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Dear Valued Dry-Cargo Customers,

This notice will be of special interest to customers that have freight moving to/from the Illinois River (especially Chicago): Brandon Road Lock and Dam (mi. 286 Illinois River) is scheduled to conduct a full closure for repairs beginning August 15 through September 4 (**20-day full closure**). To avoid demurrage charges associated with this closure, please see the **"Shipping Schedule"** portion of this letter.

Please also be aware that Brandon Road Lock will conduct two "partial closures" (70' restriction, lock closed from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily). Customers will only be billed lock delay charges during the "partial closure" period. The first partial closure period is May 9 through August 14 (**97 days**). There is the potential for lock delay to build to at least a few days of delay during this time period. The second partial closure period is September 5-8 (**4 days**). Customers may see several hours of delay during this time period.

Customers should use the following shipping schedules to avoid demurrage at origin and/or at an interchange point. The following tentative dates should be used for planning purposes. Please see our American Currents publication for additional information and updates about lock closures (www.AmericanCurrents.com).

As operating conditions dictate, these dates may be modified. Please contact your ACBL Salesperson for additional details and possible options to mitigate logistical issues.

"Shipping Schedule" Instructions for Northbound Shipping to ports above Brandon Road Lock (mi. 286):

For Customers shipping barges to destinations above mile 286 (Joliet through Lemont, Lake Calumet, Chicago, and Lake Michigan ports, you must load and release barges by the dates listed on the following schedule (to avoid demurrage charges). Barges that are loaded/released late, will be subject to demurrage charges at origin and/or at an interchange point until shipping resumes:

Port	Final Release Date before Closure	"Prescribed Blackout Dates"	First Release Date for "Reopening" (Resume Shipping)
Mobile	10-Jun	June 11-July 26	27-Jul
Houston	13-Jun	June 14-July 29	30-Jul
New Orleans	20-Jun	June 21-August 5	6-Aug
Pittsburgh	20-Jun	June 21-August 5	6-Aug
Kenova, WV	24-Jun	June 25-August 9	10-Aug
Memphis	26-Jun	June 27-August 12	13-Aug
Evansville, IN	30-Jun	July 1-August 15	16-Aug
Decatur, AL	27-Jun	June 28-August 12	13-Aug
Cairo	3-Jul	July 4-August 21	22-Aug
St. Louis	3-Jul	July 4-August 21	22-Aug

Note: All barges loading at origin using this schedule, are expected to be off-loaded and released empty at destination no later than 0700 July 24, so that barges can be prepared and reloaded, and go off the river before the closure occurs. Barges that do not meet this guideline will be subject to demurrage and/or additional charges.

"Shipping Schedule" Instructions for Southbound Shipping to ports below Brandon Road Lock (mi. 286):

For Customers shipping barges from Lake Michigan ports, Chicago, Lemont, and Joliet, you must load and release barges by the dates listed on the following schedule (to avoid demurrage charges). Barges that are loaded/released late, will be subject to demurrage charges at origin and/or at an interchange point until shipping resumes:

PORT	Final Release before Closure	First Release Date after Closure
Lake Michigan (on/across lake)	0700 August 3	upon lock opening
Lake Calumet/S.Chicago	0700 August 7	upon lock opening
Lemont/Joliet	0700 August 9	upon lock opening

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank You,

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