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Mr. Matthew Keim
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Subject: Preliminary Navigation Clearance Determination – Revision.

Ref: 1. USCG letter wrt “preliminary navigation clearance determination” dated 25 Feb 19.

Dear Mr. Keim:

Reference 1 determined that your originally proposed horizontal and vertical navigation clearances and associated pile configuration for bridges 3.1 and 3.9 would not meet the reasonable needs of navigation as depicted in public notice (3.1) D13-PN05-18 drawings dated 11/01/2018, and (3.9) D13-PN06-18 drawings dated 12/11/2018.

Subsequently the Coast Guard prescribed navigation requirements that would meet the reasonable needs of navigation. BNSF revised their original design and provided updated plans. These plans were then published in a Public Notice again seeking comment from maritime stakeholder on the new navigation clearances and configuration. Based off feedback from Public Notice D13-PN03-19 and associated drawings (3.9 drawings dated 03/04/2019 and 3.1 drawings dated 3/29/2019) the Coast Guard has preliminarily determined that your revised bridge design, and associated navigation clearances/configuration, will meet the reasonable needs of navigation and are preliminarily approved.

Please feel free to contact this office if there are questions and/or concerns that you would like to discuss at further length.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steven M. Fischer".

Steven M. Fischer
District Bridge Administrator
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U.S. Coast Guard
By direction