

GM supported its application for inconsequential noncompliance with the following:

"The VIN is in two other easily accessible places—the certification label on the driver's door and the service parts label on the spare tire cover (the owner's manual identifies these locations). Derivatives of the VIN also appear on the engine and transmission. Because the VIN appears in several places on these cars, as well as on the car's title and registration, these cars can be easily identified for the purpose of determining whether they are subject to [recall] campaigns.

"GM uses a 'posident style' font * * * in which each character has a unique upper and lower half. Police agencies have copies of the font sample and will be able to read the VIN even in the worst case condition (2.25 millimeters was the highest obscuration measured). Even without the aid of the font sample, a customer will likely be able to read most of the characters.

"Saturn has not received any field service reports or complaints from customers, dealers, motor vehicle registration officials, or law enforcement personnel. This indicates that no one is being seriously inconvenienced by this condition.

"The NHTSA has agreed that other comparable instances of non-compliance with FMVSS 115 were inconsequential: Marina Mobili, Inc., 51 Fed. Reg. 40367 (50 motorcycles with less than 17 characters in VIN); Volvo White Truck Corp., 47 Fed. Reg. 35063 (46 trucks with wrong model year code); General Motors Corp., 58 Fed. Reg. 32167 (630 cars with VIN characters smaller than 4 millimeters).

"[GM] this non-compliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. A recall would impose costs on Saturn and inconvenience its customers without creating any safety benefit."

"GM is not aware of any accidents, injuries, owner complaints or field reports associated with this condition."

No comments were received on the application.

NHTSA accepts GM's analysis of the reported noncompliance and concurs. The agency agrees that motor vehicle safety will not be compromised because of this reported noncompliance; neither will identification of stolen cars or cars subject to recall campaigns be compromised because the VIN is relatively visible, and located in two other easily accessible places—the certification label on the driver's door and the service parts label on the spare tire cover.

Accordingly, for the reasons expressed above, the petitioner has met

its burden of persuasion that the noncompliance herein described is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety, and the agency grants GM'S application for exemption from notification of the noncompliance as required by 49 U.S.C. 30118 and from remedy as required by 49 U.S.C. 30120. (49 U.S.C. 30118, 30120; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8).

Issued on: November 25, 1996.

L. Robert Shelton,

Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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Surface Transportation Board

[STB No. MC-F-20902]

Colorado Mountain Express, Inc., and Airport Shuttle Colorado, Inc., d/b/a Aspen Limousine Service, Inc.—Consolidation and Merger—Colorado Mountain Express

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice tentatively approving finance application.

SUMMARY: Colorado Mountain Express, Inc. (Express), of Avon, CO, and Airport Shuttle Colorado, Inc., d/b/a Aspen Limousine Service, Inc., and/or d/b/a Vans to Vail (Shuttle), of Glenwood Springs, CO (collectively, applicants), have applied for authority under 49 U.S.C. 14303(a)(1) to consolidate or merge into Colorado Mountain Express (CME), a Colorado general partnership to be formed for this purpose once the transaction is approved. The transaction was approved on an interim basis under 49 U.S.C. 14303(i), and we are now tentatively granting permanent approval. Persons wishing to oppose the transaction must follow the rules at 49 CFR part 1182, Subpart B. If no opposing comments are timely filed, this tentative grant of authority will become effective automatically at the close of the comment period and will be the final Board action. If opposing comments are timely filed, this tentative grant of authority will be deemed vacated, and the Board will consider the comments and any replies, and issue a further decision on the application.

DATES: Unless opposing comments are filed, this notice will be effective on January 13, 1997. Comments are due by January 13, 1997, and, if comments are filed, replies are due by January 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of any comments referring to STB No. MC-F-20902 to: Surface

Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20423. Also, send one copy of comments to applicants' representatives: (1) Thomas J. Burke, 1625 Broadway, Denver, CO 80202; and (2) Mark W. Williams, 1433 Seventeenth St., Denver, CO 80202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 927-5660. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Express (MC-169174) and Shuttle (MC-174322),¹ both motor carriers of passengers, primarily operate between Denver, CO, and various Colorado ski resorts. They hold similar interstate and intrastate operating rights authorizing: (a) charter and special operations within Colorado; and (b) regular route service mostly between Denver and such points as Aspen, Avon, Beaver Creek, Glenwood Springs, Grand Junction, and Rifle, CO.

Applicants state that their combined, aggregate gross operating revenues exceed the \$2 million jurisdictional threshold of 49 U.S.C. 14303(g). Claiming that losses are being incurred in their respective operations, Express and Shuttle seek to consolidate their separate properties, operations, and employees into CME. They assert that the consolidated entity will be more efficient and profitable and will provide more effective and economical service to the public.

Applicants certify that: (1) Shuttle received a conditional safety rating from the U.S. Department of Transportation on October 7, 1996; Express has not received a safety rating recently; (2) they have sufficient insurance to cover the services they intend to offer; (3) no party to the transaction is either domiciled in Mexico or owned or controlled by persons of that country; and (4) approval of the transaction will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources. Additional information may be obtained from applicants' representatives.

Under 49 U.S.C. 14303(b), we must approve and authorize a transaction that we find consistent with the public interest, taking into consideration at least: (1) the effect of the transaction on the adequacy of transportation to the public; (2) the total fixed charges that result; and (3) the interest of affected carrier employees. We find, based on the application, that the proposed

¹ Although not involved in this transaction, New Orleans Tours, Inc. (MC-160781), a motor passenger carrier engaged in charter and special operations, is affiliated with Shuttle.

transaction is consistent with the public interest and should be authorized.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. The proposed consolidation and merger are approved and authorized, subject to the filing of opposing comments.

2. This notice will be effective on January 13, 1997, but will be deemed vacated if opposing comments are filed on or before that date.

Decided: November 25, 1996.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Simmons and Commissioner Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Office of Thrift Supervision

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCIES: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) and Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury; Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board); and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; Comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the OCC, OTS, and the FDIC hereby give notice that they plan to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requests for review of the information collection described below. Additionally, the Board is reviewing the collection under its delegated authority from OMB. The OCC, OTS, Board, and FDIC (collectively, the "Agencies") may not conduct or sponsor, and respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Comments are invited on: (a) whether

the proposed revisions to the following collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the Agencies' functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agencies' estimate of the burden of the information collections as they are proposed to be revised, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 30, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct written comments as follows:

OCC: Communications Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Third Floor, 250 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20219; Attention: 1557-0014. Comments may also be sent by facsimile transmission to (202) 874-5274 or by electronic mail to: REGS.COMMENTS@OCC.TREAS.GOV.

OTS: Dissemination Branch, Records Management and Information Policy, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20552, Attention: 1550-0032. These submissions may be hand-delivered to 1700 G Street, N.W. from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on business days. They may be sent by facsimile transmission to (202) 906-7755. Comments over 25 pages in length should be sent to Fax (202) 906-6956. Comments will be available for inspection at 1700 G Street, N.W., from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on business days.

Board: William W. Wiles, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th & Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551, or delivered to the Board's mail room between 8:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m., and to the security control room outside of those hours. Both the mail room and the security control room are accessible from the courtyard entrance on 20th Street between Constitution Avenue and C Street N.W. Comments received may be inspected in Room MP-500 of the Martin Building between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays, except as provided in 12 CFR 261.8 of the Board's Rules Regarding Availability of Information, 12 CFR 261.8(a).

FDIC: Jerry Langley, Executive Secretary, Attention: Room F-402,

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20429. Comments may be hand-delivered to Room F-402, 1776 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20429, on business days between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (FAX number (202) 898-3838; Internet address:

COMMENTS@FDIC.GOV). Comments will be available for inspection and photocopying in Room 7118, 550 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20429, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on business days.

A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer, Alexander T. Hunt, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3208, Washington, D.C. 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of the submission or requests for additional information may be obtained by contacting:

OCC: Jessie Gates, OCC Clearance Officer, or Dionne Walsh, (202)874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division.

OTS: Colleen M. Devine, OTS Clearance Officer, (202)906-6025.

Board: Mary M. McLaughlin, Board Clearance Officer, (202)452-3829. For the hearing impaired only, Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD), Dorothea Thompson, (202)452-3544, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

FDIC: Steven F. Hanft, FDIC Clearance Officer, (202)898-3907.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Interagency Notice of Change in Control, Interagency Notice of Change in Director or Senior Executive Officer, and Interagency Biographical and Financial Report.

OCC's Title: Comptroller's Corporate Manual. The specific portions of the Comptroller's Corporate Manual that are changed and addressed in this notice are those that pertain to the Interagency Notice of Change in Bank Control, the Interagency Notice of Change in Director or Senior Executive Officer, and the Interagency Biographical and Financial Report.

OMB Number:

OCC: 1557-0014.

OTS: Interagency Notice of Change in Control, 1550-0032; Interagency Notice of Change in Director or Senior Executive Officer, 1550-0047; Interagency Biographical and Financial Report, 1550-0047.

Board: 7100-0134.

FDIC: Interagency Notice of Change in Control, 3064-0019; Interagency Notice