

relevant here because it involves the same types of valves with this orientation. In its exemption request, the licensee stated that when leak rate testing is performed at a reduced pressure, it would conservatively assign the total measured leakage through both valves to the penetration. This is conservative because it means the licensee will assign the combined leakage value to each valve, leading to a higher measured leakage than if both valves were measured separately and had their individual leakages assigned to them. Further, this procedure is consistent with the TS surveillance requirement, which the NRC staff reviewed in the related license amendment request mentioned above.

Therefore, based on the above, the proposed exemption to allow MSIV leak rate testing at a reduced pressure enables the licensee to obtain valid and reliable test results while maintaining a conservative determination of leakage through the valves. Therefore, the NRC staff finds that conducting MSIV leak rate testing at a reduced test pressure of greater than or equal to 25 psig ensures the operability of the MSIVs and their capability to maintain containment isolation integrity under postulated accident conditions. Accordingly, based on the considerations discussed above, the NRC staff concludes that the proposed exemption would not result in an undue risk to the public health and safety.

C. The Exemption Is Consistent With the Common Defense and Security

As discussed above, the exemption would permit leak testing of the MSIVs at a pressure lower than the calculated peak containment pressure. This change in MSIV test pressure is not related to security considerations. The exemption would not alter any site security features, procedures, staffing, or other security-related matters. Therefore, the exemption does not affect the common defense and security, and the NRC staff concludes that the exemption is consistent with the common defense and security.

D. Special Circumstances

The regulation under 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2) states, in part, that “[t]he Commission will not consider granting an exemption unless special circumstances are present,” and describes, in 10 CFR 50.12(a)(i) through (vi), the conditions under which special circumstances exist. In Section II of the licensee’s exemption request, the licensee stated that two of the six special circumstances listed in 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2) are applicable to the exemption, as follows:

- 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii): Application of the regulation in the particular circumstances would not serve the underlying purpose of the rule or is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule.
- 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(iv): The exemption would result in benefit to the public health and safety that compensates for any decrease in safety that may result from the grant of the exemption;

The underlying purpose of 10 CFR part 50, Appendix J, Option B is to ensure that (a) leakage through these containments or systems and components penetrating these

containments does not exceed allowable leakage rates specified in the technical specifications; and (b) integrity of the containment structure is maintained during its service life.

Operating experience has shown that, due to the orientation of the MSIVs, testing at the inboard and outboard valves simultaneously at Pa by pressurizing the volume between the valves does not accurately reflect the isolation capabilities of the valves. The inability to achieve proper testing conditions when pressurizing between the inboard and outboard valves at Pa necessitates reperforming the leak rate testing. This is done by conducting the tests in the accident direction at Pa to accurately evaluate individual valve performance which leads to additional occupational radiation exposure.

In contrast, non-public industry operating experience, discussed when assessing whether there is an undue risk to public health and safety, has demonstrated that simultaneous testing of the inboard and outboard MSIVs by pressurizing the volume between the valves at a reduced pressure of 25 psig is effective in establishing proper test conditions. This means that testing at 25 psig is sufficient to ensure that (a) leakage through these containments or systems and components penetrating these containments does not exceed allowable leakage rates specified in the technical specifications; and (b) integrity of the containment structure is maintained during its service life. Therefore, requiring the MSIV test pressure at Pa is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the 10 CFR part 50, Appendix J.

Because compliance with the requirement to perform MSIV leak rate testing at the peak calculated containment internal pressure is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule, the NRC staff finds that the special circumstances specified in 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii) are present. Accordingly, the NRC staff concludes that special circumstances exist to support the granting of the exemption. Since the presence of one special circumstance is sufficient to support the granting of an exemption under 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2), the NRC staff did not further evaluate whether the special circumstances described in 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(iv) are present.

E. Environmental Considerations

A categorical exclusion for inspection and surveillance requirements is provided in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(vi)(C), provided that the criteria in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(i) through (v) are satisfied. In its review of the exemption request, and for the reasons discussed when concluding that there would be no undue risk to the public health and safety, the NRC staff determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25), granting the exemption: (i) does not involve a significant hazards consideration because it does not result in a significant reduction in a margin of safety, create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated, or involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; (ii) would not result in a significant change in the types or significant increase in the

amounts of effluents that may be released offsite, because the exemption does not alter or create additional pathways for effluent release; (iii) would not result in a significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational or public radiation exposure, because the exemption does not introduce new or increased radiological hazards; (iv) would not result in significant construction impacts, because the exemption does not involve construction activities; and (v) would not increase the potential for or consequences of radiological accidents. Based on the above, NRC determined that the exemption meets the eligibility criteria for the categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25). Therefore, in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with this exemption request.

IV. Conclusions

Accordingly, the NRC staff has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, the exemption is authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety, and is consistent with the common defense and security. Also, special circumstances are present. Therefore, the NRC staff hereby grants CEG an exemption from the requirement of 10 CFR part 50, Appendix J, Option B, Paragraph III.B to allow leak rate testing of the MSIVs at a reduced test pressure at Nine Mile Point, Unit 2.

This exemption is effective upon issuance. Dated: February 3, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Aida Rivera-Varona, Acting Director, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2026–164 and K2026–164]

New Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission’s consideration concerning a negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* February 17, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission’s Filing Online system at <https://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by

telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

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I. Introduction

Pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.405, the Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to Competitive negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition of a negotiated service agreement from the Competitive product list or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the Competitive product list.

The public portions of the Postal Service’s request(s) can be accessed via the Commission’s website (<http://www.prc.gov>). Non-public portions of the Postal Service’s request(s), if any, can be accessed through compliance with the requirements of 39 CFR 3011.301.¹

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, if any, that will be reviewed in a public proceeding as defined by 39 CFR 3010.101(p), the title of each such request, the request’s acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each such request, the Commission appoints an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in the proceeding, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505 and 39 CFR 3000.114 (Public Representative). The Public Representative does not represent any individual person, entity or particular

point of view, and, when Commission attorneys are appointed, no attorney-client relationship is established. Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each such request.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service’s request(s) identified in Section II, if any, are consistent with the policies of title 39. Applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR part 3041. Comment deadline(s) for each such request, if any, appear in Section II.

Section III identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, if any, to add a standardized distinct product to the Competitive product list or to amend a standardized distinct product, the title of each such request, the request’s acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. Standardized distinct products are negotiated service agreements that are variations of one or more Competitive products, and for which financial models, minimum rates, and classification criteria have undergone advance Commission review. *See* 39 CFR 3041.110(n); 39 CFR 3041.205(a). Such requests are reviewed in summary proceedings pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.325(c)(2) and 39 CFR 3041.505(f)(1). Pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.405(c)–(d), the Commission does not appoint a Public Representative or request public comment in proceedings to review such requests.

II. Public Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s).*: MC2026–164 and K2026–164; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1489 to the Competitive

Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: February 6, 2026; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative*: Christopher Mohr; *Comments Due*: February 17, 2026.

III. Summary Proceeding(s)

None. See Section II for public proceedings.
This Notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Ashley Demchak,
Alternate Federal Register Liaison.
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POSTAL SERVICE

Product Change—Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, and USPS Ground Advantage Negotiated Service Agreements & Priority Mail Negotiated Service Agreements

AGENCY: Postal Service.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service gives notice of filing a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add a domestic shipping services contract to the list of Negotiated Service Agreements in the Mail Classification Schedule’s Competitive Products List.

DATES: *Date of required notice:* February 11, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sean C. Robinson, 202–268–8405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Postal Service hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3), it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission the following requests:

Date filed with postal regulatory commission	Negotiated Service Agreement product category and No.	MC docket No.	K docket No.
01/27/26	PME–PM–GA 1480	MC2026–152	K2026–152
02/04/26	PME–PM–GA 1481	MC2026–154	K2026–154
02/04/26	PME–PM–GA 1482	MC2026–155	K2026–155
02/04/26	PME–PM–GA 1483	MC2026–156	K2026–156
02/04/26	PME–PM–GA 1484	MC2026–157	K2026–157
02/04/26	PME–PM–GA 1485	MC2026–158	K2026–158
02/04/26	PME–PM–GA 1486	MC2026–159	K2026–159
01/30/26	PM 952	MC2026–160	K2026–160
02/03/26	PME–PM–GA 1487	MC2026–161	K2026–161
02/03/26	PME–PM–GA 1488	MC2026–162	K2026–162
02/05/26	PM 953	MC2026–163	K2026–163
02/06/26	PME–PM–GA 1489	MC2026–164	K2026–164

¹ See Docket No. RM2018–3, Order Adopting Final Rules Relating to Non-Public Information, June 27, 2018, Attachment A at 19–22 (Order No. 4679).