricing Schedule. Each Affiliated Entity relationship will commence on the 1st of a month and may not be terminated prior to the end of any month. An Affiliated Entity relationship will automatically renew each month until or unless either party terminates earlier in writing by sending an email to the Exchange at least 3 business days prior to the last day of the month to terminate for the next month. Members and member organizations under Common Ownership may not qualify as a counterparty comprising an Affiliated Entity. Each member or member organization may qualify for only one (1) Affiliated Entity relationship at any given time. See Options 7, Section 1(d).

¹⁵ The term “Appointed OFF” is an OFF who has been appointed by a Phlx Market Maker or Lead Market Maker for purposes of qualifying as an Affiliated Entity. See Options 7, Section 1(d).

2. Proposed Changes

The Exchange proposes to amend the Customer Rebate Program at Options 7, Section 2, to modify the Percentage Thresholds of National Customer Volume in Multiply-Listed Equity and ETF Options Classes, excluding SPY Options (Monthly) (“Percentage Thresholds”) to qualify for Tier 2, Tier 3, and Tier 4.

The Exchange proposes to amend the Tier 2 Percentage Thresholds from above 0.60%–1.30% to above 0.60%–1.50%.

The Exchange proposes to amend the Tier 3 Percentage Thresholds from above 1.30%–1.80% to above 1.50%–2.00%.

The Exchange proposes to amend the Tier 4 Percentage Thresholds from above 1.80%–2.50% to above 2.00%–2.50%.

The Exchange also proposes to amend the Category B rebate. Currently, member organizations that qualify for Tier 4 or higher in the Customer Rebate Program are paid a rebate of \$0.14 per contract for Customer PIXL Orders that execute against a PIXL Initiating Order. The Exchange proposes to instead pay a rebate of \$0.13 per contract, and only to member organizations that qualify for Tier 4. The Exchange also proposes that for member organizations that qualify for Tier 5 in the Customer Rebate Program, Customer PIXL Orders that execute against a PIXL Initiating Order will be paid a rebate of \$0.14 per contract. The Exchange also proposes to clarify that, just as it currently caps rebates on Customer PIXL orders at 4,000 contracts per order for Simple PIXL Orders, this same cap will apply to member organizations, regardless of whether they qualify for Tiers 4 or 5 in the Customer Rebate Program.

The Exchange proposes to add a new requirement to qualify for Tier 5 under the Customer Rebate Program, under a new note labeled “***”. The Exchange proposes that it will pay the Tier 5 rebates to qualifying members or member organizations, qualifying affiliates under Common Ownership, or qualifying Affiliated Entities, provided their electronically-delivered and executed Non-Penny Customer simple volume (including Simple PIXL Orders) and Penny and Non-Penny Customer complex volume (including Complex PIXL Orders), combined, represents more than 0.50% of all cleared customer volume at OCC in Multiply Listed Equity Options and Exchange-Traded Products. Members or member organizations, affiliates under Common Ownership, or Affiliated Entities who would otherwise qualify for Tier 5, but

who fail to meet this volume requirement, will instead be paid rebates according to the Tier 4 schedule.

The Exchange believes that the proposed amendments to the Customer Rebate Program will encourage members and member organization to send a greater amount of order flow to PHLX to earn additional rebates. All members and member organizations would have the opportunity to interact with such increased order flow.

B. Monthly Market Maker Cap

The Exchange also proposes to raise the Monthly Market Maker Cap in Options 7, Section 4.

1. Current Status

Currently, Lead Market Makers and Market Makers are subject to a Monthly Market Maker Cap of \$500,000 for electronic Option Transaction Charges (excluding: (i) surcharges; (ii) options overlying broad-based index options symbols listed (as defined in Options 7, Section 5.A), (iii) dividend, merger, short stock interest, reversal and conversion, jelly roll and box spread strategy executions (as defined in Options 7, Section 4); (iv) Crossing Order Fees (as defined in Options 7, Section 6, F); and (v) FLEX Electronic Transaction Fees (as defined in Options 7, Section 6, B)); and QCC Transaction Fees (as defined in Options 7, Section 4 including Options 3, Section 12 and Floor QCC Orders, as defined in Options 8, Section 30(e)).¹⁶

2. Proposal

The Exchange proposes to raise this Monthly Market Maker Cap to \$650,000. The Exchange believes that this higher cap, in combination with the institution of strategy rebates for, among others, Market Makers and Lead Market Makers (as described immediately below), will help attract more order flow to the Exchange. All members and member organizations would have the opportunity to interact with such increased order flow.

C. Strategy Fees and Rebates

The Exchange proposes to offer rebates for certain strategy executions under Options 7, Section 4.

1. Current Status

Currently, the Exchange recognizes the following types of strategy

executions: (1) dividend strategy,¹⁷ merger strategy,¹⁸ short stock interest strategy,¹⁹ reversal and conversion strategies,²⁰ jelly roll strategy,²¹ and a box spread strategy.²² To qualify for a strategy fee or rebate, the buy and sell side of a transaction must originate either from the Exchange Trading Floor or as a Floor Qualified Contingent Cross Order.²³ For a dividend strategy, a Lead Market Maker, Market Maker, Professional,²⁴ Firm,²⁵ and Broker-Dealer that executed on the same trading day in the same class of options when such members are trading (1) in their own proprietary accounts, or (2) on an agency basis, they are neither charged a fee nor paid a rebate per contract. For a merger, short stock

¹⁷ A dividend strategy is defined as transactions done to achieve a dividend arbitrage involving the purchase, sale and exercise of in-the-money options of the same class, executed the first business day prior to the date on which the underlying stock goes ex-dividend. *See* Options 7, Section 4.

¹⁸ A merger strategy is defined as transactions done to achieve a merger arbitrage involving the purchase, sale and exercise of options of the same class and expiration date, executed the first business day prior to the date on which shareholders of record are required to elect their respective form of consideration, *i.e.*, cash or stock. *See id.*

¹⁹ A short stock interest strategy is defined as transactions done to achieve a short stock interest arbitrage involving the purchase, sale and exercise of in-the-money options of the same class. *See id.*

²⁰ Reversal and conversion strategies are transactions that employ calls and puts of the same strike price and the underlying stock. Reversals are established by combining a short stock position with a short put and a long call position that shares the same strike and expiration. Conversions employ long positions in the underlying stock that accompany long puts and short calls sharing the same strike and expiration. *See id.*

²¹ A jelly roll strategy is defined as transactions created by entering into two separate positions simultaneously. One position involves buying a put and selling a call with the same strike price and expiration. The second position involves selling a put and buying a call, with the same strike price, but with a different expiration from the first position. *See id.*

²² A box spread strategy is a strategy that synthesizes long and short stock positions to create a profit. Specifically, a long call and short put at one strike is combined with a short call and long put at a different strike to create synthetic long and synthetic short stock positions, respectively. *See id.*

²³ *See* Pricing Schedule at Options 7, Section 4. A Floor Qualified Contingent Cross Order is comprised of an originating order to buy or sell at least 1,000 contracts that is identified as being part of a qualified contingent trade coupled with a contra-side order or orders totaling an equal number of contracts. The term "qualified contingent trade" shall have the same meaning set forth in Options 3, Section 12(a)(3). *See* Options 8, Section 30(e).

²⁴ The term "Professional" is defined in Options 1, Section 1(b)(45) as any person or entity that (i) is not a broker or dealer in securities, and (ii) places more than 390 orders in listed options per day on average during a calendar month for its own beneficial account(s).

²⁵ The term "Firm" applies to any transaction that is identified by a member or member organization for clearing in the Firm range at OCC. *See* Options 7, Section 1(c).

interest, and box spread strategy, a Lead Market Maker, Market Maker, Professional, Firm, and Broker-Dealer that executed on the same trading day for all classes of options in the aggregate when such members are trading (1) in their own proprietary accounts, or (2) on an agency basis, they are neither charged a fee nor paid a rebate per contract.²⁶ Finally, for reversal and conversion and jelly roll strategies, a Lead Market Maker, Market Maker, Professional, Firm and Broker-Dealer that executed on the same trading day for all classes of options in the aggregate when such members are trading (1) in their own proprietary accounts, or (2) on an agency basis, are neither charged a fee nor paid a rebate per contract.²⁷

2. Proposal

The Exchange proposes to pay a \$0.0025 rebate per contract on any strategy execution that meets the qualifications noted in the table for Strategy Fees and Rebates. Therefore, for a dividend strategy, a Lead Market Maker, Market Maker, Professional, Firm and Broker-Dealer that executed on the same trading day in the same class of options when such members are trading: (1) in their own proprietary accounts; or (2) on an agency basis, will be paid a \$0.0025 rebate per contract. For a merger, short stock interest and box spread strategy, a Lead Market Maker, Market Maker, Professional, Firm and Broker-Dealer that executed on the same trading day for all classes of options in the aggregate when such members are trading (1) in their own proprietary accounts; or (2) on an agency basis, they will be paid a \$0.0025 rebate per contract. Finally, for reversal and conversion and jelly roll strategies, a Lead Market Maker, Market Maker, Professional, Firm and Broker-Dealer that executed on the same trading day for all classes of options in the aggregate when such members are trading (1) in their own proprietary accounts; or (2) on an agency basis, will be paid a \$0.0025 rebate per contract. Additionally, the Exchange proposes to cap these strategy rebates so that any individual Lead Market Maker, Market Maker, Professional, Firm, or Broker-Dealer can only earn a maximum of \$25,000 per day in strategy rebates, in the aggregate.²⁸

²⁶ *See id.*

²⁷ *See id.*

²⁸ The Exchange also proposes to delete an obsolete sentence regarding a prior "Monthly Strategy Cap" that was inadvertently left in place in Equity 7, Section 4 when that cap was eliminated in a prior filing. *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 104034 (Sept. 24, 2025), 90 FR 46674, 46676 (Sept. 29, 2025) (File No. SR-Phlx-2025-49)

¹⁶ The Exchange also proposes to delete a stray period in the rulebook, which is currently found at the end of the first of the two set of charges that are subject to the Monthly Market Mater Cap. This is a purely ministerial change, with no substantive effect.

The Exchange believes that its proposal will incentivize Lead Market Makers, Market Makers, Professionals, Firms and Broker-Dealers to transact a greater number of strategy executions on the Exchange.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,²⁹ in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,³⁰ in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Commission and the courts have repeatedly expressed their preference for competition over regulatory intervention in determining prices, products, and services in the securities markets. In Regulation NMS, while adopting a series of steps to improve the current market model, the Commission highlighted the importance of market forces in determining prices and SRO revenues and, also, recognized that current regulation of the market system “has been remarkably successful in promoting market competition in its broader forms that are most important to investors and listed companies.”³¹

Likewise, in *NetCoalition v. Securities and Exchange Commission*³² (“NetCoalition”) the D.C. Circuit upheld the Commission’s use of a market-based approach in evaluating the fairness of market data fees against a challenge claiming that Congress mandated a cost-based approach.³³ As the court emphasized, the Commission “intended in Regulation NMS that ‘market forces, rather than regulatory requirements’ play a role in determining the market data . . . to be made available to investors and at what cost.”³⁴

(Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Options 7, Section 4) (“At this time, the Exchange proposes to no longer apply a Strategy Cap to strategy executions and instead pay certain rebates.”) The text of this obsolete sentence that the Exchange proposes to delete reads as follows: “Reversal and conversion, jelly roll and box spread strategy executions will not be included in the Monthly Strategy Cap for a Firm.” This is a purely ministerial change, with no substantive effect.

²⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

³⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

³¹ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51808 (June 9, 2005), 70 FR 37496, 37499 (June 29, 2005) (“Regulation NMS Adopting Release”).

³² *NetCoalition v. SEC*, 615 F.3d 525 (D.C. Cir. 2010).

³³ See *NetCoalition*, at 534—535.

³⁴ *Id.* at 537.

Further, “[n]o one disputes that competition for order flow is ‘fierce.’ . . . As the SEC explained, ‘[i]n the U.S. national market system, buyers and sellers of securities, and the broker-dealers that act as their order-routing agents, have a wide range of choices of where to route orders for execution’; [and] ‘no exchange can afford to take its market share percentages for granted’ because ‘no exchange possesses a monopoly, regulatory or otherwise, in the execution of order flow from broker dealers’”³⁵ Although the court and the SEC were discussing the cash equities markets, the Exchange believes that these views apply with equal force to the options markets.

The proposed amended fees and rebates are equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange would uniformly apply the new fees and rebates to any member or member organization who meets the criteria for the new fees and rebates.

The Exchange’s proposed amendments to the Customer Rebate Program and to the Strategy Fees and Rebates are equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because they are designed to encourage members and member organizations to send a greater amount of order flow to PHLX—which would in turn benefit all market participants.

Specifically, the Exchange’s proposal to make modifications to the Customer Rebate Program to attract more Customer order flow is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because Customer liquidity benefits all market participants by providing more trading opportunities, which attracts market makers. An increase in the activity of market makers—particularly in response to pricing—in turn facilitates tighter spreads, which may cause an additional corresponding increase in order flow from other market participants. Such developments would redound to the benefit of all market participants.

Also, the Exchange’s proposal to pay a \$0.0025 rebate per contract on qualifying strategy executions is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange desires to attract qualifying strategy transactions to PHLX, and this rebate is designed to encourage Lead Market Makers, Market Makers, Professionals, Firms, and Broker-Dealers to transact a greater number of strategies on PHLX. Such increased activity would redound to the benefit of all market participants. Furthermore, while Customers would

not qualify for a strategy rebate, they currently pay no Options Transaction Charges on strategy executions, and would continue to pay no such charges.

Finally, the Exchange’s proposed increase of the Monthly Market Maker Cap is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because this higher cap—in combination with the institution of strategy rebates for, among others, Market Makers and Lead Market Makers—is part of an overall effort to help attract more order flow to the Exchange. All members and member organizations would benefit from the opportunity to interact with such increased order flow.

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 not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

Inter-Market Competition

The proposal does not impose an undue burden on inter-market competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange believes its proposal remains competitive with other options markets and will offer market participants with another choice of where to transact options. The Exchange notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily favor competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive, or rebate opportunities available at other venues to be more favorable. In such an environment, the Exchange must continually adjust its fees to remain competitive with other exchanges. Because competitors are free to modify their own fees in response, and because market participants may readily adjust their order routing practices, the Exchange believes that the degree to which fee changes in this market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited.

Intra-Market Competition

The Exchange’s proposed amendments to the Customer Rebate Program and to the Strategy Fees and Rebates, as well as the proposed increase of the Monthly Market Maker Cap, would not impose an undue burden on intra-market competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, because the Exchange would uniformly apply the new and revised fees and rebates, and the revised cap, to all

³⁵ *Id.* at 539 (quoting Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59039 (Dec. 2, 2008), 73 FR 74770, 74782–83 (Dec. 9, 2008) (SR-NYSEArca–2006–21)).

qualifying PHLX members and member organizations.

Specifically, the Exchange's proposal to make modifications to the Customer Rebate Program would not impose an undue burden on intra-market competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. First, the Customer Rebate Program will continue to be available to all eligible Customers. Second, the Exchange believes that the enhancements to the Customer Rebate Program should help attract more Customer liquidity to the Exchange, which would benefit all market participants by providing more trading opportunities and by attracting more market makers. An increase in the activity of these market participants—particularly in response to pricing—in turn facilitates tighter spreads, which may cause an additional corresponding increase in order flow from other market participants.

Also, the Exchange's proposal to pay a \$0.025 rebate per contract on qualifying strategy executions would not impose an undue burden on intra-market competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, because the Exchange would uniformly pay the rebate to all qualifying Lead Market Makers, Market Makers, Professionals, Firms, and Broker-Dealers. While Customers would not qualify for a strategy rebate, they currently pay no Options Transaction Charges on strategy executions, and would continue to pay no such charges.

Finally, the Exchange's proposal to increase the Monthly Market Maker Cap would not impose an undue burden on intra-market competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, because the cap would continue to apply equally to all Market Makers and Lead Market Makers. Also, the revised cap—in combination with the institution of strategy rebates for, among others, Market Makers and Lead Market Makers—is part of an overall effort to help attract more order flow to the Exchange. All members and member organizations would benefit from the opportunity to interact with such increased order flow.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were either solicited or received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act.³⁶

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is: (i) necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or 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-PHLX-2026-01 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-PHLX-2026-01. 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 filing 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-PHLX-2026-01 and should be submitted on or before February 10, 2026.

³⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.³⁷

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,
Deputy Secretary.

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; MIAX PEARL, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the MIAX Pearl Options Exchange Fee Schedule To Extend the Temporary Discount Program for the Open-Close Report Until June 30, 2026

January 14, 2026.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on December 31, 2025, MIAX PEARL, LLC ("MIAX Pearl" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a 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 amend the fee schedule (the "Fee Schedule") applicable to the Exchange's options trading platform MIAX Pearl Options to extend the temporary discount program for the Open-Close Report.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at <https://www.miaxglobal.com/markets/us-options/pearl-options/rule-filings> and at MIAX Pearl's principal office.

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 Exchange 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 these statements may be examined at the

³⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend Section 6(d) of the Fee Schedule to extend the temporary discount program for the Open-Close Report until June 30, 2026. Currently, the Exchange provides a temporary 20% discount on fees assessed to Exchange Members³ and non-Members that purchase \$20,000 or more in a single order of historical Open-Close Report data, which is set to expire on December 31, 2025.⁴

By way of background, the Exchange offers two versions of the Open-Close Report, an end-of-day summary and intra-day report.⁵ The End-of-Day Open-Close Report is a volume summary of trading activity on the Exchange at the option level by origin (Priority Customer,⁶ Non-Priority Customer, Firm, Broker-Dealer, and Market Maker⁷), side of the market (buy or sell), contract volume, and transaction type (opening or closing). The customer and professional customer volume is further broken down into trade size buckets (less than 100 contracts, 100–199 contracts, greater than 199 contracts).

The Intra-Day Open-Close Report provides similar information to that of the End-of-Day version but is produced and updated every 10 minutes during the trading day. Data is captured in “snapshots” taken every 10 minutes throughout the trading day and is available to subscribers within five minutes of the conclusion of each 10-minute period. Each update represents the aggregate data captured from the current “snapshot” and all previous “snapshots.” The Intra-Day Open-Close data provides a volume summary of trading activity on the Exchange at the option level by origin (Priority Customer, Non-Priority Customer, Firm,

Broker-Dealer, and Market Maker), side of the market (buy or sell), and transaction type (opening or closing). All volume is further broken down into trade size buckets (less than 100 contracts, 100–199 contracts, greater than 199 contracts).

Both versions of the Open-Close Report contain proprietary Exchange trade data and do not include trade data from any other exchange. The Intra-Day and End-of-Day Open-Close Report data products are completely voluntary products, in that the Exchange is not required by any rule or regulation to make this data available and that potential customers may purchase it on an ad-hoc basis only if they voluntarily choose to do so. The Open-Close Report is also a historical data product and not a real-time data feed.

The Exchange makes the Open-Close Report available for purchase to Members and non-Members.⁸ Customers may currently purchase the Open-Close Report on a subscription basis (monthly) or by ad hoc request for a specified month or number of months. The Exchange assesses a monthly fee of \$600 per month for subscribing to the End-of-Day summary Open-Close Report and \$2,000 per month for subscribing to the Intra-Day Open-Close Report.⁹ The Exchange also assesses a fee of \$500 per request per month for ad-hoc requests for historical End-of-Day Open-Close data.¹⁰ An ad-hoc request for historical End-of-Day Open-Close data can be for any number of months beginning with June 2021 for which the data is available.¹¹ The Exchange also assesses a fee of \$1,000 per request per month for ad-hoc requests for historical Intra-Day Open-Close data.¹² An ad-hoc request for historical Intra-Day Open-Close data can be for any number of months beginning with March 2017 for which the data is available.¹³ The Exchange also provides discounts in Section 6(d) of the Fee Schedule for customers who request multiple subscriptions or who are Qualifying Academic Purchasers.¹⁴

Open-Close Report data is subject to direct competition from similar end-of-

day and intra-day options trading summaries offered by several other options exchanges.¹⁵ All of these exchanges offer essentially the same end-of-day and intra-day options trading summary information for trading activity on those exchanges.

Currently, the Exchange provides a temporary pricing incentive program in which Members and non-Members that purchase historical Open-Close Report data receive a percentage fee discount when a specific purchase threshold is met. Specifically, the footnote “e.” below the table of fees for the Open-Close Report in Section 6(d) of the Fee Schedule, which applies to the rows for “End-of-Day Ad-hoc Request (historical data)” and “Intra-Day Ad-hoc Request (historical data),” provides a 20% discount for ad-hoc purchases of historical Open-Close Report data of \$20,000 or more.¹⁶ To encourage the

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³ The term “Member” means an individual or organization approved to exercise the trading rights associated with a Trading Permit. Members are deemed “members” under the Exchange Act. See Exchange Rule 100.

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 103484 (July 17, 2025), 90 FR 34529 (July 22, 2025) (SR-PEARL–2025–35) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the MIAX Pearl Options Exchange Fee Schedule To Extend the Temporary Discount Program for the Open-Close Report).

⁵ See Exchange Rule 531(d)(1).

⁶ See Exchange Rule 100.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ See Fee Schedule, Section 6(d).

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² *Id.*

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ In order to qualify for the academic pricing, an academic purchaser must: (1) be an accredited academic institution or member of the faculty or staff of such an institution, and (2) use the data in independent academic research, academic journals and other publications, teaching and classroom use, or for other bona fide educational purposes (*i.e.* academic use). See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 97305 (April 13, 2024), 88 FR 24242 (April 19, 2023) (SR-PEARL–2023–17).

purchase of monthly subscriptions to Open-Close Report data, the temporary discount program is provided to only existing subscribers who purchase the same category of historical data for which they have a monthly Intra-Day or an End-of-Day subscription. The temporary discount program cannot be combined with any other discounts offered by the Exchange, including the academic discount provided for Qualifying Academic Purchasers¹⁷ of historical Open-Close Report data. The temporary discount program for Open-Close Report is currently set to expire on December 31, 2025.

The Exchange now proposes to extend the temporary discount program until June 30, 2026.¹⁸ The purpose of this extension is to continue attracting subscribers of historical Open-Close Report data and making such data more widely accessible.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,¹⁹ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,²⁰ in particular, in that it is 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 a national market system, and to protect investors and the public interest, and that it is not designed to permit unfair discrimination among customers, brokers, or dealers. The Exchange also believes that its proposed changes to its Fee Schedule concerning fees for the Open-Close Report is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act²¹ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act²² in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of dues, fees and other charges among its members and other recipients of Exchange data.

In adopting Regulation NMS, the Commission granted self-regulatory organizations (“SROs”) and broker-dealers increased authority and flexibility to offer new and unique market data to the public. It was believed that this authority would expand the amount of data available to

consumers, and also spur innovation and competition for the provision of market data. Particularly, the Open-Close Report further broadens the availability of U.S. options market data to investors consistent with the principles of Regulation NMS. The data product also promotes increased transparency through the dissemination of the Open-Close Report. Particularly, information regarding opening and closing activity across different option series during the trading day may indicate investor sentiment, which may allow market participants to make better informed trading decisions throughout the day. Subscribers to the data may also be able to enhance their ability to analyze option trade and volume data and create and test trading models and analytical strategies. The Exchange believes that the Open-Close Report provides a valuable tool that subscribers can use to gain comprehensive insight into the trading activity in a particular series, but also emphasizes such data is not necessary for trading and completely optional. Moreover, several other exchanges offer similar data products which offer the same type of data content through end-of-day or intra-day reports.²³

The Exchange operates in a highly competitive environment. Indeed, there are currently 18 registered options exchanges that trade options. Based on publicly available information, no single options exchange had more than approximately 12–13% of the equity options market share for the month of November 2025 and the Exchange represented only approximately 3.18% of the equity options market share for the month of November 2025.²⁴ The Commission has repeatedly expressed its preference for competition over regulatory intervention in determining prices, products, and services in the securities markets. Particularly, in Regulation NMS, the Commission highlighted the importance of market forces in determining prices and SRO revenues and, also, recognized that current regulation of the market system “has been remarkably successful in promoting market competition in its broader forms that are most important to investors and listed companies.”²⁵ Making similar data products available to market participants fosters competition in the marketplace, and constrains the ability of exchanges to

charge supra-competitive fees. In the event that a market participant views one exchange’s data product as more or less attractive than the competition they can, and do, switch between similar products. The extension of the fee discount for historical Open-Close Report data is a result of this competitive environment, as the Exchange seeks to continue attracting subscribers of historical Open-Close Report data and making such data more widely accessible.

The Exchange believes that the temporary discount program for any Member or non-Member who purchases historical Open-Close Report data is reasonable because such purchasers receive a 20% discount for purchasing \$20,000 or more worth of historical Open-Close Report data. The Exchange believes the discount is reasonable as it gives purchasers the ability to use and test the historical Open-Close Report data at a discounted rate and therefore encourages and promotes users to purchase the historical Open-Close Report data. Further, the extension of the temporary discount is intended to continue promoting increased use of the Exchange’s historical Open-Close Report data by defraying some of the costs a purchaser would ordinarily have to expend. Further, providing the discount to only existing subscribers of a monthly Intra-Day or an End-of-Day subscription is designed to encourage the purchase of monthly subscriptions to Open-Close Report data.

The Exchange believes that the extension of the temporary discount program is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it applies equally to all Members and non-Members who are existing subscribers of Open-Close Report data and chose to also purchase historical Open-Close Report data. Providing the discount to only existing subscribers of a monthly Intra-Day or an End-of-Day subscription is not unfairly discriminatory because it is a reasonable means to encourage the purchase of monthly subscriptions to Open-Close Report data. Lastly, the purchase of this data product is discretionary and not compulsory. Indeed, no market participant is required to purchase the historical Open-Close Report data, and the Exchange is not required to make the historical Open-Close Report data available to all investors. Potential purchasers may request the data at any time if they believe it to be valuable or may decline to purchase such data.

¹⁷ See *supra* note 14.

¹⁸ The Exchange notes that at the end of this period, the temporary discount program will expire unless the Exchange files another 19b-4 Rule Filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) to amend the terms or extend the discount program.

¹⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

²⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

²¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

²² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

²³ See *supra* note 15.

²⁴ See the “Market Share” section of the Exchange’s website, available at <https://www.miaxglobal.com/>.

²⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51808 (June 9, 2005), 70 FR 37496, 37499 (June 29, 2005) (“Regulation NMS Adopting Release”).

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 operates in a highly competitive environment in which the Exchange must continually adjust its fees to remain competitive. Because competitors are free to modify their own fees in response, the Exchange believes that the degree to which fee changes in this market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited. As discussed above, Open-Close Report data is subject to direct competition from several other options exchanges that offer substantively similar substitutes to the Exchange's Open-Close Report, albeit for trading data on those exchanges.²⁶ Moreover, purchase of historical Open-Close Report data is entirely optional. It is designed to help investors understand underlying market trends to improve the quality of investment decisions, but is not necessary to execute a trade.

The rule change is grounded in the Exchange's efforts to compete more effectively. In this competitive environment, potential purchasers are free to choose which, if any, similar product to purchase to satisfy their need for market information. As a result, the Exchange believes this proposed rule change permits fair competition among national securities exchanges. Further, the Exchange believes that the proposed change will not cause any unnecessary or inappropriate burden on intermarket competition, as the extension of the temporary discount program applies uniformly to any purchaser of historical Open-Close Report data.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,²⁷ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)²⁸ thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the

Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or 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-PEARL-2025-52 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-PEARL-2025-52. 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 filing 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-PEARL-2025-52 and should be submitted on or before February 10, 2026.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁹

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 35899; File No. 812-15907]

Forum Real Estate Income Fund, et al.

January 14, 2026.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC").

ACTION: Notice.

Notice of application for an order under sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") and rule 17d-1 under the Act to permit certain joint transactions otherwise prohibited by sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) of the Act and rule 17d-1 under the Act.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants request an order to permit certain business development companies ("BDCs") and closed-end management investment companies to co-invest in portfolio companies with each other and with certain affiliated investment entities.

APPLICANTS: Forum Real Estate Income Fund; Forum Structured Finance LP; Forum Capital Advisors LLC; Forum Structured Finance SLP LLC; Forum Multifamily Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.; FMREIT Operating Partnership LP; FDG Stonecrest Investors Associates I-A, LLC; FDG Stonecrest Investors Associates I-B, LLC; FDG Stonecrest Investors Associates II-A, LLC; and FDG Stonecrest Investors Associates II-B, LLC.

FILING DATES: The application was filed on September 26, 2025, and amended on December 23, 2025 and January 9, 2026.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the requested relief will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by emailing the SEC's Secretary at Secretaries-Office@sec.gov and serving the Applicants with a copy of the request by email, if an email address is listed for the relevant Applicant below, or personally or by mail, if a physical address is listed for the relevant Applicant below. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on February 9, 2026, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the Applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Pursuant to rule 0-5 under the Act, hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, any facts bearing upon the desirability of a hearing on the matter, the reason for

²⁶ See *supra* note 15.

²⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

²⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

²⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by emailing the Commission's Secretary at Secretaries-Office@sec.gov.

ADDRESSES: The Commission: Secretaries-Office@sec.gov. Applicants: Darren Fisk, Chief Executive Officer, legal@forumig.com and Elizabeth Ryan, Chief Compliance Officer & General Counsel, legal@forumig.com, Forum Capital Advisors LLC, 240 Saint Paul Street, Suite 400, Denver, Colorado 80206, and copies to: Kelley A. Howes, khowes@mofo.com, Morrison & Foerster LLP, 370 17th Street, Suite 4200, Denver, Colorado 80202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Trace W. Rakestraw, Senior Special Counsel, or Adam Large, Senior Special Counsel, at (202) 551-6825 (Division of Investment Management, Chief Counsel's Office).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For Applicants' representations, legal analysis, and conditions, please refer to Applicants' amended application, filed January 9, 2026, which may be obtained via the Commission's website by searching for the file number at the top of this document, or for an Applicant using the Company name search field, on the SEC's EDGAR system.

The SEC's EDGAR system may be searched at <https://www.sec.gov/edgar/search/>. You may also call the SEC's Office of Investor Education and Advocacy at (202) 551-8090.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-104605; File No. SR-EMERALD-2025-24]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; MIAX Emerald, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the MIAX Emerald Options Exchange Fee Schedule To Extend the Temporary Discount Program for the Open-Close Report Until June 30, 2026

January 14, 2026.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act" or "Act")¹ and Rule

19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on December 31, 2025, MIAX Emerald, LLC ("MIAX Emerald" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a 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 amend the MIAX Emerald Options Exchange Fee Schedule (the "Fee Schedule") to extend the temporary discount program for the Open-Close Report.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at <https://www.miaxglobal.com/markets/us-options/miax-options/rule-filings>, and at the Exchange's principal office.

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 Exchange 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 these 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 aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend Section 6(e) of the Fee Schedule to extend the temporary discount program for the Open-Close Report until June 30, 2026. Currently, the Exchange provides a temporary 20% discount on fees assessed to Exchange Members³ and non-Members that purchase \$20,000 or more in a single order of historical Open-Close Report data, which is set to expire on December 31, 2025.⁴

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ The term "Member" means an individual or organization approved to exercise the trading rights associated with a Trading Permit. Members are deemed "members" under the Exchange Act. See Exchange Rule 100.

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 103486 (July 17, 2025), 90 FR 34554 (July 22, 2025) (SR-EMERALD-2025-17) (Notice of Filing and

By way of background, the Exchange offers two versions of the Open-Close Report, an end-of-day summary and intra-day report.⁵ The End-of-Day Open-Close Report is a volume summary of trading activity on the Exchange at the option level by origin (Priority Customer,⁶ Non-Priority Customer, Firm, Broker-Dealer, and Market Maker⁷), side of the market (buy or sell), contract volume, and transaction type (opening or closing). The customer and professional customer volume is further broken down into trade size buckets (less than 100 contracts, 100-199 contracts, greater than 199 contracts).

The Intra-Day Open-Close Report provides similar information to that of the End-of-Day version but is produced and updated every 10 minutes during the trading day. Data is captured in "snapshots" taken every 10 minutes throughout the trading day and is available to subscribers within five minutes of the conclusion of each 10-minute period. Each update represents the aggregate data captured from the current "snapshot" and all previous "snapshots." The Intra-Day Open-Close data provides a volume summary of trading activity on the Exchange at the option level by origin (Priority Customer, Non-Priority Customer, Firm, Broker-Dealer, and Market Maker), side of the market (buy or sell), and transaction type (opening or closing). All volume is further broken down into trade size buckets (less than 100 contracts, 100-199 contracts, greater than 199 contracts).

Both versions of the Open-Close Report contain proprietary Exchange trade data and do not include trade data from any other exchange. The Intra-Day and End-of-Day Open-Close Report data products are completely voluntary products, in that the Exchange is not required by any rule or regulation to make this data available and that potential customers may purchase it on an ad-hoc basis only if they voluntarily choose to do so. The Open-Close Report is also a historical data product and not a real-time data feed.

The Exchange makes the Open-Close Report available for purchase to Members and non-Members.⁸ Customers may currently purchase the Open-Close Report on a subscription basis (monthly) or by ad hoc request for a specified month or number of months. The

Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the MIAX Emerald Options Exchange Fee Schedule To Extend the Temporary Discount Program for the Open-Close Report).

⁵ See Exchange Rule 531(d)(1).

⁶ See Exchange Rule 100.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ See Fee Schedule, Section 6(e).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

Exchange assesses a monthly fee of \$600 per month for subscribing to the End-of-Day summary Open-Close Report and \$2,000 per month for subscribing to the Intra-Day Open-Close Report.⁹ The Exchange also assesses a fee of \$500 per request per month for ad-hoc requests for historical End-of-Day Open-Close data.¹⁰ An ad-hoc request for historical End-of-Day Open-Close data can be for any number of months beginning with June 2021 for which the data is available.¹¹ The Exchange also assesses a fee of \$1,000 per request per month for ad-hoc requests for historical Intra-Day Open-Close data.¹² An ad-hoc request for historical Intra-Day Open-Close data can be for any number of months beginning with March 2019 for which the data is available.¹³ The Exchange also provides discounts in Section 6(e) of the Fee Schedule for customers who request multiple subscriptions or who are Qualifying Academic Purchasers.¹⁴ Open-Close Report data is subject to direct competition from similar end-of-day and intra-day options trading summaries offered by several other options exchanges.¹⁵ All of these

exchanges offer essentially the same end-of-day and intra-day options trading summary information for trading activity on those exchanges.

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2. Statutory Basis

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⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² *Id.*

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ In order to qualify for the academic pricing, an academic purchaser must: (1) be an accredited academic institution or member of the faculty or staff of such an institution, and (2) use the data in independent academic research, academic journals and other publications, teaching and classroom use, or for other bona fide educational purposes (*i.e.* academic use). See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 97307 (April 13, 2024), 88 FR 24217 (April 19, 2023) (SR-EMERALD-2023-09).

¹⁵ These substitute products are as follows: Open-Close Data products from Cboe Exchange, Inc. (“Cboe”), Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc. (“C2”), Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. (“EDGX Options”), and Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (“BZX Options”); Nasdaq PHLX LLC (“PHLX”) Options Trade Outline, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq”) Options Trade Outline, Nasdaq ISE, LLC (“ISE”) Open/Close Trade Profile, and Nasdaq GEMX, LLC (“GEMX”) Open/Close Trade Profile; and NYSE Options Open-Close Volume Summary for each of NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca”) and NYSE American LLC (“NYSE American”). See *e.g.*, Cboe Fee Schedule, LiveVol Fees, Open-Close Data, Page 12, available at https://cdn.cboe.com/resources/membership/Cboe_FeeSchedule.pdf (last visited December 18, 2025); BZX Options Fee Schedule, Cboe LiveVol, LLC Market Data Fees, Open-Close Data, available at https://www.cboe.com/us/options/membership/fee-schedule/bzx/?_gl=1*ync049*_up*MQ_*_ga*MTc4NDUwMDg0Ny4xNzZmZnZyYwNzEw*_ga_Q999WB9X71*MTczMzc2MDcwOS4xLjEuMTczMzcyMzMTM3MS4wLjAuMA (last visited December 18, 2025); PHLX Options Rules, Options 7 Pricing Schedule, Section 10. Proprietary Data Fee Fees, PHLX Options Trade Outline (“PHOTO”), available at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/phlx/rules/Phlx%20Options%207> (last visited December 18, 2025); ISE Options Rules, Options 7: Pricing Schedule, Sections 10.A.–C., available at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/ise/rules/ISE%20Options%207> (last visited December 18,

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¹⁷ See *supra* note 14.

¹⁸ The Exchange notes that at the end of this period, the temporary discount program will expire unless the Exchange files another 19b–4 Rule Filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) to amend the terms or extend the discount program.

¹⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

²⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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²² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

data content through end-of-day or intra-day reports.²³

The Exchange operates in a highly competitive environment. Indeed, there are currently 18 registered options exchanges that trade options. Based on publicly available information, no single options exchange had more than approximately 12–13% of the equity options market share for the month of November 2025 and the Exchange represented only approximately 2.93% of the equity options market share for the month of November 2025.²⁴ The Commission has repeatedly expressed its preference for competition over regulatory intervention in determining prices, products, and services in the securities markets. Particularly, in Regulation NMS, the Commission highlighted the importance of market forces in determining prices and SRO revenues and, also, recognized that current regulation of the market system “has been remarkably successful in promoting market competition in its broader forms that are most important to investors and listed companies.”²⁵ Making similar data products available to market participants fosters competition in the marketplace, and constrains the ability of exchanges to charge supra-competitive fees. In the event that a market participant views one exchange’s data product as more or less attractive than the competition they can, and do, switch between similar products. The extension of the fee discount for historical Open-Close Report data is a result of this competitive environment, as the Exchange seeks to continue attracting subscribers of historical Open-Close Report data and making such data more widely accessible.

The Exchange believes that the temporary discount program for any Member or non-Member who purchases historical Open-Close Report data is reasonable because such purchasers receive a 20% discount for purchasing \$20,000 or more worth of historical Open-Close Report data. The Exchange believes the discount is reasonable as it gives purchasers the ability to use and test the historical Open-Close Report data at a discounted rate and therefore encourages and promotes users to purchase the historical Open-Close Report data. Specifically, the discount is similar to discounts provided for a similar data product by other options

exchanges. Further, the extension of the temporary discount is intended to continue promoting increased use of the Exchange’s historical Open-Close Report data by defraying some of the costs a purchaser would ordinarily have to expend. Further, providing the discount to only existing subscribers of a monthly Intra-Day or an End-of-Day subscription is designed to encourage the purchase of monthly subscriptions to Open-Close Report data.

The Exchange believes that the extension of the temporary discount program is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it applies equally to all Members and non-Members who are existing subscribers of Open-Close Report data and chose to also purchase historical Open-Close Report data. Providing the discount to only existing subscribers of a monthly Intra-Day or an End-of-Day subscription is not unfairly discriminatory because it is a reasonable means to encourage the purchase of monthly subscriptions to Open-Close Report data. Lastly, the purchase of this data product is discretionary and not compulsory. Indeed, no market participant is required to purchase the historical Open-Close Report data, and the Exchange is not required to make the historical Open-Close Report data available to all investors. Potential purchasers may request the data at any time if they believe it to be valuable or may decline to purchase such data.

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 operates in a highly competitive environment in which the Exchange must continually adjust its fees to remain competitive. Because competitors are free to modify their own fees in response, the Exchange believes that the degree to which fee changes in this market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited. As discussed above, Open-Close Report data is subject to direct competition from several other options exchanges that offer substantively similar substitutes to the Exchange’s Open-Close Report, albeit for trading data on those exchanges.²⁶ Moreover, purchase of historical Open-Close Report data is entirely optional. It is designed to help investors understand underlying market trends to improve the quality of

investment decisions, but is not necessary to execute a trade.

The rule change is grounded in the Exchange’s efforts to compete more effectively. In this competitive environment, potential purchasers are free to choose which, if any, similar product to purchase to satisfy their need for market information. As a result, the Exchange believes this proposed rule change permits fair competition among national securities exchanges. Further, the Exchange believes that the proposed change will not cause any unnecessary or inappropriate burden on intermarket competition, as the extension of the temporary discount program applies uniformly to any purchaser of historical Open-Close Report data.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were either solicited or received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,²⁷ and Rule 19b–4(f)(2)²⁸ thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or 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–EMERALD–2025–24 on the subject line.

²³ See *supra* note 15.

²⁴ See the “Market Share” section of the Exchange’s website, available at <https://www.miaxglobal.com/>.

²⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51808 (June 9, 2005), 70 FR 37496, 37499 (June 29, 2005) (“Regulation NMS Adopting Release”).

²⁶ See *supra* note 15.

²⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

²⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(2).

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-EMERALD-2025-24. 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 filing 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-EMERALD-2025-24 and should be submitted on or before February 10, 2026.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁹

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-104609; File No. SR-BX-2025-037]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq BX, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend FINRA Fees

January 14, 2026.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on December 31, 2025, Nasdaq BX, Inc. (“BX” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “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 amend BX’s Pricing Schedule at Equity 7, Section 30, Regulatory, Registration and Processing Fees, to reflect adjustments to FINRA Fees.³

While the changes proposed herein are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated the amendments become operative on January 1, 2026.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/bx/rulefilings>, and at the principal office of the Exchange.

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 Exchange 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 these 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 aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

This proposal amends Equity 7, Section 30, Regulatory, Registration and Processing Fees, to reflect adjustments to FINRA⁴ Registration Fees and Fingerprinting Fees[sic].⁵ The FINRA fees are collected and retained by FINRA via Web CRD for the registration of employees of BX members that are not FINRA members (“Non-FINRA members”). The Exchange is merely listing these fees on its Pricing Schedule. The Exchange does not collect or retain these fees.

FINRA Annual System Processing Fee

In 2024, FINRA amended certain fees assessed for use of the CRD system for

³ This rule change impacts FINRA fees for members who trade equity and options products on BX as all BX Options Participants are required to be BX members.

⁴ FINRA operates Web CRD, the central licensing and registration system for the U.S. securities industry. FINRA uses Web CRD to maintain the qualification, employment and disciplinary histories of registered associated persons of broker-dealers.

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 93709 (November 21, 2024), 89 FR 93709 (November 27, 2024) (SR-FINRA-2024-019).

implementation between 2026 and 2028.⁶ The Exchange accordingly proposes to amend its FINRA fees to mirror the system processing fees assessed by FINRA, which will be implemented concurrently with the amended FINRA fees as of January 2026.⁷ Specifically, the Exchange proposes to amend Equity 7, Section 30 to modify FINRA Annual System Processing Fee from \$70 to the following, based on the number of securities regulators with which each such registered person is registered, excluding registration as an investment adviser representative:⁸

Number of securities regulators	Fee
1–5	\$70
6–20	95
21–40	110
41+	125

These amendments are being made in accordance with a FINRA rule change to adjust to its fees.⁹

Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee

The Exchange also proposes to amend Equity 7, Section 30 with respect to the Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee to increase the fee from \$18 to \$25 to mirror the same change proposed by FINRA in SR-FINRA-2024-019.¹⁰

Finally, the Exchange proposes to remove outdated rule text at Equity 7, Section 30 which describes fees that were in place prior to January 1, 2023. Those fees have since been replaced with the Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee.¹¹

The FINRA Web CRD Fees are user-based and there is no distinction in the cost incurred by FINRA if the user is a FINRA member or a Non-FINRA member. Accordingly, the proposed fees mirror those currently assessed by FINRA.

⁶ See *id.*

⁷ This rule change impacts FINRA fees for members who trade equity and options products on BX as all BX Options Participants are required to be BX members.

⁸ See Section (4)(b)(7) of Schedule A to the FINRA By-laws.

⁹ See note 5. FINRA noted in its rule change that it was adjusting its fees to provide sustainable funding for FINRA’s regulatory mission.

¹⁰ See note 5.

¹¹ The Exchange proposes to remove the following rule text, \$55 Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee for each individual who is required to complete the Regulatory Element of the Continuing Education Requirements pursuant to Exchange General 4, Section 1240. This fee will be amended on January 1, 2023 as noted below. Also, the Exchange proposes to remove this sentence: The below Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee will be assessed by FINRA commencing on January 1, 2023.

²⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,¹² in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,¹³ in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange believes it is reasonable to amend the FINRA Annual System Processing Fee and the Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee because the fees will be identical to those adopted by FINRA as of January 2026 for use of the CRD system for each of the member's registered representatives and principals for system processing and for continuing education.¹⁴ The costs of operating and improving the CRD system and for continuing education are similarly borne by FINRA when a Non-FINRA member uses the CRD system; accordingly, the fees collected for such use should, as proposed by the Exchange, mirror the fees assessed to FINRA members. In addition, as FINRA noted in amending its fees, it believes that its proposed pricing structure is reasonable and correlates fees with the components that drive its regulatory costs to the extent feasible. The Exchange further believes that the change is reasonable because it will provide greater specificity regarding the CRD system fees and continuing education fees that are applicable to Non-FINRA members. All similarly situated members are subject to the same fee structure, and every member must use the CRD system for registration and disclosure and pay for continuing education. Accordingly, the Exchange believes that the fees collected for such use should likewise increase in lockstep with the fees assessed to FINRA members, as proposed by the Exchange.

The Exchange believes the proposed FINRA Annual System Processing Fee and the Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee are equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the fees apply equally to all individuals and firms required to report information in the CRD system and comply with continuing education. The proposal will result in the same regulatory fees being charged to all members required to report information to CRD and comply

with continuing education and for services performed by FINRA regardless of whether such members are FINRA members. Further, the Exchange will not be collecting or retaining these fees, therefore, the Exchange will not be in a position to apply them in an inequitable or unfairly discriminatory manner.

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 not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

The Exchange believes the proposed FINRA Annual System Processing Fee and the Continuing Education Regulatory Element Session Fee do not impose an undue burden on competition because the fees apply equally to all individuals and firms required to report information in the CRD system and comply with continuing education. The proposal will result in the same regulatory fees being charged to all members required to report information to CRD and comply with continuing education and for services performed by FINRA regardless of whether such members are FINRA members. Further, the Exchange will not be collecting or retaining these fees, therefore, the Exchange will not be in a position to apply them in an inequitable or unfairly discriminatory manner.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were either solicited or received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act.¹⁵

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is: (i) necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or 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-BX-2025-037 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-BX-2025-037. 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 filing 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-BX-2025-037 and should be submitted on or before February 10, 2026.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁶

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,
Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Advisory Committee Charter Renewals

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee charter renewals.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to sections 14(b)(1) and 9(c) of the Federal Advisory Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and consultation with

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

¹⁴ See note 5.

¹⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

¹⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

the General Services Administration, the Small Business Administration has determined that the following Federal advisory committees are vital to the mission of the SBA and will be renewed

for a two-year period through January 26, 2028.

DATES: Renewed through January 26, 2028.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrienne Johnson, Committee Management Officer (CMO), Office of the Administrator, (202) 205-6685 or FACA@sba.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Committee name	Committee description
Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs	An independent source that provides advice and policy recommendations to the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the Associate Administrator for Veterans Business Development of SBA, the Congress, the President, and other U.S. policymakers on issues of interest to small businesses owned and operated by veterans.
Audit and Financial Management Advisory Board	Provide recommendations and advice regarding the Agency's financial management, including the financial reporting process, systems of internal controls, audit process and process for monitoring compliance with relevant laws and regulations.
Council on Underserved Communities	Provides advice, ideas and opinions on SBA programs and services and issues of interest to small businesses in underserved communities. Its members provide an essential connection between SBA and small businesses in historically underserved communities.
Council on Underserved Communities	Provides advice, ideas and opinions on SBA programs and services and issues of interest to small businesses in underserved communities. Its members provide an essential connection between SBA and small businesses in historically underserved communities.
National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board.	To provide advice, counsel, and confer with the Associate Administrator for Small Business Development Centers in carrying out the SBDC Program under Section 21 of the Small Business Act.
National Women's Business Council	Provide advice and policy recommendations that will support the creation and growth of woman-owned businesses.
Small Business Lending Advisory Board	Provide advice, insights, and recommendations to SBA on matters broadly related to facilitating greater access and availability of capital for small businesses and address long-term capital access gaps faced by small businesses and obstacles faced by the lenders that seek to support them.
Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board 1-10	Report to the Small Business Ombudsman (National Ombudsman) on matters of concern to small businesses relating to the enforcement activities of agencies, substantiated instances of excessive enforcement or compliance actions of Federal agencies against small businesses, and any findings or recommendations of the regional board regarding Federal agency enforcement policy or practice.

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. 10.)

Dated: January 14, 2026.

Andrienne Johnson,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority No. 606]

Delegation to the Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security for Country Reports on Terrorism (CRT)

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of State by the laws of the United States, including section 1(a)(4) of the State Department Basic Authorities Act (22 U.S.C. 2651a(a)(4)), I hereby delegate to the Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security the functions and authorities related to the annual CRT under section 140 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1988 and 1989 (22 U.S.C. 2656f).

The Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, and Under Secretary for Political Affairs may exercise any function or authority delegated herein. Any reference in this delegation of authority to a statute shall be deemed to be a reference to such statute as amended from time to time and shall be deemed to apply to any provision of law that is the same or substantially the same as such statute.

This delegation of authority will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: September 11, 2025.

Marco Rubio,

Secretary of State.

Note: This document was received for publication by the Office of the Federal Register on January 14, 2026.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. XXXX-XXXX]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration, Notice of Actual Construction or Alteration

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The FAA uses the information collected on form 7460-1 to determine the effect a proposed construction or alteration would have on air navigation and the National Airspace System (NAS) and the

information collected on form 7460–2 to measure the progress of actual construction.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by March 23, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments:

By Electronic Docket:
www.regulations.gov (Enter docket number into search field).

By Mail: Obstruction Evaluation Group, ATTN: David Maddox, Federal Aviation Administration, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177.

By Fax: 817–222–5920.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
David Maddox by email at: david.maddox@faa.gov; phone: (202) 267–4525.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120–0001.

Title: Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration, Notice of Actual Construction or Alteration.

Form Numbers: FAA Forms 7460–1 and 7460–2.

Type of Review: Renewal of an information collection.

Background: 49 U.S.C. 44718 states that the Secretary of Transportation shall require notice of structures that may affect navigable airspace, air commerce, or air capacity. These notice requirements are contained in 14 CFR 77. The information is collected via FAA Forms 7460–1 and 7460–2.

Respondents: Approximately 85,000 registered respondents including individuals or organizations that propose construction or alteration projects and are required to provide adequate notification to the FAA of that construction or alteration.

Frequency: Information is collected on occasion.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: Approximately 15 Minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 55,058 hours.

Issued in Washington, DC, on Jan 13, 2026.

Julie A. Morgan,

Manager, Obstruction Evaluation Group, AJV–A500.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. XXXX–XXXX]

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: FAA Aircraft Noise Complaint and Inquiry System (Noise Portal)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. This collection involves information voluntarily submitted through the FAA Noise Portal, which is used to respond to noise complaints and inquiries. The required fields in the Noise Portal represent the minimum information necessary for the FAA to respond effectively. In addition, it allows the FAA to prevent fragmented or delayed responses across FAA regions, enhances transparency and public trust, improves community engagement, and supports a centralized intake of noise complaints and inquiries. This voluntary data collection is essential for the FAA to fulfill its public engagement responsibilities, streamline operations, and uphold its commitment to responsive, citizen-centered governance.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by March 23, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments:

By Electronic Docket:
www.regulations.gov (Enter docket number into search field).

By Mail: Nitin Rao Manager, National Engagement Strategy and Policy Division, ARA–200, 2300 Devon Avenue, Suite 432, Des Plaines, IL 60018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nitin Rao by email at: 9-APL-ANCIR-Comments@faa.gov; phone: 202–267–0965.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120–0773.

Title: FAA Aircraft Noise Complaint and Inquiry System (Noise Portal).

Form Numbers: None.

Type of Review: Renewal of an information collection.

Background: The FAA collects information through its Noise Portal to respond to public complaints and inquiries about aircraft noise. Individuals voluntarily submit their name, email address, location of the noise event, and a description of the issue. This data helps the FAA identify noise sources, respond directly to the complainant, and understand community concerns. The respondents are members of the public who experience aircraft noise, typically near their homes. The FAA gathers this information online through the Aviation Noise Complaint and Inquiry response (ANCIR) system, which centralizes and streamlines complaint intake and response.

This collection is essential for the FAA to provide timely, accurate, and location-specific responses. It also supports broader goals like detecting noise trends, improving community engagement, and understanding environmental impacts. The FAA uses deidentified, aggregated data to develop public FAQ's, share insights with stakeholders, and support safety analysis across agencies. While no law specifically requires this data collection, several mandates guide the FAA's public engagement efforts; 49 U.S.C. 106(q) requires an Aircraft Noise Ombudsman; the 1976 Aviation Noise Abatement Policy affirms federal responsibility for noise management; and the FAA Reauthorization Acts of 2018 (Pub. L. 115–254) and 2024 (Pub. L. 118–63) direct the agency to enhance transparency and community collaboration.

Respondents: 45,000.

Frequency: As needed.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 11,250 hours.

Issued in Des Plaines, IL.

Nitin Rao,

Manager, National Engagement Strategy and Policy Division, ARA-200.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Transportation Project in Georgia

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

ACTION: Notice of limitation on claims for judicial review

SUMMARY: The FHWA, on behalf of the State Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT), is issuing this notice to announce actions taken by GDOT and other Federal agencies that are final agency actions. These actions relate to the proposed express lanes improvement project, the Interstate 285 (I-285) Top End project, which is located along 19.0 miles of I-285 between South Atlanta Road and Henderson Road, along 3.5 miles of State Route (SR) 400 from south of the Glenridge Connector to the vicinity of the North Springs Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) Station, and along approximately 1.0 mile of Interstate 85 (I-85) from I-285 to the vicinity of Pleasantdale Road. The length of the proposed project is approximately 23.5 miles.

DATES: By this notice, the FHWA, on behalf of GDOT, is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal Agency actions on the listed highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before June 22, 2026. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 150 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

ADDRESSES: The Record of Decision (ROD) and additional project documents can be viewed and downloaded from the project website at: <https://i285topendexpresslanes-gdot.hub.arcgis.com/> or by contacting GDOT Office of Environmental Services, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308, normal business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time), Monday through Friday, except State holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For FHWA: Ms. Sabrina S. David, Division Administrator, Georgia Division, Federal Highway Administration, 75 Ted Turner Drive, Suite 1000, Atlanta, Georgia 30303; telephone 404-562-3630; email: Sabrina.David@dot.gov. FHWA's normal business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (eastern time) Monday through Friday. For United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE): Mr. Edward B. Johnson, Jr., Chief, Management Branch, 4751 Best Road, Suite 140, College Park, Georgia 30337, email: Edward.B.Johnson@usace.army.mil. USACE's normal business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern time) Monday through Friday. For Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT): Mr. Russell McMurry, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, 22nd Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308; telephone (404) 631-1990; email: RMcMurray@dot.ga.gov. GDOT's normal business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (eastern time) Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that FHWA and USACE have taken final actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1) by issuing licenses, permits, and approvals for the following new highway project in the State of Georgia: The Top End I-285 project is located in Cobb, Fulton, and DeKalb Counties, Georgia. The Selected Alternative will construct express lanes in each direction along approximately 19.0 miles of I-285 between South Atlanta Road and Henderson Road, along approximately 3.5 miles of SR 400 from south of the Glenridge Connector to the vicinity of the North Springs MARTA Station, and along approximately 1.0 mile of I-85 from I-285 to the vicinity of Pleasantdale Road. The length of the proposed project is approximately 23.5 miles. Also, the project would include the modification or replacement of some overpass bridges along I-285.

The purpose of the project is to provide passenger vehicles, transit riders, and commercial vehicles with an effective transportation alternative to address the following needs:

- Unreliable trip times for commuters
- Lack of accessibility and regional connectivity
- Legislative mandate to accelerate project delivery

The actions by the Federal Agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the combined Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and ROD for the project, approved on October 16, 2025,

and other documents in the project file. The FEIS/ROD, and other project records are available by contacting FHWA or GDOT at the addresses provided above. The FEIS/ROD can also be reviewed and downloaded from the project website at <https://i285topendexpresslanes-gdot.hub.arcgis.com/>.

The actions by the Federal Agencies and the laws under which such actions were taken are described in the USACE Individual Permit for the Top End 285 project, authorized on January 8, 2026. The Public Notice for the Individual Permit is available by contacting FHWA or GDOT at the addresses listed above.

This notice applies to all Federal agency final actions taken after the issuance of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but are not limited to:

1. *General:* National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321-4351]; Federal-Aid Highway Act [23 U.S.C. 109 and 23 U.S.C. 128]; 23 CFR part 771.

2. *Air:* Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401-7671(q)].

3. *Noise:* Noise Control Act of 1972 [42 U.S.C. 4901-4918]; 23 CFR part 772.

4. *Land:* Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [49 U.S.C. 303].

5. *Wildlife:* Endangered Species Act (ESA) [16 U.S.C. 1531-1544 and Section 1536]; Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661-667d]; Migratory Bird Treaty Act [16 U.S.C. 703-712].

6. *Historic and Cultural Resources:* Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470(f) *et seq.*]; Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1977 [16 U.S.C. 470(aa)-470(ll)]; Archeological and Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. 469-469c]; Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) [25 U.S.C. 3001-3013].

7. *Social and Economic:* Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 2000(d)-2000(d)(1)]; American Indian Religious Freedom Act [42 U.S.C. 1996]; Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) [7 U.S.C. 4201-4209].

8. *Wetlands and Water Resources:* Clean Water Act [33 U.S.C. 1251-1377 (Sections 404, 401, 319) and 33 CFR 208.10]; Safe Drinking Water Act [42 U.S.C. 300(f)-300(j-26)]; TEA-21 Wetlands Mitigation [23 U.S.C. 103(b)(6)(m), 133(b)(11)]; Flood Disaster Protection Act [42 U.S.C. 4001-4128]; Wild and Scenic Rivers Act [16 U.S.C. 1271-1287]; Emergency Wetlands Resources Act [16 U.S.C. 3921, 3931]; Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 [33 U.S.C. 401-406]; Coastal Zone Management Act [16 U.S.C. 1451-1465];

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) [16 U.S.C. 4601–4604].

9. Hazardous Materials:

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) [42 U.S.C. 9601–9675]; Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA); Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) [42 U.S.C. 6901–6992(k)].

10. Executive Orders: E.O. 11990 Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 11988 Floodplain Management; E.O. 11593 Protection and Enhancement of Cultural Resources; E.O. 13007 Indian Sacred Sites; E.O. 13287 Preserve America; E.O. 13175 Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments; E.O. 11514 Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality; E.O. 13045 Protection of Children From Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks; E.O. 13112 Invasive Species.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

(Authority: 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1)).

Sabrina S. David,

Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2008–0355; FMCSA–2014–0381; FMCSA–2015–0119; FMCSA–2020–0047; FMCSA–2023–0036]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of renewal of exemptions; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for five individuals from the requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) that interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers have “no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a CMV.” The exemptions enable these individuals who have had one or more seizures and

are taking anti-seizure medication to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

DATES: The exemptions were applicable on November 6, 2025. The exemptions expire on November 6, 2027. Comments must be received on or before February 19, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket No. FMCSA–2008–0355, FMCSA–2014–0381, FMCSA–2015–0119, FMCSA–2020–0047, or FMCSA–2023–0036, as appropriate, using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov, insert the docket number (FMCSA–2008–0355, FMCSA–2014–0381, FMCSA–2015–0119, FMCSA–2020–0047, or FMCSA–2023–0036, as appropriate) in the keyword box and click “Search.” Next, sort the results by “Posted (Newer-Older),” choose the first notice listed, and click on the “Comment” button. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Dockets Operations; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* West Building Ground Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

- *Fax:* (202) 493–2251.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the “Public Participation” portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Christine Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, FMCSA, DOT, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001; (202) 366–0421; fmcsamedical@dot.gov. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Dockets Operations, (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

A. Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA–2008–0355, FMCSA–2014–0381, FMCSA–2015–0119, FMCSA–2020–0047, or FMCSA–2023–0036), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each

suggestion or recommendation. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so that FMCSA can contact you if there are questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to www.regulations.gov, insert the docket number (FMCSA–2008–0355, FMCSA–2014–0381, FMCSA–2015–0119, FMCSA–2020–0047, or FMCSA–2023–0036) in the keyword box and click “Search.” Next, sort the results by “Posted (Newer-Older),” choose the first notice listed, click the “Comment” button, and type your comment into the text box on the following screen. Choose whether you are submitting your comment as an individual or on behalf of a third party and then submit.

If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

B. Confidential Business Information (CBI)

CBI is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to the notice contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to the notice, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Please mark each page of your submission that constitutes CBI as “PROPIN” to indicate it contains proprietary information. FMCSA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the Freedom of Information Act, and they will not be placed in the public docket of the notice. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Brian Dahlin, Chief, Regulatory Evaluation Division, Office of Policy, FMCSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001 or via email at brian.g.dahlin@dot.gov. At this time, you need not send a duplicate hardcopy of your electronic CBI submissions to FMCSA headquarters. Any comments FMCSA receives not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this notice.

C. Viewing Comments

To view comments, go to www.regulations.gov. Insert the docket number (FMCSA–2008–0355, FMCSA–2014–0381, FMCSA–2015–0119, FMCSA–2020–0047, or FMCSA–2023–0036) in the keyword box and click “Search.” Next, sort the results by “Posted (Newer-Older),” choose the first notice listed, and click “Browse Comments.” If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting Dockets Operations on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366–9317 or (202) 366–9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.

D. Privacy Act

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(6), DOT solicits comments from the public on the exemption request. DOT posts these comments, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov as described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL–14 FDMS (Federal Docket Management System), which can be reviewed under the “Department Wide System of Records Notices” link at <https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices>. The comments are posted without edit and are searchable by the name of the submitter.

II. Legal Basis

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b) to grant exemptions from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(a)). The Agency must provide the public an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including the applicant’s safety analysis. The Agency must provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The Agency reviews the application, safety analyses, and public comments submitted and determines whether granting the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such exemption, pursuant to the standard set forth in 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(1). The Agency must publish its decision in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)). If granted, the notice will identify the regulatory provision from which the applicant will

be exempt, the effective period, and all terms and conditions of the exemption (49 CFR 381.315(c)(1)). If the exemption is denied, the notice will explain the reason for the denial (49 CFR 381.315(c)(2)). The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

III. Background

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding seizures and loss of consciousness provides that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person has “no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause the loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control” a CMV (49 CFR 391.41(b)(8)). To assist in applying this standard, FMCSA publishes guidance for medical examiners (MEs) in the form of medical advisory criteria in Appendix A to 49 CFR part 391.¹ In 2007, FMCSA published recommendations from a Medical Expert Panel (MEP) that FMCSA tasked to review the existing seizure disorder guidelines for MEs.² The MEP performed a comprehensive, systematic literature review, including evidence available at the time. The MEP issued recommended criteria to evaluate whether an individual with a history of epilepsy, a single unprovoked seizure, or a provoked seizure should be allowed to drive a CMV.

On January 15, 2013, FMCSA began granting exemptions, on a case-by-case basis, to individual drivers from the physical qualification standard regarding seizures and loss of consciousness in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8) (78 FR 3069). The Agency considers the medical advisory criteria, the 2007 MEP recommendations, any public comments received, and each individual’s medical information and driving record in deciding whether to grant the exemption.

The five individuals listed in this notice have requested renewal of their exemptions from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in § 391.41(b)(8), in accordance with FMCSA procedures. Accordingly, FMCSA has evaluated these applications for renewal on their merits and decided to extend each exemption for a renewable 2-year period.

¹ Appendix A to Part 391, Title 49, available at [https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/part-391/appendix-Appendix A](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/part-391/appendix-Appendix%20A) to Part 391.

² “Expert Panel Recommendations, Seizure Disorders and Commercial Motor Vehicle Driver Safety,” Medical Expert Panel (Oct. 15, 2007), available at <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/sites/fmcsa.dot.gov/files/2020-04/Seizure-Disorders-MEP-Recommendations-v2-prot%2010152007.pdf>.

IV. Request for Comments

Interested parties or organizations possessing information that would otherwise show that any, or all, of these drivers are not currently achieving the statutory level of safety should immediately notify FMCSA. The Agency will evaluate any adverse evidence submitted and, if the person has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption or if safety is being compromised or if continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), FMCSA will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption of a driver.

V. Basis for Renewing Exemptions

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), each of the five applicants has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition. The five drivers in this notice remain in good standing with the Agency, have maintained their medical monitoring and have not exhibited any medical issues that would compromise their ability to safely operate a CMV during the previous 2-year exemption period. In addition, the Agency has reviewed each applicant’s certified driving record from their State Driver’s Licensing Agency (SDLA). The information obtained from each applicant’s driving record provides the Agency with details regarding any moving violations or reported crash data, which demonstrates whether the driver has a safe driving history and is an indicator of future driving performance. If the driving record revealed a crash, FMCSA requested and reviewed the related police reports and other relevant documents, such as the citation and conviction information. These factors provide an adequate basis for predicting each driver’s ability to continue to safely operate a CMV in interstate commerce. Accordingly, FMCSA concludes that extending the exemption for each renewal applicant for a period of 2 years is likely to achieve a level of safety equivalent to the level of safety that would be achieved without the exemption.

As of November 6, 2025, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following five individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers.

Brian Bommer (OH)
Alex Hunter (SD)
David Kietzman (WI)

Marion Franklin Legg (MD)
William Rainer (TX)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2008–0355, FMCSA–2014–0381, FMCSA–2015–0119, FMCSA–2020–0047, or FMCSA–2023–0036. Their exemptions were applicable as of November 6, 2025, and will expire on November 6, 2027.

VI. Terms and Conditions

The exemptions are extended subject to the following conditions: each driver must (1) remain seizure-free, maintain a stable treatment, and report to FMCSA within 24 hours if they experience a seizure during the 2-year exemption period; (2) submit to FMCSA annual reports from their treating physicians attesting to the stability of treatment and that the driver has remained seizure-free; (3) undergo an annual medical examination by a certified medical examiner, as defined by § 390.5T; (4) provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver's qualification file, or keep a copy in their driver's qualification file if they are self-employed; (5) report to FMCSA the date, time, and location of any crashes, as defined in § 390.5T, within 7 days of the crash; (6) report to FMCSA any citations and convictions for disqualifying offenses under 49 CFR parts 383 and 391 to FMCSA within 7 days of the citation and conviction; and (7) submit to FMCSA annual certified driving records from their SDLA. The driver must also have a copy of the exemption when driving, for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official. In addition, the driver must meet all the applicable commercial driver's license testing requirements. Each exemption will be valid for 2 years unless rescinded earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be rescinded if: (1) the person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b).

VII. Preemption

During the period the exemption is in effect, no State shall enforce any law or regulation that conflicts with this exemption with respect to a person operating under the exemption.

VIII. Conclusion

Based on its evaluation of the five exemption renewal applications, FMCSA renews the exemptions of the

aforementioned drivers from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in § 391.41(b)(8). In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), and FMCSA's policy of issuing medical exemptions for a 2-year period to correspond with the medical certificate, each exemption will be valid for 2 years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2013–0107; FMCSA–2013–0108; FMCSA–2015–0119; FMCSA–2017–0254; FMCSA–2018–0052; FMCSA–2022–0046; FMCSA–2023–0036; FMCSA–2023–0038]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of renewal of exemptions; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for 16 individuals from the requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) that interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers have “no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a CMV.” The exemptions enable these individuals who have had one or more seizures and are taking anti-seizure medication to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

DATES: Each group of renewed exemptions were applicable on the dates stated in the discussions below and will expire on the dates provided below. Comments must be received on or before February 19, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket No. FMCSA–2013–0107, FMCSA–2013–0108, FMCSA–2015–0119, FMCSA–2017–0254, FMCSA–2018–0052, FMCSA–2022–0046, FMCSA–2023–0036, or FMCSA–2023–0038, as appropriate, using any of the following methods:

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number (FMCSA–2013–0107, FMCSA–2013–0108, FMCSA–2015–0119, FMCSA–2017–0254, FMCSA–2018–0052, FMCSA–2022–0046, FMCSA–2023–0036, or FMCSA–2023–0038) in the keyword box and click “Search.” Next, sort the results by “Posted (Newer-Older),” choose the first notice listed, and click on the “Comment” button. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

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2013-0108, FMCSA-2015-0119, FMCSA-2017-0254, FMCSA-2018-0052, FMCSA-2022-0046, FMCSA-2023-0036, or FMCSA-2023-0038) in the keyword box and click "Search." Next, sort the results by "Posted (Newer-Older)," choose the first notice listed, click the "Comment" button, and type your comment into the text box on the following screen. Choose whether you are submitting your comment as an individual or on behalf of a third party and then submit.

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D. Privacy Act

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(6), DOT solicits comments from the public on the exemption request. DOT posts these comments, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov as described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL-14 FDMS (Federal Docket Management System), which can be reviewed under the "Department Wide System of Records Notices" link at <https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices>. The comments are posted without edit and are searchable by the name of the submitter.

II. Legal Basis

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b) to grant exemptions from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(a)). The Agency must provide the public an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including the applicant's safety analysis. The Agency must provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The Agency reviews the application, safety analyses, and public comments submitted and determines whether granting the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such exemption, pursuant to the standard set forth in 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(1). The Agency must publish its decision in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)). If granted, the notice will identify the regulatory provision from which the applicant will be exempt, the effective period, and all terms and conditions of the exemption (49 CFR 381.315(c)(1)). If the exemption is denied, the notice will explain the reason for the denial (49 CFR 381.315(c)(2)). The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

III. Background

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding seizures and loss of consciousness provides that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person has "no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause the loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control" a CMV (49 CFR 391.41(b)(8)). To assist in applying this standard, FMCSA publishes guidance for medical examiners (MEs) in the form of medical advisory criteria in Appendix A to 49 CFR part 391.¹ In 2007, FMCSA published recommendations from a Medical Expert Panel (MEP) that FMCSA tasked to review the existing seizure disorder guidelines for MEs.² The MEP performed a comprehensive, systematic literature review, including evidence available at the time. The MEP issued recommended criteria to evaluate whether an individual with a history of epilepsy, a single unprovoked seizure, or a provoked seizure should be allowed to drive a CMV.

On January 15, 2013, FMCSA began granting exemptions, on a case-by-case basis, to individual drivers from the physical qualification standard regarding seizures and loss of consciousness in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8) (78 FR 3069). The Agency considers the medical advisory criteria, the 2007 MEP recommendations, any public comments received, and each individual's medical information and driving record in deciding whether to grant the exemption.

The 16 individuals listed in this notice have requested renewal of their exemptions from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in § 391.41(b)(8), in accordance with FMCSA procedures. Accordingly, FMCSA has evaluated these applications for renewal on their merits and decided to extend each exemption for a renewable 2-year period.

IV. Request for Comments

Interested parties or organizations possessing information that would otherwise show that any, or all, of these drivers are not currently achieving the statutory level of safety should immediately notify FMCSA. The Agency will evaluate any adverse

¹ Appendix A to Part 391, Title 49, available at [https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/part-391/appendix-Appendix A](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/part-391/appendix-Appendix%20A) to Part 391.

² "Expert Panel Recommendations, Seizure Disorders and Commercial Motor Vehicle Driver Safety," Medical Expert Panel (Oct. 15, 2007), available at <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/sites/fmcsa.dot.gov/files/2020-04/Seizure-Disorders-MEP-Recommendations-v2-prot%2010152007.pdf>.

evidence submitted and, if the person has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption or if safety is being compromised or if continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), FMCSA will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption of a driver.

V. Basis for Renewing Exemptions

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), each of the 16 applicants has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition. The 16 drivers in this notice remain in good standing with the Agency, have maintained their medical monitoring and have not exhibited any medical issues that would compromise their ability to safely operate a CMV during the previous 2-year exemption period. In addition, the Agency has reviewed each applicant's certified driving record from their State Driver's Licensing Agency (SDLA). The information obtained from each applicant's driving record provides the Agency with details regarding any moving violations or reported crash data, which demonstrates whether the driver has a safe driving history and is an indicator of future driving performance. If the driving record revealed a crash, FMCSA requested and reviewed the related police reports and other relevant documents, such as the citation and conviction information. These factors provide an adequate basis for predicting each driver's ability to continue to safely operate a CMV in interstate commerce. Accordingly, FMCSA concludes that extending the exemption for each renewal applicant for a period of 2 years is likely to achieve a level of safety equivalent to the level of safety that would be achieved without the exemption.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following groups of drivers received renewed exemptions in the month of December and are discussed below.

As of December 5, 2025, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following 11 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers.

Francis Chiacchieri (MA)
Alan Glinsmann (KS)
Michelle Hughes (NC)
Michael Keys (PA)
Cecil Massey (MS)
Ryan McKnelly (SD)
Derick Pendergrass (NC)

James Phillips (NC)
Joshua Pike (ME)
Anthony Keith Pitzen (IA)
Alex Ramerth (MN)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2017–0254, FMCSA–2022–0046, FMCSA–2023–0036, or FMCSA–2023–0038. Their exemptions were applicable as of December 5, 2025, and will expire on December 5, 2027.

As of December 16, 2025, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following four individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers.

Christopher Bird (OH)
Scott DeJarnette (KY)
Curtis Alan Hartman (MD)
Wendell F. Headley (MO)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2013–0107, FMCSA–2015–0119, or FMCSA–2018–0052. Their exemptions were applicable as of December 16, 2025, and will expire on December 16, 2027.

As of December 23, 2025, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), David Kestner (VA) has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers. This driver was included in docket number FMCSA–2013–0108. The exemption was applicable as of December 23, 2025, and will expire on December 23, 2027.

VI. Terms and Conditions

The exemptions are extended subject to the following conditions: each driver must (1) remain seizure-free, maintain a stable treatment, and report to FMCSA within 24 hours if they experience a seizure during the 2-year exemption period; (2) submit to FMCSA annual reports from their treating physicians attesting to the stability of treatment and that the driver has remained seizure-free; (3) undergo an annual medical examination by a certified medical examiner, as defined by § 390.5T; (4) provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver's qualification file, or keep a copy in their driver's qualification file if they are self-employed; (5) report to FMCSA the date, time, and location of any crashes, as defined in § 390.5T, within 7 days of the crash; (6) report to FMCSA any citations and convictions for disqualifying offenses under 49 CFR parts 383 and 391 to FMCSA within 7 days of the citation and conviction; and (7) submit

to FMCSA annual certified driving records from their SDLA. The driver must also have a copy of the exemption when driving, for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official. In addition, the driver must meet all the applicable commercial driver's license testing requirements. Each exemption will be valid for 2 years unless rescinded earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be rescinded if: (1) the person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption, (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b).

VII. Preemption

During the period the exemption is in effect, no State shall enforce any law or regulation that conflicts with this exemption with respect to a person operating under the exemption.

VIII. Conclusion

Based on its evaluation of the 16 exemption renewal applications, FMCSA renews the exemptions of the aforementioned drivers from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in § 391.41(b)(8). In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), and FMCSA's policy of issuing medical exemptions for a 2-year period to correspond with the medical certificate, each exemption will be valid for 2 years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–2026–0067]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Notice and Request for Comment; 49 CFR Part 575—Consumer Information Regulations (Sections 103 and 105)

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments on a request for reinstatement of a previously approved information collection.

SUMMARY: NHTSA invites public comments about our intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to reinstate a previously approved information collection. Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from OMB. Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatement of previously approved collections. This document describes a collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 23, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by the Docket No. NHTSA–2026–0067 through any of the following methods:

- *Electronic submissions:* Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* (202) 493–2251.

Mail or Hand Delivery: Docket Management, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–78) or you may visit <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or the street address listed above. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets via internet.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or access to background documents, contact Walter Lysenko, Office of International Policy, Fuel Economy and Consumer Programs,

NHTSA, West Building, W43–301, NRM–310, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control Number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must first publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulation (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) 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; (c) how to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.* permitting electronic submission of responses. In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comments on the following proposed collection of information for which the agency is seeking approval from OMB.

Title: 49 CFR part 575—Consumer Information Regulations (Sections 103 and 105).

OMB Control Number: NHTSA–2127–0049.

Form Number(s): N/A.

Type of Request: Request for approval to reinstate a previously approved information collection.

Type of Review Requested: Regular.

Requested Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from date of approval.

Summary of the Collection of Information: This information collection pertains to 49 CFR part 575. Part 575.103, “Truck-camper loading,” requires manufacturers of light trucks that are capable of accommodating slide-in campers to provide information on the cargo weight rating and the longitudinal limits within which the center of gravity for the cargo weight

rating should be located. Section 103 also requires manufacturers of slide-in campers to affix to each camper a label that contains information relating to identification and proper loading of the camper and to provide more detailed loading information in the owner's manual. 49 CFR part 575.105, “Vehicle rollover,” requires manufacturers of certain utility vehicles to affix a label in a prominent location alerting drivers that the handling and maneuvering characteristics of utility vehicles require special driving practices when these vehicles are operated. Also, as required by 49 CFR part 575.6(d)(1)(i), vehicle manufacturers must submit to NHTSA's Administrator, prior to new model introduction, two copies of the information specified in Part 575.103 and Part 575.105 that is applicable to the vehicles offered for sale. The information must be submitted at least 90 days before information on such vehicles is first provided for examination by prospective purchasers.

Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use of the Information: 49 U.S.C. 30117 (a) specifies that the Secretary of Transportation may require that each manufacturer of a motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment provide technical information related to performance and safety required to carry out this chapter. This section further authorizes the Secretary to require manufacturers to notify first purchasers and prospective purchasers of these data.

To carry out this statutory directive, the agency promulgated 49 CFR part 575, Consumer Information Regulations. The regulation requires manufacturers to provide performance and safety information to their dealers who will distribute this information to potential first purchasers of new vehicles. These manufacturers also furnish the agency with copies. Every manufacturer of motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment must provide NHTSA with performance and safety information and technical data to comply with the following:

- Truck-camper loading (information about trucks that can accommodate slide-in campers) (Section 575.103).
- Vehicle rollover (information about handling and maneuvering characteristics of utility vehicles) (Section 575.105).

Affected Public: Motor vehicle manufacturers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 35 (18 utility vehicle and truck manufacturers and 17 slide-in camper manufacturers).

Estimated Number of Responses: The agency estimates 15 responses annually.

NHTSA estimates there are currently 17 slide-in camper manufacturers, 7 manufacturers of trucks capable of accommodating slide-in campers, and 18 utility vehicle manufacturers subject to Part 575.103 and 575.105. Because of overlap, the total number of distinct respondents is estimated at 35. Based on prior years' experience, NHTSA estimates that approximately 15 submissions will be received annually. Of these, about 12 will be associated with the introduction of new model vehicles and about 3 will be revisions to previously submitted information. Manufacturers submit only when they introduce a new model or change previously provided information.

Frequency: As needed.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 300 hours per year.

The light truck manufacturers gather only pre-existing data for the purposes of this regulation. The agency estimates light truck manufacturers use a total of 135 hours (about nine hours per manufacturer) to gather and arrange data in proper format.

Light truck manufacturers' significant burden is printing and distributing copies of this consumer information to their dealers and attaching the labels to light trucks that are capable of accommodating slide-in campers. The agency estimates about 800,000 copies of this information will be printed. Although most high-speed printing methods are fast, we assume a total burden of 60 hours (four hours per manufacturer) to print this information.

The final step is to estimate the burden to print the truck-camper labels and utility vehicle information in the owner's manual or on a separate document included with the owner's manual. Since this information is listed in the owner's manual, NHTSA estimates 105 hours (seven hours per manufacturer) are spent printing the consumer information in the owner's manual. OMB approved the owner's manual information collection under a separate request (approval OMB Control Number 2127-0541).

The estimated annual burden is 300 hours. This number is derived from multiplying total responses (15) by the total burden hours per manufacturer (20 hrs).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Cost: \$2,137,418.

The burden estimates are based on the number of light trucks and utility vehicles produced annually that require labeling under §§ 575.103 and 575.105, and the number of manufacturer submissions made to NHTSA.

Submissions require approximately 20 hours each from professional and clerical staff, estimated at \$58.12/hour. Affixing labels requires an average of 18 seconds per vehicle (0.005 hours), at an average labor rate of \$23.95/hour. Printing costs were calculated at \$0.35 per label.

Applying these values, the annual costs include:

Submissions: 300 hours × \$58.12/hour = \$17,436

Label affixing: 22,565 hours × \$23.95/hour = \$540,432

Label printing: 4,513,000 × \$0.35 = \$1,579,550

The combined total annual cost of this information collection is therefore \$2,137,418 (\$17,436 submissions + \$540,432 labeling + \$1,579,550 printing).

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspects of this information collection, including (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; 49 CFR 1.49; and DOT Order 1351.29A.

Jane Doherty,

Acting Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2025-1360]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Office of the Departmental Chief Information Officer, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, the Department of Transportation (DOT), Office of the

Secretary (OST) proposes to rename, update, and reissue an existing system of records notice currently titled "DOT/ALL 8, Parking and Transit Benefit System." The name of this system of records notice will be changed to "DOT/ALL 8, Parking and Transit Benefit Records." The modified system of records notice (hereafter referred to as "Notice" or "SORN") collects and maintains records to oversee and administer the Transportation Subsidy Program (TSP) for DOT and other participating federal agencies.

DATES: Submit comments on or before February 19, 2026. The Department may publish an amended Systems of Records Notice considering any comments received. This modified system will be effective immediately upon publication. The routine uses will be effective February 19, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number DOT-OST-2025-1360 by one of the following methods:

- *Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Department of Transportation Docket Management, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Instructions:* You must include the agency name and docket number DOT-OST-2025-1360.

- *Instructions:* You must include the agency name and docket number DOT-OST-2025-1360. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may review the Department of Transportation's complete Privacy Act statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78).

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received in any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.).

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> or to the street address listed above. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions, please contact Karyn Gorman, Departmental Chief Privacy

Officer, Privacy Office, Department of Transportation, Washington DC 20590; email: privacy@dot.gov; or 202—603—8321.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice Updates

This Notice includes both substantive changes and non-substantive changes to the previously published Notice. The substantive changes have been made to system name, system location, system manager(s), categories of records in the system, routine uses of records maintained in the system, policies and practices for storage of records, and policies and practices for retention and disposal of records. Non-substantive changes have been made to record access procedures as well as revisions to align with the requirements of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular No. A–108 and to ensure consistency with other Notices issued by the Department of Transportation.

Background

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, the Department of Transportation proposes to modify and reissue a Department of Transportation system of records notice currently titled “DOT/ALL 8, Parking and Transit Benefit System.” This system of records covers records collected and maintained to oversee and administer the Transportation Subsidy Program (TSP) for DOT and other participating federal agencies. DOT is updating this SORN to make the following substantive changes:

1. *System Name*: Updated to reflect the records in the notice, not the name of the information technology (IT) system.

2. *System location*: Updated to include change to FedRAMP-authorized third-party cloud environment.

3. *System Manager*: Updated to reflect the change in system owner and addresses to provide current address.

4. *Categories of Records in the System*: Updated to reflect that Social Security Numbers (SSN) are no longer collected or used as an employee identification number.

5. *Routine uses*: This notice modifies the routine uses by adding and updating the specific DOT General Routine Uses that apply to this system. A routine use was added for Treasury’s Do Not Pay Working System to support Executive Order 14249, Protecting America’s Bank Account Against Fraud, Waste, and Abuse, and align with recent requirements specified in the August 20, 2025 OMB Memorandum M–25–32, Preventing Improper Payments and Protecting Privacy Through Do Not Pay.

6. *Policies and Practices for storage*: This Notice updates the policy for storage because hard copies are no longer maintained.

7. *Policies and practices for retention and disposal of records*: This Notice updates the policies and practices for the retention and disposal of records to reflect the applicable National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) records schedule. The previous NARA record schedule no longer applies to the records in the system.

DOT is updating this SORN to make the following non-substantive changes:

8. *Purpose*: the purpose of the system remains the same, but language has been updated from previously published SORN.

9. *Record access*: This Notice updates the record access procedures to reflect signatures on signed requests for records must either be notarized or accompanied by a statement made under penalty of perjury in compliance with 28 U.S.C. 1746.

Privacy Act

The Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) governs how the Federal Government collects, maintains, and uses personally identifiable information (PII) in a System of Records. A “System of Records” is a group of any records under the control of a Federal agency from which information about individuals is retrieved by name or other personal identifier. The Privacy Act requires each agency to publish in the **Federal Register** a System of Records notice (SORN) identifying and describing each System of Record the agency maintains, including the purposes for which the agency uses PII in the system, the routine uses for which the agency discloses such information outside the agency, and how individuals to whom a Privacy Act record pertains can exercise their rights under the Privacy Act (*e.g.*, to determine if the system contains information about them and to contest inaccurate information). In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(r), a report on the establishment of this System of Records has been sent to Congress and to the Office of Management and Budget.

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

DOT/ALL 8, Parking and Transit Benefit Records

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Records are maintained in a FedRAMP-authorized third-party cloud environment. The contracts are

maintained by U.S. DOT at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):

U.S. DOT TRANServe, Associate Director/System Owner 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE suite W12–101 TRANServe Washington, DC 20590.

FAA Headquarters’ Facilities Management Division, 800 Independence Avenue SW, 20591.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

5 U.S.C. 7905; 26 U.S.C. 132; 26 CFR 132f; and Executive Order 13150.

PURPOSE(S) OF THE SYSTEM:

The purpose of this system is to oversee and administer the Transportation Subsidy Program, which supports federal employees in commuting to work by public transit, carpools, vanpools, bicycles, or parking at DOT headquarters. The Department of Transportation uses the Parking and Transportation Benefits System to manage participant records. This ensures that employees and vanpool operators receive the appropriate commuting benefits while promoting fair and efficient use of parking and other transportation resources.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Federal employees who receive transit or bicycle subsidies, who hold parking permits, or are members of carpools and vanpools; applicants for ridesharing information; recipients of match letters for carpooling; applicants for transit subsidies issued by DOT; vanpool operators.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Records pertaining to recipients of bicycle or transit subsidies; holders of parking permits, participants in carpools or vanpools; or applicants for ridesharing information includes the following information. Records include the following information: full name, employee identification number (or some other identification number used by a federal agency as an employee’s identification number), employer name, employer’s address, home address, business telephone number, employee’s work email address, transit provider name, address, mode of transportation used for commute, location employee commutes to/from, number of days employee commutes per month, subsidy amount, system identifier (number randomly generated by DOT’s system and assigned to files), transit card number, parking permit number, license plate number and issuing state, parking permit holder payment status (paid/

unpaid), payment information, bicycle benefit recipients, itemized lists of expenditures eligible for bicycle benefit. The following information may be collected and maintained about vanpool operators: full name, business address, first and last name of individuals who use the vanpool.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Records are obtained from applications submitted by individuals for parking permits, carpool and vanpool membership, ridesharing information, and fare subsidies; from notifications from other Federal agencies in the program; and from periodic certifications or recertifications and reports regarding fare subsidies.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, all or portion of the records or information contained in this system may be disclosed outside of DOT as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

SYSTEM SPECIFIC ROUTINE USES:

1. To the Federal agency for whom DOT administers a transit benefit program, for purposes of verifying that agency's employee's participation in the program, and auditing and verifying disbursements.

2. To the operators of transit systems or vanpools for purposes of activating, distributing, and verifying benefits.

3. To the entity that manages the parking facility at the DOT Headquarters in Southeast Washington, DC, delinquent daily parking fees for purpose of ensuring eligibility of daily parkers.

4. To the Department of Treasury's approved Financial Agent for purposes of distributing transit benefits.

5. To the U.S. Department of the Treasury when disclosure of the information is relevant to review payment and award eligibility through the Do Not Pay Working System for the purposes of identifying, preventing, or recouping improper payments to an applicant for, or recipient of, Federal funds, including funds disbursed by a state (meaning a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, a territory or possession of the United States, or a federally recognized Indian tribe) in a state-administered, federally funded program.

DEPARTMENT ROUTINE USES:

6. In the event that a system of records maintained by DOT to carry out its functions indicates a violation or

potential violation of law, whether civil, criminal or regulatory in nature, and whether arising by general statute or particular program pursuant thereto, the relevant records in the system of records may be referred, as a routine use, to the appropriate agency, whether Federal, State, local or foreign, charged with the responsibility of investigating or prosecuting such violation or charged with enforcing or implementing the statute, or rule, regulation, or order issued pursuant thereto.

7a. Routine Use for Disclosure for Use in Litigation. It shall be a routine use of the records in this system of records to disclose them to the Department of Justice or other Federal agency conducting litigation when—(a) DOT, or any agency thereof, or (b) Any employee of DOT or any agency thereof, in his/her official capacity, or (c) Any employee of DOT or any agency thereof, in his/her individual capacity where the Department of Justice has agreed to represent the employee, or (d) The United States or any agency thereof, where DOT determines that litigation is likely to affect the United States, is a party to litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and the use of such records by the Department of Justice or other Federal agency conducting the litigation is deemed by DOT to be relevant and necessary in the litigation, provided, however, that in each case, DOT determines that disclosure of the records in the litigation is a use of the information contained in the records that is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected.

7b. Routine Use for Agency Disclosure in Other Proceedings. It shall be a routine use of records in this system to disclose them in proceedings before any court or adjudicative or administrative body before which DOT or any agency thereof, appears, when—(a) DOT, or any agency thereof, or (b) Any employee of DOT or any agency thereof in his/her official capacity, or (c) Any employee of DOT or any agency thereof in his/her individual capacity where DOT has agreed to represent the employee, or (d) The United States or any agency thereof, where DOT determines that the proceeding is likely to affect the United States, is a party to the proceeding or has an interest in such proceeding, and DOT determines that use of such records is relevant and necessary in the proceeding, provided, however, that in each case, DOT determines that disclosure of the records in the proceeding is a use of the information contained in the records that is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected.

8. Disclosure may be made to a Congressional office from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the Congressional office made at the request of that individual. In such cases, however, the Congressional office does not have greater rights to records than the individual. Thus, the disclosure may be withheld from delivery to the individual where the file contains investigative or actual information or other materials which are being used, or are expected to be used, to support prosecution or fines against the individual for violations of a statute, or of regulations of the Department based on statutory authority. No such limitations apply to records requested for Congressional oversight or legislative purposes; release is authorized under 49 CFR 10.35(9).

9. One or more records from a system of records may be disclosed routinely to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in records management inspections being conducted under the authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906.

10a. To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (1) DOT suspects or has confirmed that there has been a breach of the system of records; (2) DOT has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed breach there is a risk of harm to individuals, DOT (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal (3) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with DOT's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed breach or to prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

10b. DOT may disclose records from this system, as a routine use, to another Federal agency or Federal entity, when DOT determines that information from this system of records is reasonably necessary to assist the recipient agency or entity in (1) responding to a suspected or confirmed breach or (2) preventing, minimizing, or remedying the risk of harm to individuals, the recipient agency or entity (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security, resulting from a suspected or confirmed breach.

11. DOT may disclose records from this system, as a routine use, to the Office of Government Information Services for the purpose of (a) resolving disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies and (b) reviewing agencies' policies, procedures, and compliance in order to recommend policy changes to Congress and the President.

12. DOT may disclose records from the system, as a routine use, to contractors and their agents, experts, consultants, and others performing or working on a contract, service, cooperative agreement, or other assignment for DOT, when necessary to accomplish an agency function related to this system of records.

13. DOT may disclose records from this system, as a routine use, to an agency, organization, or individual for the purpose of performing audit or oversight operations related to this system of records, but only such records as are necessary and relevant to the audit or oversight activity. This routine use does not apply to intra-agency sharing authorized under Section (b)(1) of the Privacy Act.

14. DOT may disclose from this system, as a routine use, records consisting of, or relating to, terrorism information (6 U.S.C. 485(a)(5)), homeland security information (6 U.S.C. 482(f)(1)), or Law enforcement information (Guideline 2 Report attached to White House Memorandum, "Information Sharing Environment", November 22, 2006) to a Federal, State, local, tribal, territorial, foreign government and/or multinational agency, either in response to its request or upon the initiative of the Component, for purposes of sharing such information as is necessary and relevant for the agencies to detect, prevent, disrupt, preempt, and mitigate the effects of terrorist activities against the territory, people, and interests of the United States of America, as contemplated by the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108-458) and Executive Order 13388 (October 25, 2005).

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS:

Records in the system are stored electronically on a contractor-maintained cloud storage service.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS:

Records can be retrieved by employer agency name, participant name, or any other identifier in the system.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:

Records in the system are maintained in accordance with the following NARA records schedule and retention: GRS 1.1, Financial Management and Reporting Records, Item 010 (DAA-GRS-2013-0003-0001). Financial transaction records related to procuring goods and services, paying bills, collecting debts, and accounting. Parking records. Parking records

including parking payment records. Temporary. Destroy 6 years after final payment or cancellation. GRS 2.4, Employees Compensation and Benefits Records: DAA-GRS-2016-0015-0018, item 131, Transportation subsidy program individual case files. Temporary. Destroy 2 years after employee participation concludes, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:

Records in this system are safeguarded in accordance with applicable rules and policies, including all applicable DOT automated systems security and access policies. Strict controls have been imposed to minimize the risk of compromising the information that is being stored. Access to records in this system is limited to those individuals who have a need to know the information for the performance of their official duties and who have appropriate clearances or permissions.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking access to records about themselves should address inquiries to the System Manager at the address identified as "System Manager," and address above. Individuals should include the following information in their request in writing: Name and title of the system of records from which you are requesting the search; name of individual; mailing address; phone number or email address; and description of the records sought, and if possible, location of records.

Individuals wanting access to their records or contest information about them that is contained in this system should make their requests in writing, detailing the reasons for and why the records should be corrected. Privacy Act requests for records covered by system of records notices not published by the Department will be coordinated with the appropriate Federal agency.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

See "Records Access procedure."

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

See "Records Access procedure."

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

HISTORY:

Full notice of this system of records, DOT/ALL 8, Parking and Transit Benefits, were published in the **Federal Register** on October 23, 2015, 80 FR 6443 and April 11, 2000, 65 FR 19482.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Karyn Gorman,

Chief Privacy Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Relocation of DOT's Docket Operations Office

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (OST), Department of Transportation (Department or DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the relocation of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Docket Operations Office, which serves as DOT's central dockets management facility and the official Reading Room (per 49 CFR part 7, subpart B and 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(2)). The Dockets Operations Office is relocating to 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Suite W58-213, Washington, DC 20590. Hours of operation will continue to be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket Operations telephone number will continue to be (202) 366-9826, (202) 366-9317, TTY: (202) 366-5273.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cheryl Collins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, Office of Facilities, Information, and Asset Management, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration, Office of the Secretary, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Suite W58-213, Washington, DC 20590. Avenue SE, after that; telephone number: 202-493-0402; email address: cheryl.collins@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. What about courier deliveries?

Docket Operations staff will continue to accept deliveries at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Suite W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, until 5 p.m., Thursday, January 1, 2026. Beginning at 9 a.m. on Friday, January 2, 2026, Docket Operations staff will be available to accept deliveries at the new DOT Dockets Operations Office, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Suite W58-213, Washington, DC 20590.

B. Does this notice apply to all DOT operating administrations and to the Office of Secretary (OST)?

Yes. It applies to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Federal Highway

Administration (FHWA), the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Maritime Administration (MARAD), the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (GLS), and the Office of the Secretary (OST). The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) also uses Dockets Operations services.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Donald Jeffrey Baxter,

Acting Associate Director, DOT Headquarter Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Notice of OFAC Sanctions Action

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of one or more persons that have been placed on OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List) based on OFAC's determination that one or more applicable legal criteria were satisfied. All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of these persons are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them.

DATES: This action was issued on January 15, 2026. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for relevant dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

OFAC: Associate Director for Global Targeting, 202-622-2420; Assistant Director for Licensing, 202-622-2480; Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance, 202-622-2490; or <https://ofac.treasury.gov/contact-ofac>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The SDN List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC's website: <https://ofac.treasury.gov>.

Notice of OFAC Action

On January 15, 2026, OFAC determined that the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following persons are blocked under the relevant sanctions authorities listed below.

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Entities

1. HMS TRADING FZE (Arabic: اتش إم إس للتجارة م م ح), Leased Office Building No. 10G-18, Hamriyah Free Zone, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates; Organization Established Date 13 Oct 2021; License 19632 (United Arab Emirates); Economic Register Number (CBLS) 11767967 (United Arab Emirates) [IRAN-EO13902] (Linked To: BANK-E SHAHR).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iv) of Executive Order 13902 of September 28, 2010, "Imposing Sanctions With Respect to Additional Sectors of Iran," 85 FR 2003, 3 CFR, 2020 Comp., p. 299 (E.O. 13902), for being owned or controlled by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, BANK-E SHAHR, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13902.

2. TEJARAT HERMES ENERGY QESHM (Arabic: شرکت تجارت هرمس انرژی قشم), Unit 2, Floor 1, No. 0, Khordad Alley, Bustan Street, Bustan, Qeshm, Hormozgan Province 7951168942, Iran; Additional Sanctions Information - Subject to Secondary Sanctions; Organization Established Date 21 Nov 2021; National ID No. 14010531649 (Iran); Registration Number 7041 (Iran) [IRAN-EO13902].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 13902 for operating in the petroleum and petrochemical sectors of the Iranian economy.

3. CRYSTAL GAS FZE (Arabic: کریستال گاز م م ح), Office No: E2-125f-34, E-LOB, Hamriya Free Zone, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates; Organization Established Date 02 Jul 2013; Commercial Registry Number 11580166 (United Arab Emirates); License 11014 (United Arab Emirates) [IRAN-EO13902].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 13902 for operating in the petroleum sector of the Iranian economy.

4. NANSHAN LTD, Suite 108, Chase Business Centre, 39-41 Chase Side, London N14 5BP, United Kingdom; Organization Established Date 09 Sep 2020; UK Company Number 12869795 (United Kingdom) [IRAN-EO13902].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 13902 for operating in the petroleum sector of the Iranian economy.

5. SHINE ROAD TRADING FZE (Arabic: شاین رود للتجارة م م ح), Office No FZJOB1210, Jebel Ali Free Zone, Dubai, United Arab Emirates; Organization Established Date 21 Apr 2019; Commercial Registry Number 11447532 (United Arab Emirates); License 177219 (United Arab Emirates) [IRAN-EO13902].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 13902 for operating in the petroleum sector of the Iranian economy.

6. DESERT PULSE TRADING FZE (Arabic: دیزرت پلس تریدینگ م م ح) (a.k.a. SIWAN TRADING INTERNATIONAL FZE), Office No E-23F-39 P1-ELOB, Hamriya Free Zone, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates; Organization Established Date 02 Mar 2020;

License 18564 (United Arab Emirates); Economic Register Number (CBLS) 11583166 (United Arab Emirates) [IRAN-EO13902].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 13902 for operating in the petroleum or petrochemical sectors of the Iranian economy.

7. LIMONIUM PETROCHEMICALS TRADING LLC SOC (Arabic: ليمونيوم لتجارة البتروكيماويات ذ م م و) (a.k.a. DESERT OASIS PETROCHEMICAL TRADING COMPANY LLC), Office No 104-116, al Garhoud, Deira, Dubai, United Arab Emirates; Organization Established Date 02 Mar 2020; License 882813 (United Arab Emirates); Chamber of Commerce Number 337011 (United Arab Emirates); Economic Register Number (CBLS) 11506198 (United Arab Emirates) [IRAN-EO13902].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 13902 for operating in the petroleum or petrochemical sectors of the Iranian economy.

8. NAVIERA SHIPPING AND TRADING FZ LLC (Arabic: نافيرا شيبينغ اند تريدينغ ذ م م ح), Building No. A4 (A4-632), Al Hamra Industrial Zone RAK Economic Zone, Ras Al Khaimah, United Arab Emirates; Organization Established Date 09 Sep 2020; License 5022966 (United Arab Emirates); alt. License 47004017 (United Arab Emirates); Economic Register Number (CBLS) 11561511 (United Arab Emirates); alt. Economic Register Number (CBLS) 11562847 (United Arab Emirates) [IRAN-EO13902].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 13902 for operating in the petroleum or petrochemical sectors of the Iranian economy.

9. TURKIZ FUEL TRADING LLC (Arabic: توركيز لتجارة الوقود ذ م م), Dubai, United Arab Emirates; Organization Established Date 10 Aug 2016; License 764009 (United Arab Emirates); Chamber of Commerce Number 273984 (United Arab Emirates); Registration Number 1241646 (United Arab Emirates); Economic Register Number (CBLS) 10530553 (United Arab Emirates) [IRAN-EO13902].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 13902 for operating in the petroleum or petrochemical sectors of the Iranian economy.

10. EMPIRE INTERNATIONAL TRADING FZE, Jebel Ali Free Zone, Dubai, United Arab Emirates; Organization Established Date 14 Jun 2021; Company Number 11712459 (United Arab Emirates); License 2154169 (United Arab Emirates) [IRAN-EO13902].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 13902 for operating in the financial sector of the Iranian economy.

11. GOLDEN MIST PTE. LTD., Heng Loong Building, 61 Bukit Batok Crescent, #07-07, Singapore 658078, Singapore; Organization Established Date 05 Jan 2023; Registration Number 202300738G (Singapore) [IRAN-EO13902].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 13902 for operating in the financial sector of the Iranian economy.

12. NIKAN PEZHVAK ARIA KISH COMPANY, Unit 5, Floor 1, Section EX-24, No. 0, Economy Alley 1, Iran Boulevard, Industrial Phase 2, Kish District, Bandar-e-Lengeh County, Kish, Hormozgan 7941658419, Iran; No. 27, 5th floor, Kaj Abadi Alley, Jordan Street, Tehran 1966935885, Iran; Additional Sanctions Information - Subject to Secondary Sanctions; Organization Established Date 19 Apr 2021; National ID No. 14009960537 (Iran); Registration Number 14289 (Iran) [IRAN-EO13902].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 13902 for operating in the financial sector of the Iranian economy.

Individuals

1. HASHEMIFAR, Mohammad Reza (Arabic: محمد رضا هاشمی فر) Lorestan, Iran; Tuysarkan, Hamadan, Iran; DOB 22 May 1975; nationality Iran; Additional Sanctions Information - Subject to Secondary Sanctions; Gender Male; Passport E25607570 (Iran) expires 12 Dec 2017; Law Enforcement Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran Commander for Lorestan Province (individual) [IRAN-HR] (Linked To: LAW ENFORCEMENT FORCES OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(C) of E.O. 13553 of September 28, 2010, "Blocking Property of Certain Persons With Respect to Serious Human Rights Abuses by the Government of Iran and Taking Certain Other Actions," 75 FR 60567, 3 CFR 2010 Comp., p. 253 (E.O. 13553), for having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, the LAW ENFORCEMENT FORCES OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13553.

2. BAGHERI, Nematollah (Arabic: نعمت‌الله باقری), Lorestan, Iran; DOB 10 Jun 1975; POB Andika, Iran; nationality Iran; Additional Sanctions Information - Subject to Secondary Sanctions; Gender Male; IRGC Commander of Lorestan Province (individual) [IRGC] [IFSR] [IRAN-HR] (Linked To: ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(C) of E.O. 13553 for having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, the ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13553.

3. BUALI, Yadollah (Arabic: يدالله بوعلی), Fars, Iran; DOB 07 Sep 1965; nationality Iran; Additional Sanctions Information - Subject to Secondary Sanctions; Gender Male; National ID No. 1860747401 (Iran); IRGC Commander of Fars Province (individual) [IRGC] [IFSR] [IRAN-HR] (Linked To: ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(C) of E.O.13553 for having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, the ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY

GUARD CORPS, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13553.

4. MALEKI, Azizollah (Arabic: عزیزالله ملکی), Fars, Iran; DOB 06 Sep 1966; POB Tuyserkan, Iran; nationality Iran; Additional Sanctions Information - Subject to Secondary Sanctions; Gender Male; LEF Commander of Fars Province (individual) [IRAN-HR] (Linked To: LAW ENFORCEMENT FORCES OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(C) of E.O. 13553 for having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, the LAW ENFORCEMENT FORCES OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13553.

5. LARIJANI, Ali (Arabic: علی لاریجانی) (a.k.a. LARIJANI, Ali Ardeshir), Tehran, Iran; DOB 03 Jun 1958; POB Najaf, Iraq; nationality Iran; Additional Sanctions Information - Subject to Secondary Sanctions; Gender Male; Passport D10010646 (Iran) expires 05 Sep 2027 (individual) [IRAN-EO13876] (Linked To: KHAMENEI, Ali Husseini).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(D) of Executive Order 13876 of June 24, 2019, "Imposing Sanctions With Respect to Iran," 84 FR 30573, 3 CFR, 2019 Comp., p. 326 (E.O. 13876), for having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, the SUPREME LEADER OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13876.

6. ARDAKANI, Masoud Mahdavi (Arabic: مسعود مهدوی اردکانی), Tehran, Iran; DOB 06 Sep 1970; nationality Iran; Additional Sanctions Information - Subject to Secondary Sanctions; Gender Male; National ID No. 1286869943 (Iran) (individual) [IRAN-EO13902] (Linked To: TEJARAT HERMES ENERGY QESHM).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iv) of E.O. 13902 for being owned or controlled by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, TEJARAT HERMES ENERGY QESHM.

7. GIVARI, Akbar (Arabic: اکبر گیوری), Iran; DOB 02 Sep 1970; nationality Iran; Additional Sanctions Information - Subject to Secondary Sanctions; Gender Male; National ID No. 0055924263 (Iran) (individual) [IRAN-EO13902] (Linked To: TEJARAT HERMES ENERGY QESHM).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iv) of E.O. 13902 for being owned or controlled by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, TEJARAT HERMES ENERGY QESHM.

8. SHAMANI, Masoud (Arabic: مسعود شامانی), Iran; DOB 22 Jun 1980; nationality Iran; Additional Sanctions Information - Subject to Secondary Sanctions; Gender Male; National ID No. 4579317599 (Iran) (individual) [IRAN-EO13902] (Linked To: TEJARAT HERMES ENERGY QESHM).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iv) of E.O. 13902 for being owned or controlled by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, TEJARAT HERMES ENERGY QESHM.

9. ABBASPOUR QOMI, Bashir (a.k.a. ABBASPOUR GHOMI, Bashir), Tehran, Iran; DOB 25 Nov 1965; POB Babol, Iran; nationality Iran; Additional Sanctions Information - Subject to Secondary Sanctions; Gender Male; National ID No. 2061931111 (Iran) (individual) [IRAN-EO13902].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 13902 for operating in the financial sector of the Iranian economy.

10. KHAMER, Hamid Reza (a.k.a. KHAMR, Hamid Reza), Tehran, Iran; DOB 24 Nov 1967; nationality Iran; Additional Sanctions Information - Subject to Secondary Sanctions; Gender Male; National ID No. 2754194371 (Iran) (individual) [IRAN-EO13902].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 13902 for operating in the financial sector of the Iranian economy.

11. RASHNO, Mehdi (a.k.a. RASHNO, Mahdi; a.k.a. RASHNU, Mehdi), Tehran, Iran; DOB 19 May 1982; POB Borujerd, Iran; nationality Iran; Additional Sanctions Information - Subject to Secondary Sanctions; Gender Male; Passport E56456884 (Iran); National ID No. 4132286126 (Iran) (individual) [IRAN-EO13902].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 13902 for operating in the financial sector of the Iranian economy.

(Authority: E.O. 13553, E.O. 13876, E.O. 13902.)

Bradley T. Smith,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request on Consent To Disclose Tax Compliance Check

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the IRS is inviting comments on the information collection request outlined in this notice.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 23, 2026 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Andres Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email to pra.comments@irs.gov. Include "OMB Control No. 1545-1856" in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this collection should be directed to Kerry Dennis, (202) 317-5751.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IRS, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the IRS assess the impact and minimize the burden of its information collection requirements. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or

included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record, and viewable on relevant websites. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Title: Consent to Disclose Tax Compliance Check.

OMB Control Number: 1545–1856.

Form Number: 14767.

Abstract: Form 14767 is used to authorize the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to prepare a tax compliance report that discloses confidential tax information to a third-party appointee for Federal employment.

Current Actions: There is no change to the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households, and Federal government.

Estimated Number of Responses: 46,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 7,664 hours.

Dated: January 14, 2026.

Kerry Dennis,

Tax Analyst.

[FR Doc. 2026–00966 Filed 1–16–26; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment on Information Return for Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduits (REMICs) and Issuers of Collateralized Debt Obligations

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the IRS is inviting comments on the information collection request outlined in this notice.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 23, 2026 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Andres Garcias, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20224, or by email to pra.comments@irs.gov. Include “OMB Number: 1545–1099” in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this collection should be directed to LaNita Van Dyke, at (202) 317–6009.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IRS, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general

public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the IRS assess the impact and minimize the burden of its information collection requirements. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record, and viewable on relevant websites. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Title: Information Return for Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduits (REMICs) and Issuers of Collateralized Debt Obligations.

OMB Control Number: 1545–1099.

Form Number: 8811.

Abstract: Current regulations require real estate mortgage investment conduits (REMICs) to provide Forms 1099 to true holders of interests in these investment vehicles. Because of the complex computations required at each level and the potential number of nominees, the ultimate investor may not receive a Form 1099 and other information necessary to prepare their tax return in a timely fashion. Form 8811 collects information for publishing by the IRS so that brokers can contact REMICs to request the financial information and timely issue Forms 1099 to holders.

Current Actions: There is no change to the previously approved information collection.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 4 hrs. 23 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 13,140.

Dated: January 13, 2026.

LaNita Van Dyke,

IRS Tax Analyst.

[FR Doc. 2026–00882 Filed 1–16–26; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment on Buildings Qualifying for Carryover Allocations

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the IRS is inviting comments on the information collection request outlined in this notice.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 23, 2026 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Andres Garcias, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20224, or by email to pra.comments@irs.gov. Include “OMB Number: 1545–0990” in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this collection should be directed to LaNita Van Dyke, at (202) 317–6009.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IRS, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the IRS assess the impact and minimize the burden of its information collection requirements. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record, and viewable on relevant websites. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d)

ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Title: Buildings qualifying for carryover allocations.

OMB Control Number: 1545–0990.

Form Numbers: 8610, Sch A (F8610).

Abstract: State housing credit agencies (Agencies) are required by Internal Revenue Code section 42(l)(3) to report annually the amount of low-income housing credits that they allocated to qualified buildings during the year. Agencies report the amount allocated to the building owners and to the IRS in Part I of Form 8609. Carryover allocations are reported to the Agencies in carryover allocation documents. The Agencies report the carryover allocations to the IRS on Schedule A (Form 8610). Form 8610 is a transmittal and reconciliation document for Forms 8609, Schedule A (Form 8610), binding agreements, and election statements.

Current Actions: There is no change to the burden previously approved by OMB.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: State, local or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 53.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 1,353.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 4 hrs. 58 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,738.

Dated: January 13, 2026.

LaNita Van Dyke,
IRS Tax Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Agency Information Collection Activities; Requesting Comment on Form 8609 and Form 8609–A

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the IRS is inviting comments on the

information collection request outlined in this notice.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 23, 2026 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Andres Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email to pra.comments@irs.gov. Include “OMB Control No. 1545–0988” in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

View the latest drafts of the tax forms related to the information collection listed in this notice at <https://www.irs.gov/draft-tax-forms>. Requests for additional information or copies of this collection should be directed to Jason Schoonmaker, (801) 620–6008.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IRS, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the IRS assess the impact and minimize the burden of its information collection requirements. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record, and viewable on relevant websites. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Title: Form 8609, Low-Income Housing Credit Allocation Certification: Form 8609–A, Annual Statement for Low-Income Housing Credit.

OMB Control Number: 1545–0988.

Form Number: Form 8609 and Form 8609–A.

Abstract: Owners of residential low-income rental buildings are allowed a low-income housing credit for each

qualified building over a 10-year credit period. Form 8609 can be used to obtain a housing credit allocation from the housing credit agency. A separate Form 8609 must be issued for each building in a multiple building project. Form 8609 is also used to certify certain information. Form 8609–A is filed by a building owner to report compliance with the low-income housing provisions and calculate the low-income housing credit. Form 8609–A must be filed by the building owner for each year of the 15-year compliance period. File one Form 8609–A for the allocation(s) for the acquisition of an existing building and a separate Form 8609–A for the allocation(s) for rehabilitation expenditures. Treasury Decision 10036 contains final regulations setting forth recordkeeping and reporting requirements for the average income test under section 42(g)(1)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Current Actions: There is no change to the previously approved information collection.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, and farms.

Estimated Number of Responses: 33,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 12 hours, 58 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 428,265.

Dated: January 14, 2026.

Jason M. Schoonmaker,

Tax Analyst.

[FR Doc. 2026–00908 Filed 1–16–26; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request on Application for Reduced Rate of Withholding on Whistleblower Award Payment

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the IRS is inviting comments on the information collection request outlined in this notice.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 23, 2026 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Andres Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email to pra.comments@irs.gov. Include “OMB Control No. 1545–2273” in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this collection should be directed to Kerry Dennis, (202) 317–5751.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IRS, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the IRS assess the impact and minimize the burden of its information collection requirements. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record, and viewable on relevant websites. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Title: Application for Reduced Rate of Withholding on Whistleblower Award Payment.

OMB Control Number: 1545–2273.

Form Number: 14693.

Abstract: The Application for Reduced Rate of Withholding on Whistleblower Award Payment will be used by the whistleblower to apply for a reduction in withholding to minimize the likelihood of the IRS over withholding tax from award payments providing whistleblowers with a pre-award payment opportunity to substantiate their relevant attorney fees and court costs. The Whistleblower Office will review and evaluate the form and calculate the rate.

Current Actions: There is no change in burden at this time. However, the number of responses has decreased due to better estimates.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Responses: 10.

Estimated Time per Response: 45 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 8 hours.

Dated: January 8, 2026.

Kerry Dennis,

Tax Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request Concerning Source of Income From Certain Space and Ocean Activities; Source of Communications Income

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the IRS is inviting comments on the information collection request outlined in this notice.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 23, 2026 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Andres Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email to pra.comments@irs.gov. Include, “OMB Control No. 1545–1718” in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Marcus W. McCrary (470) 769–2001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IRS, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the IRS assess the impact and minimize the burden of its information collection requirements. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB

approval. All comments will become a matter of public record, and viewable on relevant websites. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Title: Source of Income from Certain Space and Ocean Activities; Source of Communications Income.

OMB Control Number: 1545–1718.

Regulation Project Number: TD 9305.

Abstract: TD 9305 contains final regulations under section 863(d) governing the source of income from certain space and ocean activities. The final regulations primarily affect persons who derive income from activities conducted in space, or on or under water not within the jurisdiction of a foreign country, possession of the United States, or the United States (in international water). The final regulations also affect persons who derive income from transmission of communications.

Current Actions: There is no change to the previously approved information collection.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 250.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 300.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 5 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,500.

Dated: January 14, 2026.

Marcus W. McCrary,

Tax Analyst.

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Title 3—

Proclamation 11001 of January 14, 2026

The President

Adjusting Imports of Processed Critical Minerals and Their Derivative Products Into The United States

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

1. On October 24, 2025, the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) transmitted to me a report on his investigation into the effects of imports of processed critical minerals and their derivative products (PCMDPs) on the national security of the United States under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1862 (section 232). Based on the facts considered in that investigation, which took into account the close relation of the economic welfare of the Nation to our national security and other relevant factors, *see* 19 U.S.C. 1862(d), the Secretary found and advised me of his opinion that PCMDPs are being imported into the United States in such quantities and under such circumstances as to threaten to impair the national security of the United States.

2. The Secretary found that PCMDPs are essential to the national security of the United States. PCMDPs are indispensable to almost every industry, including national defense programs and critical infrastructure. PCMDPs are embedded across defense and commercial supply chains and play an essential role in the production of advanced weapons systems, energy infrastructure, and everyday consumer goods. For example, rare earth permanent magnets—a derivative product of processed critical minerals—are used in and vital to nearly all electronics and vehicles.

3. The Secretary found that PCMDPs are essential to the United States' defense industrial base and the technological superiority and operational readiness of the military. PCMDPs are key components found throughout the defense industrial base, contributing to virtually all defense capabilities and activities. They are essential for the development and sustainment of high-performance military equipment, including fighter aircraft, munitions, armor plating, naval ships, communication networks, navigation systems, and surveillance systems.

4. The Secretary also found that processed critical minerals are essential to each of the 16 critical infrastructure sectors identified by National Security Memorandum 22 of April 30, 2024 (Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience). For example, the chemical sector uses critical minerals, such as lithium, fluorite, and bromine, for chemical synthesis and industrial mechanisms. The communications sector uses critical minerals, such as gallium, germanium, indium, and yttrium, in fiber optic networks and satellite systems. And the energy sector relies on critical minerals, such as cobalt, nickel, uranium, praseodymium, and terbium, for battery storage, nuclear fuel, generators, and electric vehicle motors. The Secretary determined that processed critical minerals underpin critical military and economic applications.

5. The Secretary found that the United States is too reliant on foreign sources of PCMDPs, lacks access to a sufficiently secure and reliable supply chain to PCMDPs, is experiencing unsustainable price volatility with respect to critical mineral markets, and is suffering from weakened domestic manufacturing and production capacity of PCMDPs. The Secretary found that these circumstances are a significant national security vulnerability that

could be exploited by foreign actors; weaken the industrial resilience of the United States; expose the American people to supply chain disruptions, economic instability, and strategic vulnerabilities; and jeopardize the United States' ability to meet demands for PCMDPs that are essential to its national defense and critical infrastructure.

6. As of 2024, the United States was 100 percent net-import reliant for 12 critical minerals, and 50 percent or greater net-import reliant for a further 29 critical minerals. Even where the United States has domestic mining capacity, such as for cobalt, nickel, and rare earth elements, the United States lacks the domestic processing capacity to avoid downstream net-import reliance. In fact, although the United States is the second largest producer of mined, unprocessed rare earth oxides in the world, the United States' limited processing capacity still requires rare earth oxides to be exported for further refining and processing before being reimported for domestic use. As a result, the United States is too entirely reliant on imports of rare earth permanent magnets to meet commercial demand, and United States production currently meets only a fraction of defense needs. Mining a mineral domestically does not safeguard the national security of the United States if the United States remains dependent on a foreign country for the processing of that mineral.

7. In addition, the Secretary found that the United States lacks access to a sufficiently secure and reliable supply chain for PCMDPs. Even with respect to the minerals for which the United States has only partial import reliance, supply disruptions can still expose important sectors—such as defense, aerospace, telecommunications, and transportation—to serious risk. For example, the limited capacity of the domestic critical minerals industry, combined with foreign dominance, has exposed the Department of War (DoW) to significant supply chain risks. For several key minerals, the vast majority of DoW supply chains rely on at least one supplier from a single country, underscoring the urgent need to diversify sources and build resilient domestic capabilities.

8. The Secretary further found that critical mineral markets are prone to price volatility. Price volatility hinders private sector investment; limits market-based economies' willingness to maintain capacity; leads to facility closures; and threatens the long-term viability of domestic mining, processing, and downstream manufacturing capacity.

9. The Secretary also found that critical mineral production in the United States has been declining. The United States has experienced the closure or reduction in size of facilities related to critical mineral production, and some United States producers of critical minerals have offshored their activities to foreign countries.

10. The Secretary found that despite the decline in refining, manufacturing, and production of critical minerals in the United States, United States demand for critical minerals is rapidly increasing and will continue to increase. Contributing to the increased United States demand are vital national security and economic activities, including rising military threats and growing high-tech industries, such as artificial intelligence, data centers, nuclear energy, and new energy technologies.

11. In the Secretary's opinion, it is imperative to the national security to address these vulnerabilities. In the Secretary's view, the United States must, among other things, ensure that it has a secure supply chain to obtain PCMDPs and that it has sufficient domestic mining and processing of critical minerals to reduce import reliance on foreign countries.

12. In light of these findings, the Secretary recommended a range of actions, including actions to adjust the imports of PCMDPs so that such imports will not threaten to impair the national security. For example, the Secretary recommended that I negotiate agreements with foreign nations to ensure the United States has adequate critical mineral supplies and to mitigate the supply chain vulnerabilities as quickly as possible. The Secretary also

suggested that it may be appropriate to impose import restrictions, such as tariffs, if satisfactory agreements are not reached in a timely manner.

13. After considering the Secretary's report, the factors in section 232(d) (19 U.S.C. 1862(d)), and other relevant factors and information, I concur with the Secretary's finding that PCMDPs are being imported into the United States in such quantities and under such circumstances as to threaten to impair the national security of the United States. In my judgment, and in light of the Secretary's report, the factors in section 232(d) (19 U.S.C. 1862(d)), and other relevant factors and information, I determine that it is necessary and appropriate to enter into negotiations with trading partners to adjust the imports of PCMDPs so that such imports will not threaten to impair the national security of the United States. Depending on the outcome of such negotiations, I may consider alternative remedies in the future, including minimum import prices for specific types of critical minerals. I therefore direct the Secretary and the United States Trade Representative (Trade Representative) to jointly pursue negotiation of agreements or continue any current negotiations of agreements, such as agreements contemplated in section 232(c)(3)(A)(i) (19 U.S.C. 1862(c)(3)(A)(i)), to address the threatened impairment of the national security with respect to PCMDPs. Depending on the status or outcome of those negotiations, I may take other measures to adjust the imports of PCMDPs to address the threat to the national security found in this proclamation.

14. Section 232 authorizes the President to adjust the imports of an article and its derivatives that are being imported into the United States in such quantities or under such circumstances as to threaten to impair the national security so that such imports will not threaten to impair the national security. Section 232 includes the authority to adopt and carry out a plan of action, with adjustments over time, to address the national security threat. That initial plan of action may include negotiations of agreements with foreign trading partners along with other measures to adjust imports to address the national security threat. If action under section 232 includes the negotiation of an agreement, such as one contemplated in section 232(c)(3)(A)(i) (19 U.S.C. 1862(c)(3)(A)(i)), the President may also take other actions he deems necessary to adjust imports and eliminate the threat to the national security, including if such an agreement is not entered into within 180 days of the date of this proclamation or is not being carried out or is ineffective. *See* 19 U.S.C. 1862(c)(3)(A).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 232, 19 U.S.C. 1862; and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, do hereby proclaim as follows:

(1) The Secretary and the Trade Representative, and any other senior executive branch officials they deem appropriate, shall jointly pursue negotiation of agreements, including those contemplated in section 232(c)(3)(A)(i) (19 U.S.C. 1862(c)(3)(A)(i)), to address the threatened impairment of the national security with respect to imports of PCMDPs from any country. In negotiating, the Secretary and the Trade Representative should consider price floors for trade in critical minerals and other trade-restricting measures. The Secretary and the Trade Representative, in consultation with any other senior executive branch officials they deem appropriate, shall, from time to time, update me on the status or outcome of the negotiations described in this proclamation. The Secretary and the Trade Representative shall provide one of these updates within 180 days of the date of this proclamation.

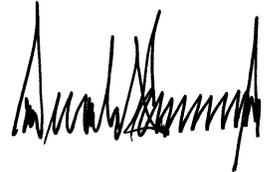
(2) To the extent consistent with applicable law and the purpose of this proclamation, the Secretary, the Trade Representative, and the Secretary of Homeland Security are directed and authorized to take all actions that are appropriate to implement and effectuate this proclamation and any actions contemplated by this proclamation, including, consistent with applicable law, the issuance of regulations, rules, guidance, and procedures and

the temporary suspension or amendment of regulations, within their respective jurisdictions, and to employ all powers granted to the President under section 232, as may be appropriate to implement and effectuate this proclamation. The Secretary, the Trade Representative, and the Secretary of Homeland Security may, consistent with applicable law, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, redelegate any of these functions within their respective executive departments or agencies. All executive departments and agencies shall take all appropriate measures to implement and effectuate this proclamation.

(3) The Secretary shall continue to monitor imports of PCMDPs. The Secretary also shall, from time to time, in consultation with any senior executive branch officials the Secretary deems appropriate, review the status of such imports with respect to the national security. The Secretary shall inform me of any circumstances that, in the Secretary's opinion, might indicate the need for further action by the President under section 232.

(4) Any provision of previous proclamations and Executive Orders that is inconsistent with the actions taken in this proclamation is superseded to the extent of such inconsistency. If any provision of this proclamation or the application of any provision to any individual or circumstance is held to be invalid, the remainder of this proclamation and the application of its provisions to any other individuals or circumstances shall not be affected.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fiftieth.



Presidential Documents

Proclamation 11002 of January 14, 2026

Adjusting Imports of Semiconductors, Semiconductor Manufacturing Equipment, and Their Derivative Products Into the United States

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

1. On December 22, 2025, the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) transmitted to me a report on his investigation into the effects of imports of semiconductors (semiconductors or chips), semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and their derivative products on the national security of the United States under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1862 (section 232). Based on the facts considered in that investigation, and taking into account the close relation of the economic welfare of the Nation to our national security and other relevant factors, *see* 19 U.S.C. 1862(d), the Secretary found and advised me of his opinion that semiconductors, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and their derivative products are being imported into the United States in such quantities and under such circumstances as to threaten to impair the national security of the United States.
2. The Secretary found that the present quantities and circumstances of imports of semiconductors, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and their derivative products pose a threat to the national security and economy. The United States' capacity to produce semiconductors, certain semiconductor manufacturing equipment such as advanced lithography and etching tools, and their derivative products is insufficient to meet domestic demand. This has led the United States to be dependent on foreign sources to meet domestic demand for semiconductors, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and their derivative products.
3. The Secretary found that semiconductors are essential to the United States' economic, industrial, and military strength. Modern defense systems depend on high-performance semiconductors for radar and communication systems, electronic warfare and cybersecurity systems, and guidance and control systems for missiles and drones. Furthermore, defense systems often require specialized semiconductors that can withstand extreme environments. This reliance on semiconductors is expected only to increase.
4. The Secretary found that semiconductors are essential to each of the 16 critical infrastructure sectors identified by National Security Memorandum 22 of April 30, 2024 (Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience). For example, the communications sector requires semiconductors for broadband networks, routing, switching, telecommunications infrastructure, smartphones, and satellite communications systems. The energy sector requires them for smart grid control and converter systems. Nuclear reactors use semiconductors for sensors and safety systems, control-rod-actuation systems, distributed control systems, and power-management systems. The medical sector uses semiconductors in its imaging systems, diagnostic-assay systems, robotic surgical systems, and in pacemakers and defibrillators.
5. The Secretary found that the United States' capacity to manufacture semiconductors is too low to meet projected national defense needs and to match the requirements of a growing commercial industry. The United

States consumes roughly one quarter of the world's semiconductors. The United States currently fully manufactures only approximately 10 percent of the chips it requires, making it heavily reliant on foreign supply chains. This dependence on foreign supply chains is a significant economic and national security risk. Given the foundational role that semiconductors play in the modern economy and national defense, a disruption of import-reliant supply chains could strain the United States' industrial and military capabilities.

6. The Secretary found that semiconductors that enable artificial intelligence (AI) are an important element of many data centers currently in use, such that the importation in current quantities and circumstances poses a threat to the national security, when such importation does not contribute to the buildout of the United States technology supply chain.

7. In light of these findings, the Secretary recommended a two-phase plan of action to adjust imports of semiconductors so that such imports will not threaten to impair the national security of the United States. In the first phase, the United States would continue ongoing trade negotiations with foreign jurisdictions that have the potential to strengthen the United States semiconductor industry. The Secretary also recommended, as part of this first phase, immediately imposing a 25 percent *ad valorem* tariff on a very narrow category of semiconductors that are an important element of my Administration's AI and technology policies, and that such tariff would not apply when the chips are imported to support the buildout of the United States technology supply chain. In the second phase—after trade negotiations have concluded—the Secretary recommended broader tariffs on semiconductors, at a rate of duty that is significant. The Secretary also recommended that this broader tariff be accompanied by a tariff offset program to enable companies investing in United States semiconductor production and certain parts of the United States semiconductor supply chain to obtain preferential tariff treatment.

8. After considering the Secretary's report, the factors in section 232(d) (19 U.S.C. 1862(d)), and other relevant factors and information, among other things, I concur with the Secretary's finding that semiconductors, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and their derivative products are being imported into the United States in such quantities and under such circumstances as to threaten to impair the national security of the United States. In my judgment, and in light of the Secretary's report, the factors in section 232(d) (19 U.S.C. 1862(d)), and other relevant factors and information, I have also determined that it is necessary and appropriate to adopt a plan of action, as described below, to adjust such imports of semiconductors, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and their derivative products so that such imports will not threaten to impair the national security of the United States.

9. I have decided to include in the plan of action negotiations to address the threatened impairment of the national security with respect to imports of semiconductors, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and their derivative products. I therefore direct the Secretary and the United States Trade Representative (Trade Representative) to jointly pursue negotiation of agreements or continue any current negotiations of agreements, such as agreements contemplated in section 232(c)(3)(A)(i) (19 U.S.C. 1862(c)(3)(A)(i)), to address the threatened impairment of the national security with respect to imported semiconductors, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and their derivative products, with any foreign jurisdiction the Secretary and the Trade Representative deem appropriate, and to update me on the progress of such negotiations within 90 days of the date of this proclamation. Under current circumstances and in light of future requirements of the United States, this action is necessary and appropriate to address the threatened impairment of the national security.

10. I have also determined that it is necessary and appropriate to impose an immediate 25 percent *ad valorem* duty rate on the import of certain

advanced computing chips and certain derivative products described in the Annex to this proclamation (Covered Products), when such importation does not contribute to the buildout of the United States technology supply chain and the strengthening of domestic manufacturing capacity for derivatives of semiconductors. I have further determined that it is necessary and appropriate that this duty rate not apply to imports of these Covered Products for use in United States data centers, for repairs or replacements performed in the United States, for research and development in the United States involving these chips, for startups in the United States, for non-data center consumer applications in the United States, for use in non-data center civil industrial applications in the United States, for use in United States public sector applications, or for other uses that the Secretary determines contribute to the strengthening of the United States technology supply chain or domestic manufacturing capacity for derivatives of semiconductors. In my judgment, the tariff regime imposed in clause (3) of this proclamation will address the threat to the national security found in this proclamation by, among other things, incentivizing the development of domestic manufacturing of certain semiconductors and their derivative products, reducing reliance on imports of certain advanced computing chips and certain derivative products, and promoting research and development in support of the United States' high-tech infrastructure and capabilities.

11. In my judgment, based on current circumstances as well as the future needs of the United States, the actions in this proclamation are necessary and appropriate to address the threat to impair the national security posed by imports of semiconductors, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and their derivatives. In particular, the actions in this proclamation will, among other things, help increase domestic production of semiconductors and reduce our Nation's reliance on foreign sources and foreign supply chains. Along with other efforts by my Administration to promote the domestic semiconductor industry, the actions in this proclamation will ensure that domestic supply chains will be able to meet current and future domestic demand for semiconductors and their derivative products, which is essential for our defense systems and industry. These actions will also incentivize domestic industry to reduce reliance on imports of semiconductors, while leveraging imported semiconductors in circumstances that accelerate AI innovation in the United States and aid in building out the domestic technology supply chain.

12. Section 232 authorizes the President to take action to adjust the imports of an article and its derivatives that are being imported into the United States in such quantities or under such circumstances as to threaten to impair the national security. Section 232 includes the authority to adopt and carry out a plan of action, with adjustments over time, to address the national security threat. This plan of action may include negotiations of agreements with foreign trading partners along with other actions to adjust imports to address the national security threat, including tariffs. If action under section 232 includes the negotiation of an agreement, such as one contemplated in section 232(c)(3)(A)(i) (19 U.S.C. 1862(c)(3)(A)(i)), the President may also take other actions he deems necessary to adjust imports to eliminate the threat that the imported article poses to the national security, including if such an agreement is not entered into within 180 days of the date of this proclamation, is not being carried out, or is ineffective. *See* 19 U.S.C. 1862(c)(3)(A).

13. Section 604 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2483) (section 604), authorizes the President to embody in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) the substance of statutes affecting import treatment, and actions thereunder, including the removal, modification, continuance, or imposition of any rate of duty or other import restriction.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 232, 19 U.S.C. 1862; section

604, 19 U.S.C. 2483; and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, do hereby proclaim as follows:

(1) The Secretary and the Trade Representative, and any senior official they deem appropriate, shall jointly pursue or continue pursuing negotiations of agreements contemplated in section 232(c)(3)(A)(i) (19 U.S.C. 1862(c)(3)(A)(i)) to address the threatened impairment of the national security with respect to imported semiconductors, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and their derivative products. Depending on the status or resolution of such negotiations, I may consider imposing significant tariffs on imports of semiconductors, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and their derivative products, as well as an accompanying tariff offset program to incentivize domestic manufacturing.

(2) Within 90 days of the date of this proclamation, the Secretary and the Trade Representative, in consultation with any senior official they deem appropriate, shall update me on the status or outcome of the negotiations directed under clause (1) of this proclamation.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this proclamation, imports of Covered Products will be subject to a 25 percent *ad valorem* duty rate. This tariff shall be effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on January 15, 2026, and shall continue in effect, unless such action is expressly reduced, modified, or terminated. This tariff is in addition to any other duties, fees, exactions, and charges applicable to such imported semiconductors, unless stated otherwise below. The duty rate described in this clause shall not apply to imports of those Covered Products for use in United States data centers, for repairs or replacements performed in the United States, for research and development in the United States, for use by startups, for non-data center consumer applications in the United States, for use in non-data center civil industrial applications in the United States, for use in United States public sector applications, or for other uses that the Secretary determines contribute to the strengthening of the United States technology supply chain or domestic manufacturing capacity for derivatives of semiconductors. In making his determination, the Secretary shall consider factors he deems relevant, including the need to address the national security threat found in this proclamation and the purpose of this proclamation.

(4) The Secretary, in consultation with the Chair of the International Trade Commission and the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), shall determine whether any modifications to the HTSUS, end-use certifications, or other administrative measures are necessary to effectuate or implement this proclamation or any actions taken pursuant to this proclamation. Any changes shall be published in a notice in the *Federal Register*.

(5) If any Covered Product is subject to tariffs under both this proclamation and other section 232 proclamations, the Covered Product shall be subject to the terms and duties imposed under this proclamation and not those imposed pursuant to any other section 232 proclamation. Covered Products subject to tariffs pursuant to clause (3) of this proclamation shall not be subject to any tariffs imposed by Executive Order 14257 of April 2, 2025 (Regulating Imports With a Reciprocal Tariff To Rectify Trade Practices That Contribute to Large and Persistent Annual United States Goods Trade Deficits), as amended; Executive Order 14193 of February 1, 2025 (Imposing Duties To Address the Flow of Illicit Drugs Across Our Northern Border), as amended; and Executive Order 14194 of February 1, 2025 (Imposing Duties To Address the Situation at Our Southern Border), as amended.

(6) No drawback shall be available with respect to the duties imposed pursuant to this proclamation.

(7) CBP may take any necessary or appropriate measure to administer the tariff imposed by this proclamation to the extent permitted by applicable law.

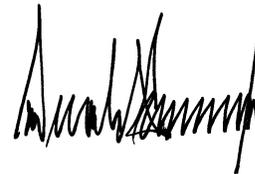
(8) Any product described in clause (3) of this proclamation, except those eligible for admission as “domestic status” as described in 19 CFR 146.43, that is subject to a duty imposed by this proclamation and that is admitted into a United States foreign trade zone on or after the effective date of this proclamation must be admitted as “privileged foreign status” as described in 19 CFR 146.41 and will be subject upon entry for consumption to any *ad valorem* rates of duty related to the classification under the applicable HTSUS subheading.

(9) The Secretary shall continue to monitor imports of semiconductors, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and their derivative products. The Secretary also shall, from time to time, in consultation with any senior executive branch officials the Secretary deems appropriate, review the status of such imports with respect to the national security. The Secretary shall inform me of any circumstances that, in the Secretary’s opinion, might indicate the need for further action by the President under section 232. By July 1, 2026, the Secretary shall provide me with an update on the market for semiconductors that are used in United States data centers, so that the President may determine whether it is appropriate to modify the tariff imposed in this proclamation. The Secretary shall also inform me of any circumstance that, in the Secretary’s opinion, might indicate that the tariff imposed in this proclamation is no longer necessary.

(10) To the extent consistent with applicable law and the purpose of this proclamation, the Secretary, the Trade Representative, and the Secretary of Homeland Security are directed and authorized to take all actions that are appropriate to implement and effectuate this proclamation and any actions contemplated by this proclamation, including, consistent with applicable law, the issuance of regulations, rules, guidance, and procedures and the temporary suspension or amendment of regulations, within their respective jurisdictions, and to employ all powers granted to the President under section 232, as may be appropriate to implement and effectuate this proclamation. The Secretary, the Trade Representative, and the Secretary of Homeland Security may, consistent with applicable law, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, redelegate any of these functions within their respective executive departments or agencies. All executive departments and agencies shall take all appropriate measures within their authority to implement this proclamation to the extent permitted by applicable law.

(11) Any provision of previous proclamations and Executive Orders that is inconsistent with the actions taken in this proclamation is superseded to the extent of such inconsistency. If any provision of this proclamation or the application of any provision to any individual or circumstance is held to be invalid, the remainder of this proclamation and the application of its provisions to any other individuals or circumstances shall not be affected.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fiftieth.

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Annex

A. Effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on January 15, 2026, subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) is modified as follows:

1. The following new U.S. note 39 is inserted in numerical order:

“(a) Except as provided for in headings 9903.79.02–9903.79.09, heading 9903.79.01 provides the ordinary customs duty treatment of semiconductor articles of all countries as described in subdivision (b) of the note.

For any such products that are eligible for special tariff treatment under any of the free trade agreements or preference programs listed in general note 3(c)(i) to the tariff schedule, the duties provided in heading 9903.79.01 shall be collected in addition to any special rate of duty otherwise applicable under the appropriate tariff subheading. Goods for which entry is claimed under a provision of chapter 98 and that are subject to the additional duties prescribed herein shall be eligible for and subject to the terms of such provision and applicable U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) regulations, except that duties under subheading 9802.00.60 shall be assessed based upon the full value of the imported article. No claim for entry or for any duty exemption or reduction shall be allowed for semiconductor articles enumerated in subdivision (b) of this note under a provision of chapter 99 that may set forth a lower rate of duty or provide duty-free treatment, taking into account information supplied by CBP, but any additional duty prescribed in any provision of this subchapter or subchapter IV of chapter 99 shall be imposed in addition to the duties in heading 9903.79.01.

All antidumping, countervailing, or other duties and charges applicable to such goods shall continue to be imposed in addition to the duties in heading 9903.79.01, except that such articles shall not be subject to:

- (1) the additional duties imposed on entries of passenger vehicles and light trucks under headings 9903.94.01, 9903.94.03, 9903.94.31, 9903.94.40, 9903.94.41, 9903.94.50, 9903.94.51, 9903.94.60 and 9903.94.61;
- (2) the additional duties imposed on entries of parts for passenger vehicles and light trucks under headings 9903.94.05, 9903.94.07, 9903.94.32, 9903.94.33, 9903.94.42, 9903.94.43, 9903.94.44, 9903.94.45, 9903.94.52, 9903.94.53, 9903.94.54, 9903.94.55, 9903.94.62, 9903.94.63, 9903.94.64 and 9903.94.65;
- (3) the additional duties imposed on entries of medium- and heavy-duty vehicles under headings 9903.74.01, 9903.74.02 and 9903.74.03;
- (4) the additional duties imposed on entries of parts of medium- and heavy-duty vehicles under headings 9903.74.08 and 9903.74.09;

- (5) the additional duties imposed on entries of semi-finished copper products and copper-intensive derivative products under heading 9903.78.01;
- (6) the additional duties imposed on entries of products of aluminum under headings 9903.85.02 and 9903.85.12;
- (7) the additional duties imposed on entries of derivative aluminum products under headings 9903.85.04, 9903.85.07, 9903.85.08, 9903.85.13, 9903.85.14 and 9903.85.15;
- (8) the additional duties imposed on entries of iron or steel products under headings 9903.81.87, 9903.81.88, 9903.81.94 and 9903.81.95;
- (9) the additional duties imposed on entries of derivative iron or steel products under headings 9903.81.89, 9903.81.90, 9903.81.91, 9903.81.93, 9903.81.96, 9903.81.97, 9903.81.98 and 9903.81.99;
- (10) the additional duties imposed on entries of articles the product of Canada under heading 9903.01.10;
- (11) the additional duties imposed on entries of articles the product of Mexico under heading 9903.01.01; and
- (12) the additional duties imposed on entries of articles under headings 9903.01.24–9903.01.76 and 9903.02.01–9903.02.71.

(b) For the purposes of this note, “semiconductor articles” refers to imported products meeting certain technical parameters and that are classifiable in the provisions of the HTSUS enumerated in this subdivision:

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To be included within the definition of semiconductor articles, the imported products must be a logic integrated circuit, or an article that contains a logic integrated circuit, that meets the technical parameters of having:

(1) a total processing performance greater than 14,000 and less than 17,500, and a total DRAM bandwidth greater than 4,500 GB/s and less than 5,000 GB/s;

or

(2) a total processing performance greater than 20,800 and less than 21,100, and total DRAM bandwidth greater than 5,800 GB/s and less than 6,200 GB/s.

For the purposes of this note, total processing performance (TPP) is $2 \times \text{“MacTOPS”} \times \text{“bit length of the operation,”}$ aggregated over all processing units on the integrated circuit. “MacTOPS” is the theoretical peak number of Tera (10^{12}) operations per second for multiply-accumulate computation ($D = A \times B + C$). The 2 in the TPP formula is based on the industry convention of counting one multiply-accumulate computation ($D = A \times B + C$) as two operations for purpose of product datasheets. Therefore, $2 \times \text{“MacTOPS”}$ may correspond to the reported TOPS or FLOPS on a product datasheet. The “bit length of the operation” for a multiply-accumulate computation is the largest bit-length of the inputs to the multiply operation. The TPP for the imported product is determined by aggregating the TPP for each processing unit on the integrated circuit: $\text{TPP} = \text{TPP}_1 + \text{TPP}_2 + \dots + \text{TPP}_n$ (where n is the number of processing units on the integrated circuit). The rate of “MacTOPS” is to be calculated at its maximum value theoretically possible. The rate of “MacTOPS” is assumed to be the highest value the manufacturer claims in annual or brochure for the integrated circuit. For example, a “TPP” threshold of 4800 can be met with 600 tera integer operations (or 2×300 “MacTOPS”) at 8 bits or 300 tera FLOPS (or 2×150 “MacTOPS”) at 16 bits. If the integrated circuit is designed for MAC computation with multiple bit lengths that achieve different “TPP” values, the highest “TPP” value should be used. For integrated circuits that provide processing of both sparse and dense matrices, the “TPP” values are the values for processing of dense matrices (e.g., without sparsity).

For the purposes of this note, “total DRAM bandwidth” refers to the aggregate memory bandwidth in gigabytes per second between the integrated circuit (IC) and dynamic random access memory (DRAM) ICs, including copackaged DRAM ICs and non-copackaged DRAM ICs. Copackaged DRAM ICs include, for example, high bandwidth memory (HBM). Non-copackaged DRAM ICs include, for example, graphics double data rate (GDDR) ICs. “Total DRAM bandwidth” does not include bandwidth from DRAM ICs accessed remotely over an interconnect medium.

(c) Heading 9903.79.02 applies to entries of articles that are classifiable under provisions of the HTSUS enumerated in subdivision (b) of this note but that do not meet the technical parameters specified in subdivision (b) of this note.

(d) Certain semiconductor articles that would otherwise meet the requirements of subdivision (b) of this note are excluded from the additional rate of duty pursuant to heading 9903.79.01. Instead, such semiconductor articles are subject to the following headings:

- (i) Heading 9903.79.03 applies to semiconductor articles for use in U.S. data centers;
- (ii) Heading 9903.79.04 applies to semiconductor articles for repairs or replacements performed in the United States;
- (iii) Heading 9903.79.05 applies to semiconductor articles for research and development in the United States involving these chips;

- (iv) Heading 9903.79.06 applies to semiconductor articles for use by startups in the United States;
- (v) Heading 9903.79.07 applies to semiconductor articles for use in non-data center consumer electronics applications in the United States, including gaming, personal computing, professional visualization, workstation applications, and automotive applications;
- (vi) Heading 9903.79.08 applies to semiconductor articles for use in non-data center civil industrial applications in the United States, including factory robotics and industrial machinery; and
- (vii) Heading 9903.79.09 applies to semiconductor articles for use in United States public sector applications.

For the purposes of this note, a “U.S. data center” refers to a facility that requires greater than 100 megawatts (MW) of new load dedicated to AI inference, training, simulation, or synthetic data generation.

For the purposes of this note, “research and development” is defined as any activity that is (a) a systematic, intensive study directed toward greater knowledge or understanding of the subject studied; (b) a systematic study directed specifically toward applying new knowledge to meet a recognized need; or (c) a systematic application of knowledge toward the production of useful materials, devices, services or methods, and includes design, development and improvement of prototypes and new processes to meet specific requirements.

For the purposes of this note, a “startup” is an “emerging growth company,” as defined at 15 U.S.C. § 77b(a)(19).

2. The following new headings are inserted in numerical sequence, with the material in each new heading inserted in the columns of the HTSUS labeled “Heading/Subheading”, “Article Description”, “Rates of Duty 1-General”, “Rates of Duty 1-Special” and “Rates of Duty 2”, respectively:

Heading/ Subheading	Article Description	Rates of Duty		
		1		2
		General	Special	
“9903.79.01	Semiconductor articles as provided for in subdivisions (a) and (b) of U.S. note 39 to this subchapter.	The duty provided in the applicable subheading + 25%	The duty provided in the applicable subheading + 25%	The duty provided in the applicable subheading + 25%

9903.79.02	Articles as provided for in subdivision (c) of U.S. note 39 to this subchapter.	The duty provided in the applicable subheading	The duty provided in the applicable subheading	The duty provided in the applicable subheading
9903.79.03	Semiconductor articles, as defined in subdivision (b) of U.S. note 39 to this subchapter, that are for use in U.S. data centers, as defined in subdivision (d) of U.S. note 39 to this subchapter.	The duty provided in the applicable subheading	The duty provided in the applicable subheading	The duty provided in the applicable subheading
9903.79.04	Semiconductor articles, as defined in subdivision (b) of U.S. note 39 to this subchapter, that are for repairs or replacement in the United States.	The duty provided in the applicable subheading	The duty provided in the applicable subheading	The duty provided in the applicable subheading
9903.79.05	Semiconductor articles, as defined in subdivision (b) of U.S. note 39 to this subchapter, that are for research and development in the United States, as defined in subdivision (d) of U.S. note 39 to this subchapter.	The duty provided in the applicable subheading	The duty provided in the applicable subheading	The duty provided in the applicable subheading
9903.79.06	Semiconductor articles, as defined in subdivision (b) of U.S. note 39 to this subchapter, that are for use by startups in the United States, as defined in subdivision (d) of U.S. note 39 to this subchapter.	The duty provided in the applicable subheading	The duty provided in the applicable subheading	The duty provided in the applicable subheading
9903.79.07	Semiconductor articles, as defined in subdivision (b) of U.S. note 39 to this subchapter, that are for use in non-data center consumer electronics applications in the United States.	The duty provided in the applicable subheading	The duty provided in the applicable subheading	The duty provided in the applicable subheading

9903.79.08	Semiconductor articles, as defined in subdivision (b) of U.S. note 39 to this subchapter, that are for use in non-data center civil industrial applications in the United States.	The duty provided in the applicable subheading	The duty provided in the applicable subheading	The duty provided in the applicable subheading
9903.79.09	Semiconductor articles, as defined in subdivision (b) of U.S. note 39 to this subchapter, that are for use in United States public sector applications.	The duty provided in the applicable subheading	The duty provided in the applicable subheading	The duty provided in the applicable subheading”

3. U.S. note 2(v) is modified by:

- a. modifying subdivision (i) by deleting “subdivisions (v)(ii) through (v)(xxiv)” in each place that it appears and inserting “subdivisions (v)(ii) through (v)(xxv)” in lieu thereof;
- b. renumbering subdivisions (xvi) through (xxiv) as (xvii) through (xxv), respectively; and
- c. adding new subdivision (xvi), in numerical order:

“The additional duties imposed by headings 9903.01.25, 9903.01.35, 9903.01.39, 9903.01.63, 9903.02.01–9903.02.73, 9903.02.80, 9903.02.83, and 9903.02.88 shall not apply to semiconductor articles provided for in heading 9903.79.01.”

4. U.S. note 2(x) is modified by:

- a. modifying subdivision (i) by deleting “subdivisions (x)(ii) through (x)(xiv)” in each place that it appears and inserting “subdivisions (x)(ii) through (x)(xv)” in lieu thereof; and
- b. adding new subdivision (xv), in numerical order:

“The additional duties imposed by heading 9903.01.77 shall not apply to semiconductor articles provided for in heading 9903.79.01.”

5. U.S. note 2(z) is modified by:

- a. renumbering subdivision (xiii) as (xiv);

- b. modifying subdivision (i) by deleting “subdivisions (z)(ii) through (z)(xiii)” in each place that it appears and inserting “subdivisions (z)(ii) through (z)(xiv)” in lieu thereof; and
 - c. adding new subdivision (xiii), in numerical order:

“The additional duties imposed by heading 9903.01.84 shall not apply to semiconductor articles provided for in heading 9903.79.01.”
6. Heading 9903.01.33 is modified by:
 - a. deleting “semi-finished copper;” and inserting “semiconductor articles; semi-finished copper;” in lieu thereof; and
 - b. deleting “subdivisions (v)(vi) through (v)(xv)” and inserting “subdivisions (v)(vi) through (v)(xvi)” in lieu thereof.
7. Heading 9903.01.34 is modified by deleting “subdivision (v)(xvi)” and inserting “subdivision (v)(xvii)” in lieu thereof.
8. Heading 9903.01.83 is modified by:
 - a. deleting “semi-finished copper;” and inserting “semiconductor articles; semi-finished copper;” in lieu thereof; and
 - b. deleting “subdivisions (x)(v) through (x)(xiv)” and inserting “subdivisions (x)(v) through (x)(xv)” in lieu thereof.
9. Heading 9903.01.87 is modified by deleting “semi-finished copper;” and inserting “semiconductor articles; semi-finished copper;” in lieu thereof.
10. Heading 9903.01.88 is modified by deleting “subdivision (z)(xiii)” and inserting “subdivision (z)(xiv)” in lieu thereof.
11. Heading 9903.02.74 is modified by deleting “subdivision (v)(xix)” and inserting “subdivision (v)(xx)” in lieu thereof.
12. Heading 9903.02.75 is modified by deleting “subdivision (v)(xx)” and inserting “subdivision (v)(xxi)” in lieu thereof.
13. Heading 9903.02.76 is modified by deleting “subdivision (v)(xxi)” and inserting “subdivision (v)(xxii)” in lieu thereof.
14. Heading 9903.02.77 is modified by deleting “subdivision (v)(xxii)” and inserting “subdivision (v)(xxiii)” in lieu thereof.

15. Heading 9903.02.79 is modified by deleting “subdivision (v)(xxiii)(a)” and inserting “subdivision (v)(xxiv)(a)” in lieu thereof.
16. Heading 9903.02.80 is modified by deleting “subdivision (v)(xxiii)(a)” and inserting “subdivision (v)(xxiv)(a)” in lieu thereof.
17. Heading 9903.02.81 is modified by deleting “subdivision (v)(xxiii)(b)” and inserting “subdivision (v)(xxiv)(b)” in lieu thereof.
18. Heading 9903.02.84 is modified by deleting “subdivision (v)(xxiv)(b)” and inserting “subdivision (v)(xxv)(b)” in lieu thereof.
19. Heading 9903.02.85 is modified by deleting “subdivision (v)(xxiv)(c)” and inserting “subdivision (v)(xxv)(c)” in lieu thereof.
20. Heading 9903.02.86 is modified by deleting “subdivision (v)(xxiv)(d)” and inserting “subdivision (v)(xxv)(d)” in lieu thereof.
21. Heading 9903.02.89 is modified by deleting “subdivision (v)(xxiv)(b)” and inserting “subdivision (v)(xxv)(b)” in lieu thereof.
22. Heading 9903.02.90 is modified by deleting “subdivision (v)(xxiv)(c)” and inserting “subdivision (v)(xxv)(c)” in lieu thereof.
23. Heading 9903.02.91 is modified by deleting “subdivision (v)(xxiv)(d)” and inserting “subdivision (v)(xxv)(d)” in lieu thereof.

Presidential Documents

Executive Order 14374 of January 14, 2026

Establishing a Second Emergency Board To Investigate Disputes Between the Long Island Rail Road Company and Certain of Its Employees Represented by Certain Labor Organizations

Disputes exist between the Long Island Rail Road Company and certain of its employees represented by certain labor organizations. The labor organizations involved in these disputes are the Transportation Communications Union, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

The disputes have not heretofore been adjusted under the provisions of the Railway Labor Act, as amended, 45 U.S.C. 151–188 (RLA).

An emergency board to investigate and report on these disputes was established on September 18, 2025, by Executive Order 14349 of September 16, 2025 (Establishing an Emergency Board to Investigate Disputes Between the Long Island Rail Road Company and Certain of Its Employees Represented by Certain Labor Organizations). That emergency board terminated upon submission of its report to the President. Subsequently, its recommendations were not accepted by all of the parties.

A party empowered by the RLA has requested that the President establish a second emergency board pursuant to section 9A of the RLA (45 U.S.C. 159a).

Section 9A(e) of the RLA provides that the President, upon such request, shall appoint a second emergency board to investigate and report on the disputes.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 9A of the RLA, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. *Establishment of a Second Emergency Board (Board).* There is established, effective 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on January 16, 2026, a Board composed of a chair and two other members, all of whom shall be appointed by the President to investigate and report on these disputes. No member shall be pecuniarily or otherwise interested in any organization of railroad employees or any carrier. The Board shall perform its functions subject to the availability of funds.

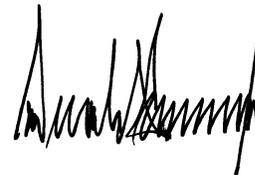
Sec. 2. *Report.* As provided by section 9A(f) of the RLA, within 30 days after the creation of the Board, the parties to the disputes shall submit to the Board final offers for settlement of the disputes. As provided by section 9A(g) of the RLA, within 30 days after the submission of final offers for settlement of the disputes, the Board shall submit a report to the President setting forth the Board's selection of the most reasonable offer.

Sec. 3. *Maintaining Conditions.* As provided by section 9A(h) of the RLA, from the time a request to establish the Board is made until 60 days after the Board submits its report to the President, the parties to the controversy shall make no change in the conditions out of which the disputes arose except by agreement of the parties.

Sec. 4. *Records Maintenance.* The records and files of the Board are records of the Office of the President and upon the Board's termination shall be maintained in the physical custody of the National Mediation Board.

Sec. 5. *Expiration.* The Board shall terminate upon the submission of the report to the President provided for in section 2 of this order.

Sec. 6. *Costs of Publication.* The costs for publication of this order shall be borne by the Department of Transportation.

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
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