



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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OFFICE OF THE  
CHIEF FINANCIAL  
OFFICER

May 6, 2016

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Burns  
Commissioner Svinicki  
Commissioner Ostendorff  
Commissioner Baran

FROM: Maureen E. Wylie */RA/*  
Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF FINAL RULE SIGNED BY THE CHIEF  
FINANCIAL OFFICER (RIN 3150-A154; NRC-2008-0664)

On May 6, 2016, I approved a final rule that is amending the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) licensing, inspection, and annual fee regulations to establish a variable annual fee structure for light-water small modular reactors (SMRs) under Part 171 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) and define SMRs as applicable under 10 CFR parts 170 and 171. These amendments are necessary to implement the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, as amended, which instructs the NRC to establish, by rule, a schedule of charges fairly and equitably allocating various generic agency regulatory costs among licensees and, to the maximum extent practicable, set charges that have a reasonable relationship to the cost of providing regulatory services and are based on the allocation of the Commission's resources among licensees or classes of licensees.

This notice informs the Commission that, in accordance with the rulemaking authority delegated to the Chief Financial Officer, I have signed the enclosed final rule and will forward it on May 16, 2016, to the Office of the *Federal Register* (OFR) for publication, unless otherwise directed by the Commission. Also enclosed is the Regulatory Analysis which was prepared to assist NRC staff, external stakeholders and the Commission in understanding the analytical bases of the final rule.

This final rule does not constitute a significant question of policy, nor does it amend regulations contained in 10 CFR Part 7, "Advisory Committees," or subpart C, "Government in the Sunshine Act Regulations," of 10 CFR Part 9, "Public Records," concerning matters of policy. Therefore, I find that this final rule is within the scope of my rulemaking authority, and I intend to transmit the final rule to the OFR consistent with the discussion above.

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The final rule is available in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System under Accession No. ML16054A350.

Enclosures:

1. *Federal Register* notice
2. Regulatory Analysis

cc: OGC  
Patti Craver, SECY

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