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to operators of vessels approaching the bridge either up or downstream.

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§ 117.643 Pine River (St. Clair).

The draw of the S29 bridge, mile 0.1 at St. Clair, shall open on signal from April 1 through November 30 from 2 a.m. to 8 a.m. and from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. on the hour and one-half hour. From December 1 through March 31, the draw shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given. Public vessels of the United States, state or local vessels used for public safety, and vessels in distress shall be passed through the draw as soon as possible.

§ 117.647 Saginaw River.

(a) The draws of the Lake State Railways railroad bridge, mile 3.10 at Bay City, and the Central Michigan railroad bridge, mile 4.94 at Bay City, shall open on signal; except that, from December 16 through March 15, the draws shall open on signal if at least 12 hours advance notice is provided.

(b) The draws of the Independence bridge, mile 3.88, Liberty Street bridge, mile 4.99, Veterans Memorial bridge, mile 5.60, and Lafayette Street bridge, mile 6.78, all in Bay City, shall open on signal from March 16 through December 15, except as follows:

(1) From 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays observed in the locality, the draws need not be opened for the passage of vessels of less than 50 gross tons.

(2) From 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. except on Sundays and Federal holidays, the draws need not be opened for the passage of downbound vessels of over 50 gross tons.

(3) From 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays, the draws of the Independence and Veterans Memorial bridges need not be opened for the passage of pleasure craft except from three minutes before to three minutes after the hour and half-hour.

(4) From 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays, the draws of the Liberty Street and Lafayette Street bridges need not be opened for the passage of pleasure craft, except from three minutes before

to three minutes after the quarter hour and three-quarter hour.

(5) From December 16 through March 15, the draws of these bridges shall open on signal if at least 12 hours notice is given.

(c) The draw of the CSX railroad bridge, mile 18.0, need not be opened for the passage of vessels. The owner shall return the draw to an operable condition within a reasonable time when directed by the District Commander to do so.

(d) The draw of the Grand Trunk Western railroad bridge, mile 19.2, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

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§ 117.651 St. Joseph River.

The draws of the US33 (Blossomland) bridge, mile 0.9, and the BL-94 (Bicentennial) bridge, mile 1.3, both at St. Joseph, shall be operated as follows:

(a) From March 1 through May 14, from October 1 through December 15, and from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. from May 15 through September 30, the draws shall open on signal.

(b) From 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. from May 15 through September 30, the draw of the Blossomland bridge need be opened only from three minutes before to three minutes after the hour and half hour, and the draw of the Bicentennial bridge need be opened only from three minutes before to three minutes after the quarter and three-quarter hour.

(c) From December 16 through the last day of February, the draw of both bridges shall open on signal if at least 12 hours notice is given.

(d) Public vessels of the United States, state and local government vessels used for public safety, commercial vessels, and vessels in distress shall be passed through the draw of both bridges as soon as possible.

§ 117.653 St. Mary's Falls Canal.

The draw of the International Railway bridge, mile 1.0 at Sault Ste. Marie, shall be maintained in the fully open position during the navigation season, except for the crossings of

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trains or for maintenance. Bridge operators shall not give precedence to railway traffic and shall not close the bridge against an upbound vessel after lock gates are open and the vessel is proceeding toward the bridge, nor against a downbound vessel, 1,200 feet or less west of the bridge, unless the vessel is moored at either canal pier awaiting its turn to take position at lock approaches.

§ 117.655 Thunder Bay River.

The draw of the Second Avenue bridge, mile 0.3 at Alpena, shall open on signal if at least three hours notice is given to the Dispatcher, Police Department, City of Alpena, Michigan.

[CGD 82-025, 49 FR 17452, Apr. 24, 1984; 49 FR 37382, Sept. 24, 1984]

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§ 117.661 Duluth Ship Canal (Duluth-Superior Harbor).

The draw of the Duluth Ship Canal bridge, mile 0.1 at Duluth, shall open on signal; except that, from January 1 through March 15, the draw shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given. The opening signal is one prolonged blast, one short blast, one prolonged blast, one short blast. If the Duluth Ship Canal Bridge is disabled, the bridge authorities shall give incoming and outgoing vessels timely and dependable notice, by tug service if necessary, so that the vessels do not attempt to enter the canal. Vessels shall be given precedence over highway or railway traffic at all times.

§ 117.663 Minnesota River.

The draws of bridges above LeSueur need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

[CGD08-97-004, 63 FR 4584, Jan. 30, 1998]

§ 117.665 Red River of the North.

The draws of the bridges need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

§ 117.667 St. Croix River.

(a) The draws of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Bridge, Mile 0.2, the Prescott Highway Bridge, Mile 0.3, and the Hudson Railroad

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Bridge, Mile 17.3, shall operate as follows:

(1) From April 1 to October 31:

(i) 8 a.m. to midnight, the draws shall open on signal;

(ii) Midnight to 8 a.m., the draws shall open on signal if notification is made prior to 11 p.m.,

(2) From November 1 through March 31, the draw shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given.

(b) The draw of the Stillwater Highway Bridge, Mile 23.4, shall open on signal as follows:

(1) From May 15 through October 15, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, from:

(i) 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., every hour on the hour;

(ii) 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., every half hour;

(iii) 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., at 2:30 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.;

(iv) 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., every half hour; and

(v) 10 p.m. to 8 a.m., upon at least two hours notice.

(2) from May 15 through October 15, Saturdays, Sundays, and federal holidays from:

(i) 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., every half hour;

(ii) 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., every hour on the hour;

(iii) 8 p.m. to midnight, every half hour; and

(iv) Midnight to 8 a.m., upon at least two hours notice.

(3) From October 16 through May 14, if at least 24 hours notice is given.

(c) The draw of the Soo Line Railroad Bridge, Mile 40.7, at Otisville, need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

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§ 117.669 St. Louis River (Duluth Superior Harbor).

(a) The draws of the Burlington Northern railroad bridge, mile 5.7, shall open on signal; except that, from January 1 through March 15, the draws shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given. The opening signal for the Minnesota draw is one prolonged blast followed by two short blasts and for the Wisconsin draw is two prolonged blasts followed by two short blasts.