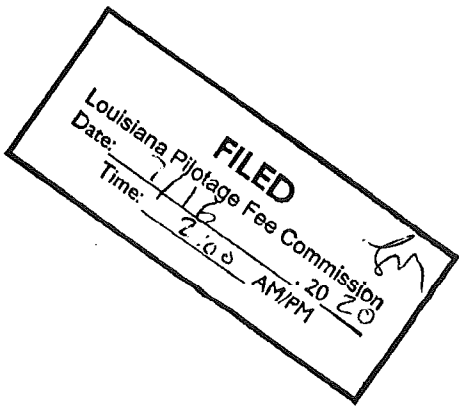
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A Cooper Company



Louisiana Pilotage Fee Commission
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Re: Louisiana Pilotage Fee Commission Docket No. P20-001

Commissioners,

On behalf of Crescent Towing, I write to encourage you to authorize the Crescent River Port Pilots' Association's ("CRPPA") recently-filed requests in the captioned docket.

CRPPA Pilots are available to serve our needs 24/7 and are a critical part of our daily operations. CRPPA Pilots guide vessels on approximately 17,000 movements a year into, out of, and through the Lower Mississippi River, and do so with a 99.98 percent safety rating, even when accounting for minor incidents. We recognize that this is an exemplary record.

Moreover, the Lower Mississippi River is seeing more and more traffic, thereby causing an increased need for CRPPA Pilots. The Port of New Orleans continues to see growing numbers each year, cruise ships are entering the area at record numbers, and no decline is predicted for the foreseeable future. CRPPA Pilots are a significant part of these successes and growth, since it is under their watch that traffic on the Lower Mississippi River is able to navigate to and from its destination safely.

The old saying of "time is money" holds especially true in the shipping industry. A delay in the arrival or departure of goods can negatively impact the operations of sellers, buyers, carriers, ports, and more. CRPPA Pilots' skill and professionalism prevents these costly delays and leads to the success of multiple industries in the area.

Crescent Towing values its relationship with the CRPPA Pilots and the services they provide to vessels traversing the area. We respectfully request that the Commission approve the CRPPA Pilots' request for increased rates and additional pilots. We believe these requests are reasonable and necessary to assure continued efficient and safe operations on the Mississippi River, which is vital to the continued success of Crescent Towing and its clients.

Sincerely,

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