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MGEX PRESIDENT & CEO

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## NOTICE TO MEMBERS

On the evening of Monday, March 23, the tow **MV Deana Ann** passed through Lock and Dam #2 in Hastings, Minnesota. In accordance with Minneapolis Grain Exchange Rule 1001.00.1., which states, "Opening of river navigation in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area shall be seven o'clock (7:00 a.m.) on the first business day (excluding Saturday and Sunday) following the first northbound passage through Lock and Dam #2 of covered dry cargo barges originating at Burlington, Iowa, or south..."

The Mississippi River is officially declared open for navigation as of 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2009.

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