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DATE: 10/05/2018

POC: Lockmaster: Allen
Barnes
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NOTICE NUMBER: 9249-2

LOCAL NUMBER: 18-17B
WTRWY/CHNL: UPPER MISSISSIPPI

LOCK(S): MI 26
EFFECTIVE: 10/02/2018 04:30 thru Until Further
Notice CDT

**HELPER BOAT REQUIREMENT
Melvin Price Locks & Dam
Main & Auxiliary Locks, UMR Mile 200.5**

1. The requirement for southbound tows to use a helper boat will continue thru the holiday weekend. Based on results, feedback, and input from Industry Pilots we will re-evaluate on Tuesday, 9 October 2018. The following safety requirements are also in effect.
2. Southbound tows will be required to wait above the Clark Bridge until the chamber is full and the liftgate is down, and will wait for the lock operators signal to approach, GREEN light is on.
3. An agreed upon experienced Industry Pilot will be placed at Mel Price to assist all southbound tows with the approach, pending security requirements and issues.
4. Southbound lockages will be limited to daylight lockage only.
5. The tow's most experienced pilot will be at the wheel when making the southbound approach.
6. 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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