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Ms. Susan Hedman Regional Administrator, Region 5 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 77 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604-3590

NPDES PROGRAMS BRANCH EPA, REGION 5

Re: <u>Lake Michigan Carferry, Inc. S.S. Badger National Pollutant Discharge</u> <u>Elimination System Individual Permit Application</u>

Dear Administrator Hedman:

In accordance with instructions from the Region 5 Water Division Director dated February 6 and 24, 2012, Lake Michigan Carferry, Inc. hereby applies for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") individual permit to authorize the discharge of coal ash from the S.S. Badger. To assist in your review, along with this cover letter we are providing the NPDES Forms 1 and 2C and a supplemental submission in response to your February 24, 2012 letter. Additionally, we will be conducting additional sampling in early June; please let us know if you would like to attend.

We look forward to working with you on the application.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Leonard Vice President – Navigation Lake Michigan Carferry, Inc.

Attachments: NPDES Forms 1 and 2C Supplemental submission with attachments

cc w/enclosures:

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