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This letter is to request your approval of my credentials and authorization to act as Designated Examiner to assess the proficiency of candidates for license as Mate (Pilot) of Towing Vessels, or Master (Limited) of Towing Vessels as required by 46 CFR Part 11.

I hereby certify that I meet the criteria listed under NVIC 03-16 to serve as Designated Examiner as evidenced by the following:

• I currently hold a license as ______. A copy of my license is attached.

• I have recent experience operating towing vessels based on my employment with Joe Bob's Towing where I work a regular rotation as Master of the *Susie Que* which is a 5400 hp towboat used for line haul operations on the Ohio and Lower Mississippi Rivers. During my 30 year career I have had extensive experience operating on the Upper Mississippi River, the Illinois River, the Ohio River, and portions of the Lower Mississippi River.

• I have trained many steersmen during my career and have recently completed a course of instruction in observation and assessment techniques. A copy of the course completion certificate is attached.

Your early attention to this request and its approval will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

T. A. Toeboater

Encl: 1) Copy of license

- 2) Course completion certificate
- 3) Summary of operational experience