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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE MARCH 18, 2021, PUBLIC MEETING
ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 PROPOSED FEE RULE

On March 18, 2021, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) held a Category 2 public meeting with industry stakeholders and members of the public to discuss the Fiscal Year 2021 Proposed Fee Rule, which was published in the *Federal Register* on February 22, 2021, for a 30 day comment period ending on March 24, 2021. The NRC staff posted the meeting notice and agenda in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at Accession No. ML21077A009, and the presentation slides at ADAMS Accession No. ML21076A376. Enclosure 1 lists the meeting attendees who participated remotely, and Enclosure 2 provides the official transcript at the meeting.

The meeting began with a review of the ground rules, followed by opening remarks by Cherish Johnson, the Chief Financial Officer, who gave an introduction of the NRC staff from the Office of Chief Financial Officer (OCFO), the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR), and the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) who were on the panel. The meeting included a dedicated time to answer questions from members of the public. During the meeting, NRC staff presented key features of the FY 2021 Proposed Fee Rule with a discussion about how fees relate to the NRC FY 2021 enacted budget. NRC staff in NRR and NMSS discussed the Operating and New Reactors Business Lines, and the Decommissioning and Low-Level Waste Business Line, specifically the major activities that are performed, the assumptions used in the development of the budget (e.g., workload forecasting, estimated level of effort, type of work, and historical resource utilization), and the changing workload drivers that impacted the FY 2020 budget. Additionally, NRC staff provided an overview of the two proposed policy changes that are included in the FY 2021 Proposed Fee Rule. Furthermore, the NRC staff provided a forward look at efforts to develop an annual fee policy for non-light water reactors.

Enclosures:
List of Attendees
Official Transcript

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During the designated question and answer portion of the meeting, the questions primarily were focused on the operating power reactors fee class and the accurate invoicing policy changes. Regarding the operating power reactors fee class, industry stakeholders asked questions regarding the following items: 1) how the NEIMA cap on the annual fee is calculated; 2) if the NRC staff has reviewed prior year budgets and how accurate the 10 CFR Part 170 estimates were compared to actual collections; 3) how the 10 CFR Part 170 estimates in the NRC's Congressional Budget Justification compared to the estimates included in the FY 2021 proposed fee rule; and, 4) if the FY 2022 budget takes into account future plant closures. Regarding the accurate invoicing policy changes, industry stakeholders asked questions regarding: 1) whether a disputed debt is put into late charge, interest abeyance, while under review; 2) if credits can be issued against a future billing instead of receiving paper checks; and, 3) the functionality of the eBilling system and the ability to export billing data across multiple invoices, multiple quarters of invoices, and for a particular docket.

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