

respectively, to the licensee. The exemption is required by paragraph A.4 of section VIII, "Processes for Changes and Departures," appendix D, to 10 CFR part 52 to allow the licensee to depart from Tier 1 information. With the requested amendment, the licensee sought proposed changes to Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) Tier 2 information and plant-specific Tier 1 information, with corresponding changes to COL Appendix C. Specifically, the changes relate to the passive core cooling system (PXS) low pressure injection and fourth-stage automatic depressurization system (ADS) flow resistances. This includes proposed changes to inspections, tests, and acceptance criteria and UFSAR information in various locations.

Part of the justification for granting the exemption was provided by the review of the amendment. Because the exemption is necessary in order to issue the requested license amendment, the NRC granted the exemption and issued the amendment concurrently, rather than in sequence. This included issuing a combined safety evaluation containing the NRC staff's review of both the exemption and the license amendment request. The exemption met all applicable regulatory criteria set forth in §§ 50.12 and 52.7 of 10 CFR, and section VIII.A.4 of appendix D to 10 CFR part 52. The license amendment was found to be acceptable as well. The combined safety evaluation is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML18026A571.

Identical exemption documents (except for referenced unit numbers and license numbers) were issued to the licensee for VEGP, Units 3 and 4 (COL Nos. NPF-91 and NPF-92). The exemption documents for VEGP, Units 3 and 4, can be found in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML18026A568 and ML18026A567, respectively. The exemption is reproduced (with the exception of abbreviated titles and additional citations) in Section II of this notice. The amendment documents for COL Nos. NPF-91 and NPF-92 are available in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML18026A570 and ML18026A569, respectively. A summary of the amendment documents is provided in Section III of this notice.

## II. Exemption

Reproduced below is the exemption document issued to VEGP, Units 3 and 4. It makes reference to the combined safety evaluation that provides the reasoning for the findings made by the NRC (and listed under Item 1) in order to grant the exemption:

1. In a letter dated March 31, 2017, Southern Nuclear Operating Company

requested from the Commission an exemption to allow departures from Tier 1 information in the certified DCD incorporated by reference in 10 CFR part 52, appendix D, as part of the license amendment request (LAR-17-009) regarding PXS/ADS line resistance changes."

For the reasons set forth in Section 3.1 of the NRC staff's safety evaluation, the Commission finds that:

A. The exemption is authorized by law.

B. The exemption presents no undue risk to public health and safety.

C. The exemption is consistent with the common defense and security.

D. Special circumstances are present in that the application of the rule in this circumstance is not necessary to serve the underlying purpose of the rule.

E. The special circumstances outweigh any decrease in safety that may result from the reduction in standardization caused by the exemption.

F. The exemption will not result in a significant decrease in the level of safety otherwise provided by the design.

2. Accordingly, the licensee is granted an exemption from the certified DCD Tier 1 information, with corresponding changes to COL Appendix C, as described in the request dated March 31, 2017. This exemption is related to, and necessary for, the granting of License Amendment No. 111 [for Unit 3, 110 for Unit 4], which is being issued concurrently with this exemption.

3. As explained in Section 5.0 of the NRC staff's safety evaluation, this exemption meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment needs to be prepared in connection with the issuance of the exemption.

4. This exemption is effective as of the date of its issuance.

## III. License Amendment Request

By letter dated March 31, 2017, the licensee requested that the NRC amend the COL Nos. NPF-91 and NPF-92 for VEGP, Units 3 and 4. The proposed amendment is described in Section I of this notice.

The Commission has determined that the application for amendment 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 COL, as applicable, proposed no significant hazards consideration determination, and opportunity for a hearing in connection with these actions, was published in the **Federal Register** on June 6, 2017 (82 FR 26128). No comments were received during the 30-day comment period.

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.

## IV. Conclusion

Using the reasons set forth in the combined safety evaluation, the staff granted the exemptions and issued these amendments on March 31, 2017, as part of a combined package to the licensee (ADAMS Accession No. ML18026A565).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of March 2018.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Jennifer L. Dixon-Herrity,**

*Chief, Licensing Branch 4, Division of New Reactor Licensing, Office of New Reactors.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2018-133 and CP2018-189]

### 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 negotiated service agreements. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* March 30, 2018.

**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.

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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 3007.40.

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**II. Docketed Proceeding(s)**

1. *Docket No(s)*.: MC2018-133 and CP2018-189; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add First-Class Package Service Contract 92 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: March 22, 2018; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.*; *Public*

*Representative*: Katalin K. Clendenin;  
*Comments Due*: March 30, 2018.

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

**Stacy L. Ruble,**

*Secretary.*

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**POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket Nos. MC2018-134 and CP2018-190]

**New Postal Product**

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

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

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* April 2, 2018.

**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.

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**II. Docketed Proceeding(s)**

1. *Docket No(s)*.: MC2018-134 and CP2018-190; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Contract 426 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: March 23, 2018; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.*; *Public Representative*: Katalin K. Clendenin; *Comments Due*: April 2, 2018.

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

**Stacy Ruble,**

*Secretary.*

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**POSTAL SERVICE****Product Change—Priority Mail Negotiated Service Agreement**

**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:* March 29, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Reed, 202-268-3179.