

Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports

March 28, 2013

To: Pilot Board Investigation Recommendation Committee (PBIRC) and Erik Eriksson

From: Mike Usher

Subject: Minutes of March 21, 2013 PBIRC Hearing involving MT ELKA APOLLON collision with MSC NEDERLAND

The hearing was held in the Port of Houston Authority Executive Office Building Boardroom on Thursday March 21, 2013. Committee members in attendance were Chairman Marcus Woodring, Captain Robert Thompson, Captain Mike Curtiss, Paul Caruselle, Tim Leitzell, Dave Foret, Tom Marian, and Richard Ford. Staff in attendance was General Counsel Erik Eriksson and Compliance Coordinator Mike Usher.

MT ELKA APOLLON collided with MSC NEDERLAND October 29, 2011, in the Houston Ship Channel

Proposed Findings: Following its deliberations, the PBIRC proposes the following findings:

1. No willful misconduct on the part of Captain Michael Riggle and close the matter to file.
2. No willful misconduct on the part of Captain Hill and close the matter to file.
3. No willful misconduct on the part of Captain Dunaway and close the matter to file.

Proposed Recommendations: Following its deliberations, the PBIRC proposes the following recommendation to the Board of Pilot Commissioners for Harris County Ports:

1. That Captain Riggle's post incident maneuvers were commendable and noted by the PBIRC.
2. That Captain Dunaway continue with his ship handling school plan in France and that he bring those results from the recreation back for incorporation into a bridge management team training module of some sort so that the results of that incident get shared in an effort to prevent it from potentially occurring again.