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VIA EMAIL AT: hathornsh@nobrapilots.com

Captain Stephen H. Hathorn, President
Board of New Orleans - Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots Association
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RE: 2020 High Water Restrictions

Dear Captain Hathorn:

Effective Wednesday, May 13, 2020, the Board of Examiners for New Orleans-Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots for the Mississippi River (hereinafter "Board of Examiners" or "Board") rescinds the following High Water Restriction(s):

All restrictions included within the Board of Examiners' March 30, 2020 correspondence. (A copy of the Board's March 30, 2020 correspondence is attached for your convenience.).

Additionally, vessels anchoring in NOBRA's area of responsibility with a draft of 35 ft. or greater shall maintain a pilot on board while at anchor to insure the safety of the vessel¹. This emergency procedure shall remain in effect until further notice².

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Vessels anchoring in NOBRA's area of responsibility with a draft of less than 35 ft. may require a pilot to remain on board while at anchor to insure the safety of the vessel. *See* Title 46 - Professional and Occupational Standards, Part LXX. River Pilots, Subpart 3. Board of Examiners for the New Orleans and Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots, Chapter 63. Standards of Conduct § 6309. Adoption of Navigational Rules.

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This restriction was originally set to expire when the Baton Rouge gauge had a reading of 40 ft. falling in combination with the Carrollton gauge reading 16 ft. falling. *See* the Board's April 6, 2020 correspondence, a copy of which is attached for your convenience.

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All other Board of Examiners' High Water Restrictions shall remain in effect at this time.

Should you have any questions, comments or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Board.

With professional regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Robert D. Heitmeier

Captain Robert D. Heitmeier
President, NOBRA Board of Examiners

cc: Captain Lee A. Jackson, Jr., Commissioner
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Enclosures: 1. March 30, 2020 correspondence from the Board of Examiners to NOBRA re:
2020 High Water Restrictions; and
2. April 6, 2020 correspondence from the Board of Examiners to NOBRA re:
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RE: 2020 High Water Restrictions

Dear Captain Hathorn:

The Board of Examiners for New Orleans-Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots for the Mississippi River (hereinafter "Board of Examiners" or "Board"), is the sole competent pilotage authority statutorily created for the purpose of regulating, supervising and overseeing the NOBRA pilots as authorized by La. R.S. 34:1041, *et seq.* and Title 46 - Professional and Occupational Standards, Part LXX. River Pilots, Subpart 3. Board of Examiners for the New Orleans and Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots, *et seq.*

This Board is charged by the Louisiana Legislature with the responsibility of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the state of Louisiana and maintaining safety of maritime commerce along the Mississippi River. Due to the safety sensitive nature of the duties performed by state commissioned NOBRA pilots, this Board has a strong commitment to the public and maritime industry.

Therefore, in order to further enhance the safety and well being of the citizens of Louisiana, as well as to prevent any imminent peril to public health, safety and welfare, and to achieve and maintain reliable, safe and efficient pilotage services, effective immediately, when the Carrollton gauge reaches 16 ft. this Board implements the following Mississippi River restrictions:

1. All vessels operating within the Baton Rouge Harbor (*i.e.* MM 225 AHP - MM 234 AHP) shall utilize *tethered* tug escorts with adequate horsepower alongside while transiting above the I-10 bridge to the dock, as well as departing the dock and transiting downbound past the I-10 bridge;
2. Only one vessel at a time will be allowed to be underway between the I-10 bridge and the U.S. 190 bridge; and

3. Mile 170.0 AHP to Mile 232.2 AHP, all vessels shall be daylight only¹.

These emergency procedures shall remain in effect until the Baton Rouge gauge has a reading of 40 ft. falling in combination with the Carrollton gauge reading 16 ft. falling.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with the implementation of the aforementioned restrictions. Should you have any questions, comments or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Board.

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