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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

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RIN 2115-AE47

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Sacramento River, CA-160 Highway Bridge at Isleton, Solano County, CA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) has issued a temporary deviation to regulations governing opening of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) bascule bridge over the Sacramento River at Isleton, CA (the Isleton Bridge). The deviation specifies the east leaf of the bridge need not open for the passage of vessels from January 4, 1999 through January 15, 1999. The purpose of this deviation is to allow Caltrans to remove, fabricate and replace mechanical drive bearings for the bridge lifting mechanism.

DATES: Effective period of the deviation is 9:00 a.m. January 4, 1999 through 5:00 p.m. January 15, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jerry Olmes, Bridge Administrator, Eleventh Coast Guard District, Building 50-6, Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA 94501-5100, telephone (510) 437-3515.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 22, 1998, CalTrans requested to close the east leaf of the bridge from November 30, 1998 through December 11, 1998. With one leaf operation, the horizontal clearance through the bridge, at the waterline, is 100 feet (30.5 meters). The Coast Guard contacted commercial operators who might be affected by this change in operation. A local marine contractor advised their vessel requiring 73 feet horizontal clearance was scheduled to work upstream of Isleton until mid December, 1998 and asked that the bridge repairs

be delayed. The USCG noted that the Caltrans Tower Bridge in Sacramento, on the same waterway, was scheduled to close for repair on January 1, 1999. The USCG noted also that marine interests had been advised of the work at Tower Bridge, and since they had not objected to it, they would likely not object to work during the same time period at Isleton. On November 3, 1998, the Coast Guard asked CalTrans if they would agree to postpone the work until after January 1, 1999. CalTrans rescheduled the work from January 4 through January 15, 1999. The USCG now anticipates that the economic consequences of this deviation will be minimal. The 100 ft. horizontal clearance with one leaf operation will provide sufficient clearance for other vessels requiring passage, hence it will not pose an economic burden for waterway users. The deviation from these regulations is authorized in accordance with 33 CFR 117.35. Existing operating regulations in 33 CFR 117.189 require on-demand bridge openings from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. November 1 through April 30 annually, and on four hours advance notice at all other times during that period.

Dated: December 11, 1998.

C.D. Wurster,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

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RIN 2115-AE47

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Sacramento River, CA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation to the regulations governing operation of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

vertical lift bridge (Tower Bridge), which spans the Sacramento River at mile 59.0 (km 95.0) between Sacramento, Sacramento County, and West Sacramento, Yolo County, California. The deviation specifies that the bridge need not open for the passage of vessels from January 1, 1999 through February 28, 1999. The deviation is needed to allow Caltrans and its contractors to replace the control system. The work requires the bridge to remain closed throughout the period. The Coast Guard will require the bridge be opened in emergencies if at least 4 hours advance notice is given.

DATES: Effective period of the deviation is January 1, 1999 through February 28, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jerry Olmes, Bridge Administrator, Eleventh Coast Guard District, Building 50-6 Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA 94501-5100, telephone (510) 437-3515.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard anticipates that the economic consequences of this deviation will be minimal. The bridge provides 30 feet vertical clearance over Mean High Water in the closed position. Recreational and commercial vessel traffic is limited during the winter, and most recreational vessels can transit the bridge without a bridge opening. Similarly, many of the emergency response vessels can transit the closed bridge, and the 4-hour emergency opening provision would enable the bridge to open for larger marine equipment needed for such emergencies as levee repair or other flood fighting efforts. With adequate Local Notice to Mariners and Broadcast Notice to Mariners notification, commercial vessel operators should have ample time to plan transits accordingly. This deviation from the normal operating regulations in 33 CFR 117.189 is authorized in accordance with the provisions of 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: December 11, 1998.

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Captain, U.S. Coast Guard Acting Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District.

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