drawbridges over the Red River in Arkansas.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule is effective on February 7, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This rulemaking is procedural in that it changes the location in the CFR of existing regulations, but does not substantively change the requirements of these regulations. Therefore, under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3), notice and an opportunity to comment is not required and this rule may be made effective upon publication.

Drafting Information

The principal persons involved in drafting this document are Roger K. Wiebusch, Project Officer, Bridge Branch, and LT S. Moody, Project Attorney, Second Coast Guard District Legal Office.

Discussion of Change

The Red River flows through both the states of Louisiana and Arkansas. The drawbridges over the Red River in both states have been regulated in one CFR section, § 117.35, which was cross referenced in § 117.491. This rule, together with a separate rule revising § 117.491 (CGD08–94–026), concerning the drawbridges over the Red River in Louisiana separates the regulation of the drawbridges over the Red River by state.

As a result of the completion of locks and dams 4 and 5 in December 1994 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Red River will open for commercial navigation in late January 1995. The completion of these projects is expected to cause an increase in the commercial vessel traffic on the Louisiana section of the Red River. No changes in traffic are anticipated on the Arkansas portion. However, the anticipated increase in vessel traffic on the Louisiana portion of the Red River has necessitated a change in drawbridge openings over the Red River in Louisiana. The changes for bridges over the Red River in Louisiana are published elsewhere in today's issue of the Federal Register, docket number CGD08-94-26. Section 117.491 now regulates only the drawbridges over the Red River in Louisiana. The rule revises § 117.135 to now regulate only those drawbridges over the Red River in Arkansas. This final rule makes no substantive changes to the operating requirements of the Arkansas drawbridges.

Regulatory Evaluation

This rule is not significant regulatory action under 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and does not require an assessment of potential cost and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that order. It has been exempted from review by the Office of Management and Budget under that order. It is not significant under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Transportation (DOT) (44 FR 11040; February 26, 1979). The Coast Guard expects the economic impact of this rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary.

Small Entities

The Coast Guard finds that the impact on small entities, if any, is not substantial. Therefore, the Coast Guard certifies under 605(b) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Collection of Information

This rule contains no collection of information requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Federalism

The Coast Guard has analyzed this rule in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612 and has determined that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Environment

The Coast Guard has reviewed the environmental impact of this rule and concluded that under section 2.B.2 of the NEPA Implementing Procedures, COMDTINST M16475.1B, this proposal is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation because promulgation of changes to drawbridge regulations have been found to not have a significant effect on the human environment. A Categorical Exclusion Determination is available in the docket for inspection or copying in the docket.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117

Bridges.

PART 117—DRAWBRIDGE OPERATION REGULATIONS

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend Part 117 of Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

1. The authority citation for Part 117 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 499; 49 CFR 1.46; 33 CFR 1.05–1(g); section 117.255 also issued under the authority of Pub. L. 102–587, 106 Stat. 5039.

2. Section 117.135 is revised to read as follows:

§117.125 Red River.

The draws of the bridges above Mile 276.0 at the Arkansas Louisiana border, need not be open for the passage of vessels.

Dated: January 23, 1995.

Paul M. Blayney,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Second Coast Guard District. [FR Doc. 95–2995 Filed 2–6–95; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4910–14–M

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD08-94-026]

RIN 2115-AE47

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Red River, LA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: With the completion of locks and dams 4 and 5 in December 1994 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Red River will be open for commercial navigation in late January 1995. At present, all bridges up to mile 177.9 must open on signal with at least 48hours advance notice. The continuation of such a rule would severely restrict the movement of prospective commercial navigation on the waterway and would create a burden on the bridge owners. This final rule changes the regulation governing the operation of six drawbridges across the Red River located between mile 59.5 and mile 105.8. Bridges located between mile 105.8 and mile 234.4 will remain on 48hours advance notice. Bridges located above mile 234.4 need not be opened for the passage of vessels. This rule will accommodate the needs of vehicular traffic and still provide for the reasonable needs of navigation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 7, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Unless otherwise indicated, documents referred to in this preamble are available for inspection or copying at the office of the Commander(ob), Eighth Coast Guard District, 501 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130–3396, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (504) 589–2965.

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