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DATE: 10/02/2018
POC: Lockmaster: Allen
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NOTICE NUMBER: 9249
LOCAL NUMBER: 18-17
WTRWY/CHNL: UPPER MISSISSIPPI
LOCK(S): MI 26
EFFECTIVE: 10/02/2018 04:30 thru 10/02/2018 16:00

**UNSCHEDULED LOCK CLOSURE
Melvin Price Locks & Dam
Main & Auxiliary Locks, UMR Mile 200.5**

1. At 04:30 on 2 October 2018, a 15 barge southbound tow parted lines and broke apart on its approach to the main chamber. Two full string of barges are wedged between the lower cell and short bullnose above the Dam Gates 1 & 2.
2. Both Lock chambers are closed while the barges are recovered and the tow is reassembled.
3. It is estimated that the Lock will be back in operation between 12:00 and 16:00 hours on 2 October 2018 once the tow has fully recovered.
4. All navigation interest should be alert for, and abide by, any special instructions that may be issued by the Lockmaster.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

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