The Value of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System
Four Decades of Growth: 1970-2011

Presented to the 30th Annual Governor’s Water Conference
October 18, 2011
President Nixon Visits Our Port:
June 5, 1971

“It’s a pleasure to be here on Oklahoma’s Seacoast.”
Tulsa Port of Catoosa
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63 businesses
3085 employees
Transformers made in South Korea weighing 300 tons each destined for Chouteau, OK power station – transferred from barge to Port’s Low Water Wharf.
Tulsa Port of Catoosa
Johnston’s Port 33
35-Acre Original Facility
80-Acre New Development
Johnston’s Port 33
400-Acre Main Industrial Area
600-Acre Expansion Area
1,000 Total Acres
Vallourec & Mannesmann TCA
Port of Muskogee
116-Acre Facility
Georgia Pacific – Port of Muskogee
70-Acre Facility, 3.1 Million Square Feet
Dal Tile – Port of Muskogee
1.3 million square feet
THREE FORKS HARBOR

60-Acre Marina
The River Center at Three Forks Harbor
McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System
Vital Statistics

Port of Muskogee to the Port of Catoosa

Jobs: 7,000

Annual Payroll: $350 million

Total Annual Barge Tonnage: 5.5 million tons (4,000 barges annually)

Enough cargo for 240,000 trucks,
long enough to stretch 2,640 miles
The Future of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System and its Oklahoma Ports
The Next Growth Trend in Shipping to the Central United States: Panama
The new lock capacity effectively doubles the size of vessels that are able to transit.
Expansion of The Panama Canal 2014
Markets in Central & Southeast U.S. now being served by transiting vessels from Asia.

Central States Distribution Region