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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] U.S. Coast Guard Public Notice I-5 BRIDGE Vertical Navigation Clearance Requirements

USCG,

I can confirm that our vessels make multiple trips per year with an air draft in excess of 116 ft. Our preferred air safety gap for all vessels is 10 ft. Since 2023, our vessels have transported our derrick barges upriver of the I-5 Bridge on multiple occasions, with destinations including Lewiston, Idaho; JT Marine; Hood River; various Columbia and Snake River dams; the Port of Umatilla; and the Port of Morrow, Kennewick, Richland and multiple other upriver locations.

A reduction in bridge clearance to 116 ft would have a significant operational and economic impact on WCT Marine & Construction Inc. Several of our derrick barges and associated project cargo require air drafts well above 116 ft, and we rely on regular upriver access to support heavy-lift, marine construction, and infrastructure projects across the Columbia–Snake River system. Any reduction that restricts these transits would hinder our ability to deliver equipment to customers, reduce the scope of work we can perform on upriver projects, and could directly affect contract availability, competitiveness, and long-term business planning. In short, maintaining adequate vertical clearance is essential for WCT Marine to continue providing the heavy marine services that regional industry and public agencies depend on.

Vessel and Derrick Barge Information

Tug Voyager

- Length: 95 ft
- Air Draft: 54 ft

Tug Christie

- Length: 60 ft
- Air Draft: 48 ft

Tug Papa T

- Length: 58 ft
- Air Draft: 48 ft

DB Tongue Point

- Dimensions: 108 ft x 50 ft
- Overall Air Draft: 135 ft

DB Beaver

- Dimensions: 178 ft x 58 ft
- Overall Air Draft: 165 ft

DB 3900

- Overall Air Draft: 160 ft

DB 805

- Overall Air Draft: 160 ft

Please let me know if you need any additional details or documentation regarding these transits or equipment.

Respectfully,

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