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Dear Ms. Reczek:

The Coast Guard has reviewed the information contained in your letter dated October 21, 2022 requesting a Preliminary Navigation Clearance Determination (PNCD) for the General Sullivan Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge over Little Bay between Newington and Dover, New Hampshire.

Based on the information presently available, we have determined that a fixed bridge providing the following navigation clearance envelope will not unreasonably obstruct free navigation of the waterway:

- a. A total horizontal clearance of 200 feet between the bridge piers.
- b. A 46.5 foot vertical clearance (MHW) for the 100 foot wide central channel.
- c. A 44.9 foot vertical clearance (MHW) for the outer (lateral) sections of the channel.

This PNCD is valid for three years. However, if there are changes to the waterway or additional information is discovered during the bridge permitting process, this PNCD may need to be revisited to ensure the needs of navigation are met. Please note that this preliminary determination does not constitute a final approval or final agency determination.

Please feel free to contact Gary Croot, Bridge Management Specialist, at 603-397-9361 or via email at Gary.T.Croot@uscg.mil if you have any questions. We look forward to working with NH DOT in moving this project forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. J. SCHULTZ".

R. J. SCHULTZ
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Chief, Prevention Division
By direction

Copy: Coast Guard Sector Northern New England
Army Corps of Engineers Navigation Section