EXHIBIT A

TO

NOTE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

FORM

OF

ADVANCE REQUEST
ADVANCE REQUEST

PLEASE REFER TO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, MARITIME ADMINISTRATION (MARAD) REGULATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR A DESCRIPTION OF (1) ANY OTHER FORMS AND MATERIALS THAT MARAD REQUIRES TO BE SUBMITTED IN CONNECTION WITH EACH ADVANCE REQUEST, AND (2) THE TIME LIMITS FOR SUBMITTING THOSE FORMS AND MATERIALS AND THIS ADVANCE REQUEST TO MARAD.

PLEASE DIRECT ALL QUESTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THIS ADVANCE REQUEST FORM TO THE MARAD CONTACT OFFICE INDICATED BELOW:

Office of Marine Financing
Maritime Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590
marinefinancing@dot.gov
(t) 202-366-5737
(f) 202-366-7901

WHEN COMPLETED, PLEASE DELIVER THIS FORM (TOGETHER WITH ALL OTHER FORMS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED BY MARAD) TO THE ADDRESS OF THE MARAD CONTACT OFFICE INDICATED BELOW:

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Chief Financial Officer
Federal Financing Bank

Reference is made to the following-described Future Advance Promissory Note (the "Note") payable to the Federal Financing Bank ("FFB"), which is guaranteed by the Maritime Administrator, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation (the "Administrator"):

NAME OF BORROWER (the "Borrower"):


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FFB NOTE IDENTIFIER:


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1 Insert the corporate name of the Borrower. If the corporate name of the Borrower at the time of this Advance is different from the corporate name that appears on page 1 of the Note, add "(formerly __________)", and insert in this second blank the corporate name of the Borrower as it appears on page 1 of the Note. 

2 Insert the “Note Identifier” that FFB assigned to the Note (as provided in the Note Purchase Agreement).
The undersigned, as an authorized official of the Borrower, hereby requests FFB to make an advance of funds ("this Advance") under, pursuant to, and in accordance with the applicable terms of the Note.

The undersigned further requests that this Advance be made as follows:

1. **REQUESTED ADVANCE AMOUNT:**

   The principal amount of this Advance is requested to be

   $___________________.

2. **REQUESTED ADVANCE DATE:**

   This Advance is requested to be made on:

   _________.

3. **WIRE INSTRUCTIONS:**

   A. **Correspondent bank (if any) for payee's bank:**

      Name of financial institution

      Address of financial institution

      ABA number of financial institution

   B. **Payee's bank and account:**

      Name of financial institution

      Address of financial institution

      ABA number of financial institution

      Account name


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3 Insert the particular amount of funds that the Borrower requests to be advanced.

4 Insert the particular calendar date that the Borrower requests to be date on which this Advance is to be made, which must be a Business Day.
4. **PRINCIPAL REPAYMENT METHOD:**

The Borrower **must select one of the following two alternative principal repayment methods.**

*(Insert in the box one of the following):*

"L" for the "Level Debt Service Payments Method"

"E" for the "Equal Principal Payments Method."

Principal Repayment Method selected:  

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5. **PREPAYMENT/REFINANCING PRIVILEGE:**

The Borrower **must select one of the following two alternative prepayment/refinancing privileges.**

*(Insert in the box one of the following):*

"M" for the "Market Value Prepayment/Refinancing Privilege"

"P" for the "Par Prepayment/Refinancing Privilege."

Prepayment/Refinancing Privilege selected:  

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5 Insert in the box "L" if the Borrower elects to have the "Level Debt Service Payments Method" apply to this Advance. Insert in the box "E" if the Borrower elects to have a "Equal Principal Payments Method" apply to this Advance.

6 Insert in the box "M" if the Borrower elects to have the "Market Value Prepayment/Refinancing Privilege" apply to this Advance. Insert in the box "P" if the Borrower elects to have a "Par Prepayment/Refinancing Privilege" apply to this Advance.
6. **NO-CALL PERIOD:**

*If the Borrower selects the Par Prepayment Privilege and wants to include a No-Call Period, the borrower must select a No-Call Period.*

*(Insert in the box *one* of the following):*

"5" for the "5-Year No-Call Period"

"10" for the "10-Year No-Call Period".

**No-Call Period selected:**

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*7 Insert in the box “5” if the Borrower elects to have the “5-Year No-Call Period” apply to this Advance as part of the Par Prepayment Privilege. Insert in the box “10” if the Borrower elects to have the “10-Year No-Call Period” apply to this Advance as part of the Par Prepayment Privilege. If the Market Value Prepayment Privilege is selected, leave this box blank.*
The undersigned certifies that the undersigned has been given the authority to execute this Advance Request on behalf of the Borrower and to deliver it to the Administrator for review and approval before being forwarded to FFB, and that this authority is valid and in full force and effect on the date hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Advance Request and caused it to be delivered to the Administrator for review and approval before being forwarded to FFB.

[Name of Borrower]

Signature: __________________________

Print Name: ________________________

Title: ______________________________

Date: ______________________________
ADVANCE REQUEST APPROVAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to FFB that the preceding Advance Request made by the Borrower identified therein has been approved by MARAD for purposes of the Note identified therein.

MARITIME ADMINISTRATOR
MARITIME ADMINISTRATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
acting through his or her
duly authorized designee

Signature: __________________________
Print Name: __________________________
Title: __________________________
Date: __________________________
CERTIFICATE SPECIFYING
AUTHORIZED BORROWER OFFICIALS/INCUMBENCY

Federal Financing Bank
Main Treasury Building
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20220

Reference is made to the Note Purchase Agreement dated as of __________ (the
"Note Purchase Agreement"), among the Federal Financing Bank ("FFB"), __________
(the "Borrower"), and the Maritime Administrator, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of
Transportation. Capitalized terms used herein and not defined herein shall have the respective
meanings ascribed to them in the Note Purchase Agreement.

This Certificate Specifying Authorized Borrower Officials/Incumbency is delivered to
FFB pursuant to section 4.1(c) of the Note Purchase Agreement.

The undersigned, on behalf of the Borrower, hereby certifies that:

a. each of the individuals named below is the duly qualified and incumbent official
   of the Borrower holding the position title set out opposite the respective individual's name;

b. each of the individuals named below is authorized to execute and deliver Advance
   Requests from time to time on behalf of the Borrower; and

c. the signature of each such individual set out opposite the respective individual's
   name and title is the genuine signature of such individual:

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CERTIFICATE SPECIFYING AUTHORIZED BORROWER OFFICIALS - page 1
MARAD

The undersigned certifies that the undersigned has been given the authority to execute this Certificate Specifying Authorized Borrower Officials on behalf of the Borrower and to deliver it to FFB, and that this authority is valid and in full force and effect on the date hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate Specifying Authorized Borrower Officials and caused it to be delivered to FFB.

[Borrower]

Signature: __________________________

Print Name: _________________________

Title: ______________________________

Date: ______________________________