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Via Email Attachment

February 19, 2010

Karen V. Gregory, Secretary
Federal Maritime Commission
800 North Capitol Street, NW
Room 1046
Washington, D.C. 20573-0001

Re: FMC Public Hearing March 3, 2010 – Request to Appear

Dear Sir/Madam:

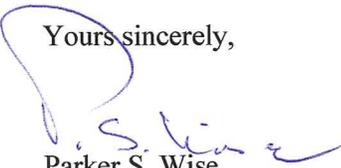
Please consider this letter as the formal request of American Cruise Lines Inc. to attend and speak at the FMC hearing now scheduled for March 3, 2010 having to do with the FMC's Passenger Vessel Financial Responsibility Program.

We would like to make a presentation at the hearing. In all likelihood, our Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Charles A. Robertson, will be our representative at the hearing. Copies of our prepared hearing statement will follow.

American Cruise Lines Inc. is a US flag passenger vessel operator with offices at 741 Boston Post Road, Suite 200, Guilford, CT 06437; telephone (203) 453-6800; email beebe@americancruiselines.com.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,


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