



NTSB Investigation No. DCA24FM004

Date of Accident: 10/18/2023

Accident Location: Portland, Maine

PARTY REPRESENTATIVE CERTIFICATION OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I acknowledge that I am participating in the above-referenced National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) accident or incident investigation on behalf of my employer, who has been named a party to the investigation, to provide technical assistance to the NTSB's evidence documentation and fact-finding activities. I understand that, as party participants, I and my organization will be responsive to the direction of NTSB personnel and may lose party status for conduct that is prejudicial to the investigation or inconsistent with NTSB policies or instructions. No information pertaining to the accident, or in any manner relevant to the investigation, may be withheld from the NTSB by any party or party participant.

I further acknowledge that (1) I have familiarized myself with the attached copies of the NTSB Accident/Incident Investigation Procedures (49 *Code of Federal Regulations* [CFR] Part 831) and "Information and Guidance for Parties to NTSB Accident and Incident Investigations," (2) I will comply with these requirements, and (3) I will take all reasonable steps to ensure that the employees and participants of my organization also comply. This includes, but is not limited to, the provisions of Title 49 CFR 831.11 and 831.13, which, respectively, specify certain criteria for participation in NTSB investigations and limitations on the dissemination of investigation information.

No party representative may occupy a legal position or represent claimants or insurers. I certify that my participation is not on behalf of either claimants or insurers. Although factual information obtained as a result of participating in the NTSB investigation may ultimately be used in litigation (at the appropriate time, and in a manner that is not inconsistent with the provisions of 49 CFR § 831.13 and 49 *United States Code* § 1154), the purpose of my participation is to assist the NTSB safety investigation and not to prepare for litigation. I also certify that, after the NTSB investigator-in-charge (IIC) releases the parties and party representatives from the restrictions on dissemination of investigative information specified in 49 CFR 831.13, neither I nor my organization will in any way assert in civil litigation arising out of the accident any claim of privilege for information or records received as a result of my participation in the NTSB investigation.

CERTIFICATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL PARTY REPRESENTATIVE

DIETRICH J. GILES / DIRECTOR OF MARINE OPERATIONS

Name & Title

VICTORY CRUISE LINES, INC

Employer

Signature

20 AUG 2024

Date

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GOVERNMENTAL PARTY REPRESENTATIVE

Name & Title

Party Organization/Employer

Date