DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Proposed Partial Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act and Federal Debt Collection Procedures Act

On August 19, 2026, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed Partial Consent Decree with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma in the lawsuit entitled *United States* v. *Real Estate Remediation, LLC; George Blakeney; GB Services, LLC; and G&H Ventures, LLC,* Civil Action No. 4:25–cv–00289 (JFJ).

The proposed Partial Consent Decree would resolve claims the United States has brought on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (''EPA'') against Defendant Real Estate Remediation, LLC (''RER'') under Section 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (''CERCLA''), 42 U.S.C. 9607(a), regarding the Goodrich Asbestos Superfund Site in Miami, Oklahoma (the ''Site''). The proposed Partial Consent Decree would also resolve claims the United States has asserted against Defendants George Blakeney and GB Services, LLC (''GB Services'') under the Federal Debt Collection Procedures Act (''FDCPA''), 28 U.S.C. 3304–3308, for fraudulent transfers each received from RER.

Under the Partial Consent Decree, RER, George Blakeney, and GB Services (the ''Settling Defendants'') agree to make a $20,000 payment to EPA, which may be deposited in the Hazardous Substance Superfund established by section 9507 of the Internal Revenue Code. In exchange, the United States covenants not to sue (a) RER under section 107(a) for the United States' past response costs and under sections 106 and 107(a) of CERCLA regarding the Site,

(b) Blakeney for the civil claims under the FDCPA alleged against him in the complaint, and

(c) GB Services for the civil claims under the FDCPA alleged against it in the complaint. This settlement is based on an analysis of the Settling Defendants' limited ability to pay.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the Partial Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States* v. *Real Estate Remediation, LLC; George Blakeney; GB Services, LLC; and G&H Ventures, LLC,* Civil Action No. 4:25–cv–00289 (JFJ), D.J. Ref. No. 90–11–3–12566. All comments must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

To submit comments:	*Send them to:*
By email	*pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov.*
By mail	Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044–7611.

Any comments submitted in writing may be filed IN whole or in part on the public court docket without notice to the commenter.

During the public comment period, the Partial Consent Decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department website: *https://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees.* If you require assistance accessing the Partial Consent Decree, you may request assistance by email or by mail to the addresses provided above for submitting comments.

Thomas Carroll,

Assistant Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. STN 50–528, STN 50–529, STN–530, and 72–44; NRC–2026–2575]

Arizona Public Service Company; Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3; Indirect Transfer of Control of Licenses

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Order; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) is issuing an order approving the application dated April 24, 2026, filed by Arizona Public Service Company (APS), on behalf of Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM), Troy ParentCo LLC (Troy ParentCo), and their corporate affiliates (together, Applicants). The application sought NRC consent to the indirect transfer of control of PNM's co-ownership of the Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. NPF–41, NPF–51, and NPF–74 for the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (Palo Verde), Units 1, 2, and 3, respectively, as well as the associated general license for the Palo Verde Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) (together, the facility). No physical changes or operational changes to the facility were proposed in the application.

DATES: The order was issued on August 18, 2026, and is effective for one year.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2026–2575 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking website:* Go to *https://www.regulations.gov* and search for Docket ID NRC–2026–2575. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Bridget Curran; telephone: 301–415–1003; email: *Bridget.Curran@nrc.gov.* For technical questions, contact the individual(s) listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.
- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at *https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.* To begin the search, select ''Begin ADAMS Public Search.'' For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to *PDR.Resource@nrc.gov.* The license transfer order and the NRC staff safety evaluation supporting the order are available in ADAMS under Package Accession No. ML26197A237.
- *NRC's PDR:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to *PDR.Resource@nrc.gov* or call 1–800–397–4209 or 301–415–4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Eastern Time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jason J. Drake, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–8378; email: *Jason.Drake@nrc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The text of the order is attached.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2011 *et seq.*)

Dated: August 20, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Jason Drake,

Project Manager, Operating Reactor Licensing Branch IV, Division Licensing Projects I, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

Attachment—Order Approving Indirect Transfer of Control of Licenses

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of Arizona Public Service Company Public Service Company of New Mexico Troy ParentCo LLC Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3 and Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation Docket Nos. STN 50–528, STN 50–529, STN 50–530, and 72–44 License Nos. NPF –41, NPF–51, and NPF–74.

Order Approving Indirect Transfer of Control of Licenses

I.

Arizona Public Service Company (APS) is the licensed operator and a licensed co-owner of Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. NPF–41, NPF–51, and NPF–74 for Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (Palo Verde), Units 1, 2, and 3, respectively, and the general license for the Palo Verde Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) (collectively, the Licenses). Palo Verde is located in Maricopa County, Arizona. The other licensed co-owners (tenants-in-common), Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District; Southern California Edison Company; El Paso Electric Company; Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM); Southern California Public Power Authority; and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, hold possession-only rights for these Licenses (*i.e.,* they are not licensed to operate the facility).

II.

By application dated April 24, 2026 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML26114A391), APS on behalf of PNM, Troy ParentCo LLC (Troy ParentCo), and their corporate affiliates (together, Applicants) requested, pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Sections 50.80, ''Transfer of licenses,'' and 72.50, ''Transfer of license,'' that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) consent to the indirect transfer of control of the Licenses.

PNM is one of seven co-owners of Palo Verde Units 1, 2, and 3, and the ISFSI. APS operates Palo Verde Units 1, 2, and 3, and the ISFSI on behalf of the ownership group. According to the application, Applicants requested the indirect transfer of the Licenses so that they can complete a transaction pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated May 18, 2025 (the ''Merger Agreement''). Under the Merger Agreement, TXNM Energy, Inc. (TXNM) and, in turn, PNM, as a wholly owned subsidiary of TXNM would become wholly owned subsidiaries of Troy ParentCo.

Troy ParentCo, a Delaware limited liability company, is a wholly owned, direct subsidiary of Troy IntermediateCo LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, which is a wholly owned, direct subsidiary of Troy TopCo LP (Troy TopCo). Troy TopCo, a Delaware limited partnership, whose general partner is Troy GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, is wholly owned by Troy Aggregator LP, a Delaware limited partnership. The general partner of Troy Aggregator LP is BIP Holdings Manager L.L.C. Interests in Troy Aggregator LP are held by passive investors and limited partners that are all investment funds or vehicles directly or indirectly controlled by four entities: (i) BIA GP L.P., (ii) BIA GP NQ L.P., (iii) Blackstone Infrastructure Associates (Lux) S.à.r.l., and/or (iv) BXISA L.L.C. (collectively, Blackstone Infrastructure Management). These entities comprising Blackstone Infrastructure Management are, in turn, indirectly and wholly controlled by Blackstone Inc. (Blackstone). Blackstone is a publicly traded investment firm listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: BX) with nearly $1.2 trillion in assets under management.

The transaction affects only upstream corporate ownership and does not modify PNM's assets, obligations, or participation in PVNGS or the ISFSI. Accordingly, after the proposed transaction, there would be no change in the control of the operation of Palo Verde; APS would continue to make all technical decisions that do not require approval from all owners of Palo Verde. No physical changes or operational changes were proposed in the application.

A notice of consideration of approval of the application and opportunity to comment, request a hearing, and petition for leave to intervene on the application was published in the **Federal Register** (FR) on June 4, 2026 (91 FR 33772). The NRC did not receive any comments or hearing requests on the application.

Under 10 CFR 50.80 and 10 CFR 72.50, no license for a production or utilization facility or ISFSI, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, either voluntarily or involuntarily, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license to any person, unless the Commission gives its consent in writing. Upon review of the information in the application, and other information before the Commission, the NRC staff has determined that the proposed indirect transfer of control of PNM's possession-only non-operating interests in the licenses is acceptable. The proposed transferee is qualified to be the indirect holder of the licenses, and the indirect transfer of the licenses is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission pursuant thereto.

The findings set forth above are supported by an NRC staff safety evaluation dated the same date as this Order, which is available at ADAMS Accession No. ML26197A235.

III.

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 161b, 161i, and 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2201(b), 2201(i), and 2234; and 10 CFR 50.80 and 10 CFR 72.50, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the application regarding the proposed indirect transfer of control is approved for Palo Verde Units 1, 2, and 3 and the Palo Verde ISFSI.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that after receipt of all required regulatory approvals of the proposed indirect transfer action, the applicant shall inform the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation in writing of such receipt prior to the closing of the indirect transfer. Should the proposed indirect transfer not be completed within 1 year from the date of this Order, this Order shall become null and void, provided, however, that upon written application and for good cause shown, such date may be extended by order.

This Order is effective upon issuance.

For further details with respect to this Order, see the application dated April 24, 2026, and the NRC staff safety evaluation dated the same date as this Order, which are available for public inspection electronically through ADAMS in the NRC Library at *https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.* Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff by telephone at 1–800–397–4209 or 301–415–4737 or by email to *PDR.Resource@nrc.gov.*

Dated: August 18, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

/RA/

Mahmoud Jardaneh,

Acting Director, Division of Licensing Projects I, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[OMB Control No. 3235–0783]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Extension: Rule 31a–4

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549–2736

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), the Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'') has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 2a–5 (17 CFR 270.2a–5) under the Investment Company Act (the ''Act'') provides the requirements for determining in good faith the fair value of the investments of a registered investment company or companies that have elected to be treated as business development companies under the Investment Company Act (''BDCs'' and, collectively, ''funds'') for purposes of section 2(a)(41) of the Investment Company Act and rule 2a–4 thereunder. Under rule 2a–5, fair value as determined in good faith requires assessing and managing material risks associated with fair value determinations; selecting, applying, and testing fair value methodologies; and overseeing and evaluating any pricing services used. Rule 2a–5 also permits a fund's board to designate a ''valuation designee'' to perform fair value determinations. The valuation designee can be the adviser of the fund or an officer of an internally managed fund.[1] When a board designates the performance of determinations of fair value to a valuation designee for some or all of the fund's investments under rule 2a–5, this rule requires the board to oversee the valuation designee's performance of fair value determinations. To facilitate such oversight, rule 2a–5 also includes certain reporting and other requirements.[2]

Rule 31a–4 (17 CFR 270.34a–1) contains the recordkeeping requirements associated with rule 2a–5. Specifically, registered investment companies and BDCs, or their advisers, are required to maintain appropriate documentation to support fair value determinations made pursuant to rule 2a–5.[3] Further, if the board of the fund designates performance of fair value determinations to a valuation designee under rule 2a–5, the fund or adviser needs to maintain certain additional records relating to that designation.[4]

Compliance with rule 31a–4 is mandatory for any fund that needs to determine fair value under the Act. To the extent that records that are required to be created and maintained under this rule are provided to the Commission in connection with examinations or investigations, such information will be kept confidential subject to the provisions of applicable law.

There are approximately 10,047 funds that are required to comply with rule 31a–4. It is estimated that rule 31a–4 imposes an annual time burden of approximately 36 hours with an annual time cost of $15,984 per fund, resulting in total annual time burden (across all 10,047 funds) of 361,692 hours at a cost of $160,591,348.

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.

The public may view and comment on this information collection request at: *https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=202606-3235-002* or send an email comment to *MBX.OMB.OIRA.SEC_desk_officer@omb.eop.gov* within 30 days of the day after publication of this notice by September 24, 2026.

Dated: August 19, 2026.

Vanessa A. Countryman,

Secretary.

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[1] Rule 2a–5(e)(4); *see generally* Good Faith Determinations of Fair Value, Investment Company Act Release No. 34128 (Dec. 7, 2020) (''Adopting Release'').

[2] Rule 2a–5(b).

[3] Rule 31a–4(a).

[4] Rule 31a–4(b).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–106151; File No. SR–IEX–2026–28]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Investors Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Correct an Internal Cross-Reference Error in Rule 23.150

August 19, 2026.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)[1] of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the ''Act'')[2] and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,[3] notice is hereby given that, on August 13, 2026, the Investors Exchange LLC (''IEX'' or the ''Exchange'') filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the ''Commission'') the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) under the Act,[4] and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,[5] the Exchange is filing with the Commission a proposed rule change to correct an internal cross-reference error in Rule 23.150, which was inadvertently introduced by a recent rule change. The Exchange has designated this rule change as ''non-controversial'' under Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act[6] and provided the Commission with the notice required by Rule 19b–4(f)(6) thereunder.[7]

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's website at *https://www.iexexchange.io/resources/regulation/rule-filings* and at the principal office of the Exchange.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 15 U.S.C. 78a.

[3] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

[4] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[5] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

[6] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

[7] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.