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2023 ACBL Upper Mississippi River Navigation Opening Letter

Dear Valued Dry-Cargo Customers,

This is our reopening plan (release dates, tentative departure plans) for the Upper Mississippi River above St. Louis. As operating conditions dictate, these dates may change. But first, here is some key lock reopening info: Locks #25 and #24, reopen 2/26 (UMR241, UMR273). Locks #22, #21, #19, #15, #12, reopen 3/2-3 (UMR301-UMR557). Locks #4 and #3, reopen 3/12 (UMR753, UMR796).

ACBL will begin accepting barge releases to destinations above St. Louis, on the Upper Mississippi River, for the following release dates (initial departures to be planned on/near these dates):

When can I begin to ship/release barges to Upper Mississippi ports above St. Louis?

See these 2 schedules - the first schedule is for barges destined Dubuque-South, the second schedule is for barges destined to above Dubuque to St. Paul:

Table with 3 columns: Origin Port, For barges destined above St.L. to Dubuque (UMR 240-581) first release date from origin, For barges destined above Dubuque to St. Paul (UMR 582-841) first release date from origin. Rows include Mobile, Houston, Lake Charles, New Iberia, New Orleans, Memphis, Little Rock, Blytheville, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Jeffersonville/Lou., Evansville, Chicago-Joliet, Morris, IL-South, Nashville, Decatur, AL, Chattanooga, Cairo, St. Louis.

Is there a penalty if I choose to ship/release barges prior to the release dates in the above schedule?

Yes. Barges loaded prior to the above scheduled release dates will be subject to demurrage while barges await departure dates from origin, and/or interchange at Cairo and/or St. Louis (prior to release dates).

What can I expect for transit times on my initial shipments to the Upper Miss?

Transit times on the initial voyages may be longer than normal due to additional time for locks and bridges to resume operations.

Please contact me if you need any clarifications, or if you have any questions regarding release dates for specific origins and destinations not listed above.

Thank You,

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