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Re: Public Hearing concerning accident DCA04MM001 – October 15, 2003
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Dear Mr. Ford:

Your letter dated December 30, 2003 (copy attached), transmitted electronically to Mr. Pat Ryan of the Staten Island Ferry Unit of the New York City Department of Transportation ("Department") has been referred to me for response.

Please be assured that should the NTSB determine that a public hearing regarding the subject accident is desirable and appropriate, the Commissioner and the Department will cooperate and participate to the extent requested by the NTSB. The Department would expect that decisions by the NTSB regarding a proposed public hearing and requests for participation will necessarily take into consideration any relevant concerns that the conduct of such a hearing and the participation requests ancillary thereto will not interfere with ongoing investigations of the subject accident by other investigatory bodies, including the Department of Justice.

Please be further advised that Mr. Sean McDermott, port engineer in the Staten Island Ferry Unit, in addition to participating as this Department's representative on the Engineering Committee in the ongoing NTSB investigation, will be replacing Mr. Pat Ryan in any of Mr. Ryan's capacities as a Departmental representative to the NTSB, which includes participation on the Deck Operations Committee.

Very truly yours,


Philip Damashek
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Enclosure

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