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May 24, 2017

Board of New Orleans-Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots Association  
Attention: Captain Stephen H. Hathorn  
2805 Harvard Avenue  
Metairie, Louisiana 70006

Dear Captain Hathorn:

As you are aware, the NOBRA Board of Examiners is charged by the State of Louisiana with the responsibility of promoting and maintaining the safety of maritime commerce along the Mississippi River. To this end, and in recognition of the present river conditions with respect to the high river gages, the Board of Examiners requests that when the Carrollton Gage reaches 16 ft. the implementation of the following emergency procedures are as follows:

1. Mile 233.0 AHP to Mile 90.5 AHP, south bound vessels will be daylight only;
2. Mile 166.0 AHP to Mile 232.2 AHP, all vessels will be daylight only; and
3. Vessels anchoring in NOBRA's area of responsibility with a draft of 30 feet or greater must maintain a pilot on board while at anchor to insure safety of the vessel.

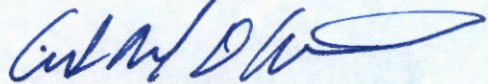
These emergency procedures will remain in effect until the Baton Rouge gage has a reading of 40 feet falling in combination with the Carrollton Gage reading of 16 feet falling.

The NOBRA Board of Examiners would like to thank the New Orleans-Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots for their efforts in maintaining a safe river by being mindful of vessel wakes and swells. We ask that you continue your vigilance in ensuring low wake/swell conditions during this high river.

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With professional regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Capt Robert D Heitmeier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Captain Robert D. Heitmeier, President

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