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To BPC,

At the April 16, 2026 BPC meeting, I referenced a UTC Bench Request regarding vessel traffic projections to PSP and PSP's response which included a PSP updated vessel traffic projection of 6,971. Captain Carlson stated he was fine with the bench request response being shared with BPC and here it is. This latest revision by PSP downward is different from their original projection(s) and is again lower yet than their projections listed in their BPC comment letter and conveyed verbally at the April 16th BPC meeting where they used 7,099 assignments; that 7,099 number was divided by 123 with no allowance for off watch assignments to equal 57.7. Obviously, using their latest projection as conveyed in response to the Bench Request, yields a lower number of pilots. In addition, that number would be further reduced when accounting for some off watch assignments per the Safety Committee and BPC discussions captured in documents and minutes leading up to and during the number of authorized licenses decisions at the August 2024 BPC meeting.

Recall, PMSA's projection is 6,972 (a difference of 1 assignment from the latest PSP projection) as submitted to UTC and that projection was also included/used in the PMSA letter submitted to the BPC on April 8th. The attachment to that letter walks through the calculations. Data and data sources (BPC, PSP, Marine Exchange) were used in determining the projection of 6,972. The PMSA calculations essentially replicate PSP's Dr Sami Khawaja's calculations when he made a projection analysis in the first UTC rate case. All testimony and exhibit submissions to the UTC are a matter of public record and available to anyone on line.

Regards,

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