

subsequent revisions shall be filed no less frequently than annually. (45 FR 30614; May 9, 1980). The rule change promulgated in August 1992 (57 FR 39358; August 31, 1992) was intended to provide a reduction in regulatory burden by providing licensees with the option to submit FSAR updates once per refueling outage, not to exceed 24 months between successive updates, instead of annually. The rule change promulgated in 1992 provided the second option to submit the FSAR updates on a frequency not to exceed 24 months, tied to the refueling cycle upon the basis that the majority of the facility design changes are affected during the refueling outage and, therefore, the use of the refueling cycle provides for a current plant status document that is coordinated with plant changes. Currently, Vogtle, Units 3 and 4, submit a combined UFSAR for each site every 18 months, not to exceed 24 months from the last submittal.

SNC stated in the letter dated August 14, 2024:

With respect to decoupling the reporting frequency from refueling outages as discussed in the statements of consideration, in order to reduce outage time, the majority of facility design changes are no longer implemented during refueling outages, separating the implementation of the “majority of facility design changes” from refueling outages. Thus, associating the updates with a refueling outage is no longer necessary to meet the underlying purpose of the regulation, and providing updates on a periodic basis will continue to provide the updated information to the NRC on a timely basis. Therefore, the application of the regulation is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule.

Tying the processing and submittal of the UFSAR to the refueling cycle is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule because the majority of the facility design changes are not implemented during refueling outages. Therefore, as the licensee will be providing updated FSARs on a periodic, timely basis, consistent with the maximum 24-month interval between submittals as required by the regulation, the underlying purpose of the rule will still be met, which is to ensure that an updated FSAR will be available for use in subsequent reviews or activities concerning Vogtle Units 3 and 4. Therefore, special circumstances exist under 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii) in that application of the requirements in these particular circumstances are not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule. Pursuant to 10 CFR 52.7, the Commission’s consideration of the request for exemptions from Appendix D to 10 CFR part 52, Sections X.B.2 and X.B.3.c. are governed by the exemption requirements of 10 CFR part 50, and as special circumstances are present for the exemption for 10 CFR 50.71(e), special circumstances are also present for the exemptions from Appendix D to 10 CFR part 52, Sections X.B.2 and X.B.3.c.

E. Environmental Considerations

With respect to the impact of the exemptions on the quality of the human environment, the NRC has determined that the issuance of the exemptions discussed

herein meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement, set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25).

Under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25), the granting of an exemption from the requirements of any regulation of 10 CFR chapter I (which includes 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4), and Appendix D to 10 CFR part 52, Sections X.B.2, and X.B.3.c) is an action that is a categorical exclusion, provided that certain specified criteria are met. The basis for NRC’s determination is provided in the following evaluation of the requirements in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(i)–(vi).

Requirements in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(i)

To qualify for a categorical exclusion under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(i), the exemption must involve no significant hazards consideration. The criteria for determining whether an action involves a significant hazards consideration are found in 10 CFR 50.92. The proposed action involves only a schedule change regarding the submission of an update to the UFSAR. As set forth in that regulation, there are no significant hazard considerations because granting the exemptions 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.

Requirements in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(ii)

There is no significant change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite. The proposed action involves only a schedule change, which is administrative in nature, and does not involve any changes in the types or increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite.

Requirements in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(iii)

There is no significant increase in individual or cumulative public or occupational radiation exposure. Since the proposed action involves only a schedule change, which is administrative in nature, it does not contribute to any significant increase in individual or cumulative public or occupational radiation exposures.

Requirements in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(iv)

There is no significant construction impact. Since the proposed action involves only a schedule change related to the timing for submittal of UFSAR updates, which is administrative in nature, it does not involve any construction impact.

Requirements in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(v)

There is no significant increase in the potential for or consequences from radiological accidents. The proposed action involves only a schedule change related to the timing for submittal of UFSAR updates, which is administrative in nature and does not impact the potential for or consequences from radiological accidents.

Requirements in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(vi)

The requirements from which the exemption is sought involve recordkeeping,

reporting, scheduling, or other requirements of an administrative, managerial, or organizational nature. The proposed action involves recordkeeping, reporting, and scheduling requirements, and other requirements of an administrative, managerial, or organizational nature because it is associated with the schedule for submittal of UFSAR updates pursuant to 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4) and meets that regulation’s requirement that the interval between successive updates does not exceed 24 months.

Based on the previously noted requirements, the NRC staff concludes that the proposed exemptions meet 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 the NRC’s issuance of these exemptions.

IV. Conclusions

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR part 50.12, the requested exemptions are authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to public health and safety, and are consistent with the common defense and security. Also, special circumstances, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii), are present. Therefore, the NRC hereby grants SNC exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4) and 10 CFR part 52, Appendix D, Sections X.B.2 and X.B.3.c to allow SNC to file its periodic updates to the Vogtle, Units 3 and 4, UFSAR by June 30 of odd-numbered years, not to exceed 24 months from the last submittal.

The exemptions are effective upon issuance.

Dated: September 9, 2024,
For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
/RA/
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Division of Operating Reactor Licensing,
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2024–631; Order No. 7492]

Competitive Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is recognizing a recently filed Postal Service document with the Commission concerning changes in rates of general applicability for Competitive products. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* September 25, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission’s

Filing Online system at <http://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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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I. Introduction and Overview

On September 5, 2024, the Postal Service filed notice with the Commission concerning time-limited changes in rates of general applicability

for Competitive products.¹ The Postal Service represents that, as required by 39 CFR 3035.102(b), the Notice includes an explanation and justification for the changes, the effective date, a schedule of the changed rates, and a schedule showing current prices that shall be restored. *See* Notice at 1. The changes are scheduled to take effect on October 6, 2024, and will roll back to current levels on January 19, 2025. *Id.*

Attached to the Notice is Governors' Decision No. 24-4, which states the new prices are in accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3632 and 3633 and 39 CFR 3035.102.² The Governors' Decision provides an analysis of the Competitive products' price changes intended to demonstrate that the changes comply with 39 U.S.C. 3633 and 39 CFR part 3035. Governors' Decision No. 24-4 at 1. The attachment to the Governors' Decision sets forth the

price changes and includes draft Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) language for Competitive products of general applicability, as well as the MCS sections with the prices that will be restored on January 19, 2025. No price changes are being made to Parcel Select, Special Services, or International Competitive products. *Id.* at 2.

The Notice also includes an application for non-public treatment of the attributable cost, contribution, and cost coverage data in the unredacted version of the annex to the Governors' Decision, as well as the supporting materials for the data.³

Planned price adjustments. The Governors' Decision includes an overview of the Postal Service's planned price changes, which is summarized in the Table I-1 below.

TABLE I-1—PROPOSED PRICE CHANGES

Product name	Average price increase (percent)
Domestic Competitive Products	
Priority Mail Express	4.9
Retail	4.9
Commercial (Base and Plus)	4.9
Priority Mail	5.5
Retail	5.3
Commercial (Base and Plus)	5.6
USPS Ground Advantage	6.4
Retail	6.2
Commercial	6.5
Limited Overland Routes	10.3

Source: *See* Governors' Decision No. 24-4 at 2.

II. Initial Administrative Actions

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2024-631 to consider the Postal Service's Notice. Interested persons may express views and offer comments on whether the planned changes are consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, and 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR 3040 subparts B and E. Comments are due no later than September 25, 2024. For specific details of the planned price changes, interested persons are encouraged to review the Notice, which is available on the Commission's website at www.prc.gov.

Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Christopher C. Mohr is appointed to serve as Public Representative to represent the interests of the general public in this docket.

¹ USPS Notice of Time-Limited Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products, September 5, 2024 (Notice). Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3632(b)(2), the Postal Service is obligated to publish the Governors' Decision and record of proceedings

III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2024-631 to provide interested persons an opportunity to express views and offer comments on whether the planned changes are consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, and 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR part 3040 subparts B and E.

2. Comments are due no later than September 25, 2024.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Christopher C. Mohr to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this docket.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the **Federal Register**.

in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the effective date of the new rates.

² Notice, Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products (Governors'

By the Commission.

Erica A. Barker,
Secretary.

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New Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

Decision No. 24-4), at 1 (Governors' Decision No. 24-4).

³ Notice at 1-2; Notice, Application of the United States Postal Service for Non-Public Treatment of Materials, at 1.