

a.m. The meeting will be held at the Maritim Hotel, Ulm, Germany. The hotel can be reached at 49-731-9230 (phone) or 49-731-923-1000 (fax). The host is Abdul Tahir, DASA, at 49-731-392-3106 (phone) or 49-731-392-3030 (fax).

The agenda will include the following: September 22: 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., All Working Groups Meet Separately; September 23: 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., All Working Groups Meet Separately. September 24: 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Plenary: Review of DO-200A. September 25: 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Plenary: Review of DO-201A; 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Closing Plenary Session: (1) Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting; (2) Chairman's Remarks; (3) Working Group Status Reports; (4) Date and Place of Next Meeting; (5) New Business; (6) Adjourn.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 1020, Washington, D.C. 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone); (202) 833-9434 (fax); or <http://www.rtca.org> (web site). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB No. MC-F-20908]

Peter Pan Bus Lines, Inc.—Pooling—Greyhound Lines, Inc.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed pooling application.

SUMMARY: Applicants, Peter Pan Bus Lines, Inc., of Springfield, MA, and Greyhound Lines, Inc., of Dallas, TX, jointly seek approval under 49 U.S.C. 14302 of an operations and revenue pooling agreement to govern their motor passenger and express transportation service between New York, NY, and Washington, DC.

DATES: Comments are due by October 2, 1997, and, if comments are filed,

applicants' rebuttal is due by October 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of comments referring to STB No. MC-F-20908 to: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. Also, send one copy of comments to applicants' representatives: Jeremy Kahn, Suite 810, 1730 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036; and Fritz R. Kahn, Suite 750 West, 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20005-3934.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600. (TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicants are competitors on certain intercity routes between Albany, NY, and Boston, MA, between Boston and New York City, and between New York City and Washington. They seek to pool portions of their passenger and express services over routes which they both operate, and to share the revenues derived from their operations over these routes, between New York City and Washington, generally via the New Jersey Turnpike and Interstate Highway 95.¹ Applicants state that their services between these points overlap and that excess schedules are operated because of the need to protect their prospective market shares. According to applicants, this has resulted in unacceptably low load factors, an over-served market, and inefficient operations.

Applicants submit that the pooling agreement will allow them to reduce excess bus capacity, cement their business relationship, and allow them to share in the financial vicissitudes of the pooled-route operations. They claim public benefits that will include: (1) Rationalization of schedules, eliminating some duplicative departures "on the hour" while adding some departures on the half-hour during the busiest times of the day, resulting in more frequent bus service over a broader time period; (2) more coordinated use of terminals and ticketing agents, resulting

¹ Applicants have already received authority to pool their operations and revenues for their motor passenger and express transportation service between Philadelphia, PA, and New York City in *Peter Pan Bus Lines, Inc.—Pooling—Greyhound Lines, Inc.*, No. MC-F-20904 (STB served June 30, 1997). According to applicants, this application is a logical extension of the New York-Philadelphia pooling, within the same general territory, and a third revenue pooling application to cover the remaining routes operated by the applicants between New York and Boston is expected to be filed shortly. Applicants state that they consider the agreements to be interrelated and intend to implement them simultaneously after approval by the Board.

in greater flexibility for passengers to use buses, tickets, and terminals; (3) capital improvements; and (4) continued bus service by more sound and financially stable carriers. In addition, they assert that approval of the pooling agreement will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources. In fact, they claim that the reduction in the number of schedules each carrier operates will result in a salutary effect on the environment.

Applicants state that competition will not be unreasonably restrained. They argue that: (1) The pooled service is subject to substantial intermodal competitive pressure from Amtrak, airlines, and private automobiles; and (2) other motor passenger carriers may easily enter and compete in the market.

Copies of the application may be obtained free of charge by contacting applicants' representatives. A copy of this notice will be served on the Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, 10th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20530.

Decided: August 25, 1997.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

[Docket BTS-97-2859, Notice 97-7]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Transportation Statistics (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

OMB CONTROL NUMBERS: 2139-0002, 2139-0004, and 2139-0005

SUMMARY: This notice announces that three data collections are coming up for renewal: Quarterly Report of Class I Motor Carriers of Property, Form QFR; Annual Report of Class I Motor Carriers of Property, Form M-1; and Annual Report of Class II Motor Carriers of Property, Form M-2. In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, Public Law 104-13), the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) invites the general public, industry, and other Federal agencies to comment on the continuing need and usefulness of BTS collecting financial data from Class I and Class II