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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

On September 15, 2026, Blue Energy, Inc., filed with NRC, the first part of a phased construction permit application for a utilization facility pursuant to Section 103 of the Atomic Energy Act and part 50 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities." Part 1 of the application includes an LWA request pursuant to 10 CFR 50.10(d), "Request for limited work authorization." Blue Energy's LWA application requests NRC approval to conduct certain early construction activities for a BWRX-300 plant at the Blue Energy Center—Port of Victoria Nuclear Unit 1 site located in Victoria, Texas. The submittal includes two related exemption requests as well as an environmental report and applicable portions of the preliminary safety analysis report to support the LWA and exemption reviews. The information submitted by the applicant also includes certain administrative information such as financial qualifications submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 50.33 as well as technical information submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 50.34. Blue Energy, Inc., submitted Part 1 of its application as part of a phased application approach for a construction permit for a utilization facility, as described in 10 CFR 2.101(a)(9) and 10 CFR 2.600(d). Blue Energy, Inc., intends to submit a full construction permit application no later than 18 months after this Part 1 submittal.

II. Further Information

If the NRC staff finds the Part 1 of the phased construction permit application acceptable for docketing, the staff will begin a detailed technical review. Subsequent **Federal Register** notices

will address the acceptability of the tendered application for docketing and opportunities for participation of the public during the course of the staff's review.

A copy of the application is available for public inspection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/advanced/who-were-working-with/pre-application-activities/blue-energy>.

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

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2027-1 and K2027-1]

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

DATES: *Comments are due:* October 14, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <https://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:

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I. Introduction

Pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.405, the Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to Competitive negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition of a negotiated service agreement from the Competitive product list or the modification of an

existing product currently appearing on the Competitive product list.

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 3011.301.¹

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, if any, that will be reviewed in a public proceeding as defined by 39 CFR 3010.101(p), the title of each such request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each such 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 and 39 CFR 3000.114 (Public Representative). The Public Representative does not represent any individual person, entity or particular point of view, and, when Commission attorneys are appointed, no attorney-client relationship is established. Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each such request.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's request(s) identified in Section II, if any, are consistent with the policies of title 39. Applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR part 3041. Comment deadline(s) for each such request, if any, appear in Section II.

Section III identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, if any, to add a standardized distinct product to the Competitive product list or to amend a standardized distinct product, the title of each such request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. Standardized distinct products are negotiated service agreements that are variations of one or more Competitive products, and for which financial models, minimum rates, and classification criteria have undergone advance Commission review. See 39 CFR 3041.110(n); 39 CFR 3041.205(a). Such requests are reviewed in summary proceedings pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.325(c)(2) and 39 CFR 3041.505(f)(1). Pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.405(c)–(d), the Commission does

¹ See Docket No. RM2018-3, Order Adopting Final Rules Relating to Non-Public Information, June 27, 2018, Attachment A at 19–22 (Order No. 4679).

not appoint a Public Representative or request public comment in proceedings to review such requests.

II. Public Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s)*: MC2027–1 and K2027–1; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1105 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: October 5, 2026; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative*: Christopher Mohr; *Comments Due*: October 14, 2026.

III. Summary Proceeding(s)

None. See Section II for public proceedings.

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

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–106585; File No. SR–Phlx–2026–59]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Rule 3101 Concerning the Resumption of Trading Following a Level 3 Market-Wide Circuit Breaker Halt in Connection With the Industry's Expansion of Trading Hours to 23 Hours per Day, 5 Days per Week

October 5, 2026.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on September 25, 2026, Nasdaq PHLX LLC (“Phlx” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. 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

The Exchange proposes to amend Equity 4, Rule 3101 (“Trading Halts Due

to Extraordinary Market Volatility”) concerning the resumption of trading following a Level 3 market-wide circuit breaker halt in connection with the industry's expansion of trading hours to 23 hours per day, 5 days per week.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/phlx/rulefilings>, and at the principal office of the Exchange.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange 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 the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend Equity 4, Rule 3101 (“Trading Halts Due to Extraordinary Market Volatility”) concerning the resumption of trading following a Level 3 market-wide circuit breaker (“MWCB”) halt (“Level 3 Market Decline”)³ in connection with the industry's expansion of trading hours to 23 hours per day, 5 days per week (“23/5 Trading”). The Exchange does not intend to implement 23–5 Trading at this time. Some exchanges, however, including The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq”), are planning to offer overnight trading,⁴ and as a result, the uniform Level 3 Market Decline rules of each exchange are being modified, as explained further below.

Background

The MWCB mechanism under Rule 3101 provides an important, automatic mechanism that is invoked to promote stability and investor confidence during a period of significant stress when U.S. securities markets experience extreme broad-based declines. All U.S. equity exchanges and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”)

(collectively, the self-regulatory organizations or “SROs”) adopted uniform rules relating to the MWCB mechanism in 2012, which are designed to slow the effects of extreme price movement through coordinated trading halts across U.S. securities markets when severe price declines reach levels that may exhaust market liquidity.⁵ Such market-wide circuit breakers provide for trading halts in all U.S. cash equity and equities options markets during a severe market decline as measured by a single-day decline in the S&P 500 Index during regular trading hours.

Pursuant to Rule 3101, a market-wide trading halt will be triggered if the S&P 500 Index declines in price by specified percentages from the prior day's closing price of that index. Currently, the triggers are set at three circuit breaker thresholds: 7% (Level 1), 13% (Level 2), and 20% (Level 3). A market decline that triggers a Level 1 or Level 2 halt after 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time (“ET”) and before 3:25 p.m. ET would halt market-wide trading for 15 minutes, while a similar market decline at or after 3:25 p.m. ET would not halt market-wide trading. If a Level 3 Market Decline occurs at any time during the trading day, trading in all stocks will halt on the Exchange for the remainder of the trading day, and will resume the following trading day at 8:00 a.m. ET.⁶

Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange now proposes to amend Exchange Rule Equity 4, Rule 3101 to reflect extended trading hours under 23/5 Trading. On December 6, 2026, several exchanges, including Nasdaq, intend to offer new overnight trading sessions that would be available from 9:00 p.m. ET to 4:00 a.m. ET, significantly increasing their hours of operation in response to customer demand.

As discussed, consistent with the uniform rules in place across all SROs, current Equity 4, Rule 3101(b)(ii) provides that if a Level 3 Market Decline occurs at any time during the trading day, the Exchange shall halt trading in all stocks on the Exchange for the remainder of the trading day. Currently, that means that the earliest that any exchange would reopen trading after a Level 3 Market Decline is 4:00 a.m. ET

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 67090 (May 31, 2012), 77 FR 33531 (June 6, 2012) (SR–BATS–2011–038; SR–BYX–2011–025; SR–BX–2011–068; SR–CBOE–2011–087; SR–C2–2011–024; SR–CHX–2011–30; SR–EDGA–2011–31; SR–EDGX–2011–30; SR–FINRA–2011–054; SR–ISE–2011–61; SR–NASDAQ–2011–131; SR–NSX–2011–11; SR–NYSE–2011–48; SR–NYSEAmex–2011–73; SR–NYSEArca–2011–68; SR–Phlx–2011–129) (“MWCB Approval Order”).

⁶ See Exchange Rule Equity 1, Section 1(g).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ A “Level 3 Market Decline” means a Market Decline of 20%. See Exchange Rule 3101(a)(iv).

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34–105199 (April 10, 2026), 91 FR 20222 (April 15, 2026) (the “23–5 Approval Order”).