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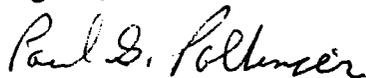
America's Marine Highway  
Rule Making Docket Management Facility  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Rm. PL-401  
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please be advised that our US Patent No. 7424857 meets your request for a Marine Highway application serving much of the United States. The patent speaks for itself but should you want more information I would be pleased to meet with you. While our Mod 1 Hull does ask for loans and grants, it is a for-profit operation that will pay for itself. This is because this hull goes to the blue and brown water market and does not rely on externalities in its cost justification nor does it require the continued subsidize to shippers or operators. In fact it is just the opposite. For instance, if a hull cannot be profitable to the U.S. automobile industry say in Detroit they will not use barges and the externalities will never be collected.

We look forward to being among those who present a freight rate today in which the shippers benefit from it application the day it is introduced.

Regards,

  
Paul G. Pollinger