

party in the second action is the appellee or cross-appellee as determined in a similar manner.

(g) All parties filing a petition for extraordinary relief with the Court are petitioners. All parties to the proceeding below other than petitioners are respondents.

The proposed change to Rule 8 would read:

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(e) When a mandatory review case is filed, the accused is the appellant. The other party is the appellee.

(f) All parties filing a petition for extraordinary relief with the Court are petitioners. All parties to the proceeding below other than petitioners are respondents.

Comment: Rule 8 has been amended to better reflect the Court's internal docketing procedure.

Rule 24

Rule 24—Form, Content, and Type-Volume Limitations—currently reads:

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(e) Joint Appendix. In addition to electronically filing a joint appendix, the appellant or petitioner is responsible for filing eight paper copies of a joint appendix, which is a separate document filed contemporaneously with the brief.

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(4) Agreement and Designation. The parties are encouraged to agree on the contents of the joint appendix. In the absence of agreement, the appellant or petitioner must serve on the appellee or respondent a designation of the issues to be raised on appeal and of the parts of the record to be included in the joint appendix. Service must be made within fourteen days of the order granting the petition, the Judge Advocate General filing a certificate for review, the notice of the docketing of a mandatory review case, or the filing of a petition for new trial, petition for extraordinary relief or a writ-appeal petition. The appellee or respondent may, within fourteen days after receiving the designation, serve on the appellant or petitioner a designation of the additional parts of the record to draw to the attention of the Court. The appellant or petitioner must include the parts designated by the appellee or respondent in the joint appendix. The parties must avoid designating unnecessary parts of the record because the entire record is available to the Court. In the event a cross-appeal is filed, the Clerk will establish deadlines for designations.

The proposed change to Rule 24 would read:

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(e) Joint Appendix. In addition to electronically filing a joint appendix, the appellant or petitioner is responsible for filing eight paper copies of a joint appendix, which is a separate document filed contemporaneously with the brief.

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(4) Agreement and Designation. The parties are encouraged to agree on the contents of the joint appendix. In the absence of agreement, the appellant or petitioner must serve on the appellee or respondent a designation of the issues to be raised on appeal and of the parts of the record to be included in the joint appendix. Service must be made within seven days of the order granting the petition, the Judge Advocate General filing a certificate for review, the notice of the docketing of a mandatory review case, or the filing of a petition for new trial, petition for extraordinary relief or a writ-appeal petition. The appellee or respondent may, within seven days after receiving the designation, serve on the appellant or petitioner a designation of the additional parts of the record to draw to the attention of the Court. The appellant or petitioner must include the parts designated by the appellee or respondent in the joint appendix. The parties must avoid designating unnecessary parts of the record because the entire record is available to the Court. In the event a cross-appeal is filed, the Clerk will establish deadlines for designations.

Comment: Rule 24 has been amended to ensure that parties propose and respond to joint appendix requests within the twenty-one-day deadline for joint appendix filing.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Science and Technology Reinvention Laboratory (STRL) Personnel Demonstration Project Program

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (USD(R&E)), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of amendment; STRL Personnel Demonstration Project probationary and trial period waivers.

SUMMARY: This notice amends STRL Personnel Demonstration Project Federal Register Notices (FRNs) by changing the waiver citations for probationary periods.

DATES: Implementation of this authority will begin no earlier than April 21, 2026.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As authorized by 10 United States Code (U.S.C.) 4121, the Secretary of Defense,

through the USD(R&E), conducts personnel demonstration projects at DoD laboratories designated as STRLs. The 24 current STRLs are:

- Air Force Research Laboratory
- Joint Warfare Analysis Center
- Transformation and Training Command
- Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Combat Capabilities Development Command Armaments Center
- Combat Capabilities Development Command Army Research Laboratory
- Combat Capabilities Development Command Aviation and Missile Center
- Combat Capabilities Development Command Chemical Biological Center
- Combat Capabilities Development Command Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Cyber, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Center
- Combat Capabilities Development Command Ground Vehicle Systems Center
- Combat Capabilities Development Command Soldier Center
- Communications Electronics Life Cycle Management Command Software Engineering Center
- Engineer Research and Development Center
- Medical Research and Development Command
- Technical Center, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command
- Naval Air Warfare Center
- Naval Facilities Engineering Command Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center
- Naval Information Warfare Centers, Atlantic and Pacific
- Naval Medical Research Center
- Naval Research Laboratory
- Naval Sea Systems Command Warfare Centers

- Office of Naval Research
- Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity
- Defense Health Agency Research and Development

**1. Background**

Most STRLs established extended probationary and trial periods for employees participating in personnel demonstration projects in their implementing FRNs. These FRNs waived applicable provisions of 5 CFR part 315, subpart H to allow for probationary and trial periods greater than one year and to permit termination during the extended probationary or trial period without using the adverse action procedures described in 5 U.S.C. chapter 75. Executive Order (E.O.) 14284 repealed Civil Service Rule 2.4 and established Civil Service Rule 11 (90 FR 17729). On June 24, 2025, the Office of Personnel Management published its final rule rescinding subpart H of 5 CFR part 315 and making conforming amendments (90 FR 26727). Administrative changes to STRL FRNs to waive the applicable provisions of 5 CFR part 11 are now necessary to continue using the extended probationary and trial periods described in STRL FRNs implementing personnel demonstration projects.

**2. Personnel System Changes**

Employees hired prior to June 24, 2025, and after the effective date of this notice are subject to the extended probationary or trial periods authorized in applicable STRL FRNs and associated implementing regulations.

**3. Required Waivers to Laws and Regulations**

**APPENDIX A—WAIVERS TO THE TITLE 5, U.S.C.**

Title 5, United States Code	Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations
Chapter 75, Adverse Actions, sections 7501(1), 7511(a)(1)(A)(ii), (a)(1)(B) and (a)(1)(C)(ii)—Waived to the extent necessary to apply adverse action procedures only to those not serving a probationary or trial period as described in STRL FRNs.	Part 11 Probationary and Trial Periods, parts 11.2, 11.3 and 11.4— Waived to the extent necessary to apply probationary and trial period requirements described in STRL FRNs. Part 752, sections 752.201(b) and 752.401(c)—Waived to the extent necessary to apply adverse action procedures only to those not serving a probationary or trial period as described in STRL FRNs.

**APPENDIX B—AUTHORIZED STRLS AND FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICES**

STRL	Federal Register notice
Air Force Research Laboratory .....	61 FR 60400 amended by 75 FR 53076.
Joint Warfare Analysis Center .....	85 FR 29414.
Transformation and Training Command .....	89 FR 13548.
Army Research Institute for Behavioral and Social Sciences .....	85 FR 76038.
Combat Capabilities Development Command-Armaments Center .....	76 FR 3744.
Combat Capabilities Development Command-Army Research Laboratory.	63 FR 10680.

APPENDIX B—AUTHORIZED STRLS AND FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICES—Continued

STRL	Federal Register notice
Combat Capabilities Development Command-Aviation and Missile Center.	62 FR 34876 amended by 65 FR 53142 (AVRDEC and AMRDEC merged).
Combat Capabilities Development Command-Chemical Biological Center.	74 FR 68936.
Combat Capabilities Development Command-Command, Control, Communications, Cyber, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Center.	66 FR 54872.
Combat Capabilities Development Command-Ground Vehicle Systems Center.	76 FR 12508.
Combat Capabilities Development Command-Soldier Center .....	74 FR 68448.
Communications Electronics Life Cycle Management Command Software Engineering Center.	Not yet published.
Engineer Research and Development Center .....	63 FR 14580 amended by 65 FR 32135.
Medical Research and Development Command .....	63 FR 10440.
Technical Center, US Army Space and Missile Defense Command .....	85 FR 3339.
Naval Air Systems Command Warfare Centers .....	76 FR 8530.
Naval Facilities Engineering Command Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center.	86 FR 14084.
Naval Medical Research Center .....	Not yet published.
Naval Research Laboratory .....	64 FR 33970.
Naval Sea Systems Command Warfare Centers .....	62 FR 64050.
Office of Naval Research .....	75 FR 77380.
Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Space and Naval Warfare System Center Atlantic and Pacific.	76 FR 1924.
Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity .....	Not yet published.
Defense Health Agency Research and Development .....	Not yet published.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**Combined Notice of Filings #1**

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

*Docket Numbers:* ER20-681-015; ER20-681-016.

*Applicants:* Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.

*Description:* Supplement to 02/02/2026, Notice of Change in Status of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.

*Filed Date:* 4/15/26.

*Accession Number:* 20260415-5219.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 5/6/26.

*Docket Numbers:* ER26-1500-001.

*Applicants:* Tucson Electric Power Company.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: Amendment to Order 898 Compliance Filing ER26-1500 to be effective 4/27/2026.

*Filed Date:* 4/16/26.

*Accession Number:* 20260416-5129.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 5/7/26.

*Docket Numbers:* ER26-2216-000.

*Applicants:* Tucson Electric Power Company.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to Rate Schedule No. 359 to be effective 6/15/2026.

*Filed Date:* 4/15/26.

*Accession Number:* 20260415-5201.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 5/6/26.

*Docket Numbers:* ER26-2217-000.

*Applicants:* Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: MAIT submits a new Construction Agmt—SA No. 7490 to be effective 6/16/2026.

*Filed Date:* 4/16/26.

*Accession Number:* 20260416-5023.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 5/7/26.

*Docket Numbers:* ER26-2218-000.

*Applicants:* Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 4512R1 LRE Energy Services Market Participant Agreement to be effective 4/1/2026.

*Filed Date:* 4/16/26.

*Accession Number:* 20260416-5028.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 5/7/26.

*Docket Numbers:* ER26-2219-000.

*Applicants:* Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 4492R1 Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority Market Participant Agreement to be effective 4/1/2026.

*Filed Date:* 4/16/26.

*Accession Number:* 20260416-5044.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 5/7/26.

*Docket Numbers:* ER26-2220-000.

*Applicants:* Midcontinent

Independent System Operator, Inc.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2026-04-16\_SA 4740 ATC-Forest Junction Energy GIA (E0016) to be effective 4/8/2026.

*Filed Date:* 4/16/26.

*Accession Number:* 20260416-5067.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 5/7/26.

*Docket Numbers:* ER26-2221-000.

*Applicants:* Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 3552R8 TEA and MEAN Meter Agent Agreement to be effective 4/1/2026.

*Filed Date:* 4/16/26.

*Accession Number:* 20260416-5072.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 5/7/26.

*Docket Numbers:* ER26-2222-000.

*Applicants:* APN Starfirst, LLC.

*Description:* Compliance filing:

Rebaseline to new Tariff ID no company name—request cancel of old Tariff ID to be effective 4/16/2026.

*Filed Date:* 4/16/26.

*Accession Number:* 20260416-5100.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 5/7/26.

*Docket Numbers:* ER26-2223-000.

*Applicants:* American Powernet Management, LLC.

*Description:* Compliance filing:

Rebaseline to new Tariff ID no company name—request cancel of old Tariff ID to be effective 4/16/2026.

*Filed Date:* 4/16/26.

*Accession Number:* 20260416-5103.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 5/7/26.

*Docket Numbers:* ER26-2224-000.