

D. Special Circumstances

The licensee has asserted that continuing to maintain DAFAS in the plant licensing basis represents an undue hardship in accordance with 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(iii) due to its obsolescence. DAFAS is no longer supported by the vendor and spare parts are not readily available for the system. Significant engineering resources are required to reverse-engineer parts and frequent fiber optic communications problems often affect DAFAS system reliability. DAFAS operates on a vendor-supplied proprietary platform that is unique to Palo Verde. The vendor is no longer in business and Palo Verde can no longer obtain the Modicon programmable logic controllers, displays and associated equipment to maintain DAFAS. Since these replacement parts can no longer be obtained through generally available sources, the licensee has established that maintaining or replacing DAFAS in the given circumstances is a hardship. Furthermore, the Statement of Considerations associated with 10 CFR 50.62(c)(1) (49 FR 26038, dated June 26, 1984) state that the installation of diverse equipment to trip the turbine and initiate auxiliary feedwater have only a marginally favorable value/impact for Combustion Engineering plants such as Palo Verde. The NRC staff has concluded that the licensee has demonstrated that removal of DAFAS from the Palo Verde licensing basis represents low risk and only a minimal safety impact. Therefore, the maintaining or replacing of DAFAS in the given circumstances is an undue hardship on the licensee. For these reasons, granting an exemption to allow removal of DAFAS from the Palo Verde licensing basis supports the claimed special circumstance of undue hardship.

E. Supplemental Information

For more technical details, refer to the SE associated with this exemption under ADAMS Accession No. ML22054A005 (Enclosure 2).

F. Environmental Considerations

The NRC staff determined in the associated SE that the exemption discussed herein meets the eligibility criteria for the categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9) because the granting of this exemption involves: (i) No significant hazards consideration, (ii) no significant change in the types or a significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite, and (iii) no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure.

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 consideration of this exemption request.

IV. Conclusions

Accordingly, the Commission 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 Commission hereby grants APS an exemption from the specific requirement of 10 CFR 50.62(c)(1) to provide equipment that is diverse from the reactor trip system to automatically initiate the auxiliary (or emergency) feedwater system under conditions indicative of an ATWS. As stated above, APS will continue to meet all other requirements of 10 CFR 50.62(c)(1) at Palo Verde Units 1, 2, and 3.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of March 2022.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Gregory F. Suber,
Deputy Director, Division of Operating
Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor
Regulation.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Proposed Submission of Information Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request; Administrative Appeals

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of intent to request extension of OMB approval of information collection.

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) intends to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) extend approval, under the Paperwork Reduction Act, of a collection of information contained in its regulation on Rules for Administrative Review of Agency Decisions. This notice informs the public of PBGC's intent and solicits public comment on the collection of information.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 31, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- **Email:** paperwork.comments@pbgc.gov. Refer to OMB control number 1212-0061 in the subject line.

- **Mail or Hand Delivery:** Regulatory Affairs Division, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20005-4026.

Commenters are strongly encouraged to submit public comments electronically. PBGC expects to have limited personnel available to process public comments that are submitted on paper through mail. Until further notice, any comments submitted on paper will be considered to the extent practicable.

All submissions received must include the agency's name (Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, or PBGC) and refer to OMB control number 1212-0061. All comments received will be posted without change to PBGC's website, <http://www.pbgc.gov>, including any personal information provided. Commenters should not include any information for which disclosure is restricted by statute, such as trade secrets and commercial or financial information ("confidential business information"). Submission of confidential business information without a request for protected treatment constitutes a waiver of any claims of confidentiality.

Copies of the collection of information may be obtained by writing to Disclosure Division, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20005-4026, or calling 202-229-4040 during normal business hours. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Melissa Rifkin (rifkin.melissa@pbgc.gov), Attorney, Regulatory Affairs Division, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20005-4026; 202-229-6563. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) intends to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) extend approval, under the Paperwork Reduction Act, of a collection of information contained in its regulation on Rules for Administrative Review of Agency Decisions (29 CFR part 4003) (OMB control number 1212-0061;

expires July 31, 2022). This notice informs the public of PBGC's intent and solicits public comment on the collection of information.

PBGC's regulation on Rules for Administrative Review of Agency Decisions (29 CFR part 4003) prescribes rules governing the issuance of initial determinations by PBGC and the procedures for requesting and obtaining administrative review of initial determinations. Certain types of initial determinations are subject to administrative appeals, which are covered in subpart D of the regulation. Subpart D prescribes rules on who may file appeals, when and where to file appeals, contents of appeals, and other matters relating to appeals. Most appeals filed with PBGC are filed by individuals (participants, beneficiaries, and alternate payees) in connection with benefit entitlement or amounts. A small number of appeals are filed by companies in connection with other matters, such as plan coverage under section 4021 of ERISA or liability under sections 4062(b)(1), 4063, or 4064. For appeals of benefit determinations, PBGC has optional forms for filing appeals (Form 724) and requests for extensions of time to appeal (Form 723). PBGC needs the required information to resolve matters raised in appeals of PBGC's initial determinations.

PBGC is proposing some minor editorial and formatting changes to Forms 723 and 724. In addition, it is proposing to make the forms fillable online. These are intended to make the forms easier for appellants to complete.

The collection of information under the regulation has been approved under OMB control number 1212-0061 (expires July 31, 2022). PBGC intends to request that OMB extend its approval for another 3 years. 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.

PBGC estimates that each year there will be 300 appeals and 75 requests for extensions filed annually under this regulation. The total estimated annual burden of the collection of information is 293 hours and \$37,400.

PBGC is soliciting public comments to—

- 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;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information,

including the validity of the methodologies and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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.

Issued in Washington, DC, by:

Hilary Duke,

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2019-161]

New Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

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

DATES: *Comments are due:* April 1, 2022.

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

The Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition or removal of a negotiated service agreement from the market dominant or the competitive product list, or the

modification of an existing product currently appearing on the market dominant or the competitive product list.

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, the title of each Postal Service request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each 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 (Public Representative). Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each request.

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

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's request(s) in the captioned docket(s) are consistent with the policies of title 39. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern market dominant product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3622, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3030, and 39 CFR part 3040, subpart B. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern competitive product(s), 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 3040, subpart B. Comment deadline(s) for each request appear in section II.

II. Docketed Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s):* CP2019-161; *Filing Title:* USPS Notice of Amendment to Priority Mail Contract 530, Filed Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* March 24, 2022; *Filing Authority:* 39 CFR 3035.105; *Public Representative:* Christopher C. Mohr; *Comments Due:* April 1, 2022.

This Notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Erica A. Barker,
Secretary.

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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).