

April [], 2020

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Re: Utilization of Off Watch Pilots

To Whom It May Concern:

The Crescent River Port Pilots' Association ("CRPPA") calculates the charges for its pilots' services based on a published tariff, authorized by the Louisiana Pilotage Fee Commission. The tariff determines the charge for CRPPA pilots' services based on multiple variables, including the piloted vessel's tonnage, the distance that the vessel is piloted, and where and when a pilot is discharged from the vessel.

Paragraph Four in the "Miscellaneous" section of CRPPA's tariff states that CRPPA pilots may enter into agreements "with the masters or owners of vessels, agents representing masters or owners of vessels, or other affected entities or their representatives pertaining to pilotage rates, including but not limited to . . . requests for the assignment of a pilot or pilots to a vessel during those periods when all duty pilots have assignments, or have not received proper rest."

From time to time, based on vessel traffic in CRPPA's service territory, CRPPA is unable to service a vessel immediately with a rested, on-duty pilot. Upon request by vessel owners, agents, or other affected entities, CRPPA sometimes seeks volunteer pilots to work during their scheduled off-duty time. Service by such off-duty pilots is subject to negotiated pricing per the provisions of CRPPA's tariff referenced above.

Accordingly, CRPPA will begin using Paragraph Four in the "Miscellaneous" section of its tariff. Specifically, when a vessel requests a CRPPA pilot's services, but all on-duty CRPPA pilots are either assigned or have not received proper rest, the vessel may either (a) wait until an on-duty pilot is available to navigate the vessel, or (b) request that an off-duty CRPPA pilot navigate the vessel. The charge for such services by an off-duty pilot will be twice the normal rate for that pilot's services under the published tariff. If a vessel chooses to wait until an on-duty pilot is available to navigate the vessel, it will be charged the normal rate under CRPPA's tariff.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this updated policy please feel free to contact me at (504) 392-8001.

Sincerely,