

repair business are complying with the terms of the exemption, which include a requirement that the dealers and repair businesses accept only fully completed forms. Finally, submission of the completed forms to the agency will promote honesty and accuracy in the filling out of the forms by vehicle owners. The air bag on-off switches are installed only in vehicles in which the risk of harm needs to be minimized on a case-by-case basis.

Estimated Annual Burden: 7,500 hours.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15,000.

Issued on: May 1, 2000.

Herman L. Simms,

Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. MC-F-20967]

Laidlaw Inc., et al.—Control and Merger—Penetang-Midland Coach Lines Limited, J. I. DeNure (Chatham) Limited, d/b/a Chatham Coach Lines, and Chatham Coach Lines, Inc.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice tentatively approving finance application.

SUMMARY: In an application filed under 49 U.S.C. 14303, Laidlaw Inc. (Laidlaw), a noncarrier, seeks to acquire indirect control, through its subsidiary, Laidlaw Transit Ltd. (Transit Ltd.), of Penetang-Midland Coach Lines Limited (PMCL) and J. I. DeNure (Chatham) Limited, d/b/a Chatham Coach Lines (JID), motor passenger carriers, and subsequently to merge PMCL and JID into Transit Ltd. Laidlaw also seeks to acquire indirect control, through its subsidiary, Laidlaw Transit, Inc. (Transit, Inc.), of Chatham Coach Lines, Inc. (CCL), a motor passenger carrier, and subsequently to merge CCL into Transit, Inc. Persons wishing to oppose the application must follow the rules under 49 CFR 1182.5 and 1182.8. The Board has tentatively approved the transaction, and, if no opposing comments are timely filed, this notice will be the final Board action.

DATES: Comments must be filed by June 19, 2000. Applicants may file a reply by July 5, 2000. If no comments are filed by June 19, 2000, this notice is effective on that date.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of any comments referring to STB

Docket No. MC-F-20967 to: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of comments to applicants' representative: Fritz R. Kahn, 1920 N Street (8th Floor), NW., Washington, DC 20036-1601.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicants submit that, pursuant to an agreement, dated June 4, 1998, Transit Ltd. acquired a minority shareholder's interest in PMCL on June 23, 1998, and, upon approval by the Board of the proposed transaction, Transit Ltd. proposes to acquire the remainder of PMCL's issued and outstanding stock as of June 23, 2000. Applicants also submit that, by agreements dated February 3, 2000, Transit Ltd. and Transit, Inc. agreed to acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of JID and CCL, respectively, and the shares simultaneously were placed in voting trusts by their former owners.¹

Laidlaw currently controls motor passenger carriers, which include Transit Ltd. (MC-102189) and Transit, Inc. (MC-161299). These carriers' operations in the United States, with the exception of Greyhound Lines, Inc. (Greyhound), are largely limited to charter and special operations. Greyhound holds federally issued operating authority in Docket No. MC-1515 and provides mainly nationwide, scheduled regular-route operations. Although Greyhound performs some special and charter operations, according to applicants, Greyhound does not have the same contacts as those established by PMCL, JID, and CCL.² Applicants assert that the addition of PMCL, JID, and CCL will contribute significantly to the breadth of services that Greyhound and the other Laidlaw affiliates are able to provide to the traveling public within the United States.

Under 49 U.S.C. 14303(b), we must approve and authorize a transaction 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;

¹ PMCL, JID, and CCL operate primarily in Canada, but hold federally issued authority in Docket Nos. MC-139953, MC-11143, and MC-172751, respectively, authorizing them to provide special and charter operations in the United States.

² Laidlaw states that PMCL's contacts are with community organizations, schools, and other institutions in central Ontario, Canada, and JID's and CCL's contacts are in southwestern Ontario.

and (3) the interest of affected carrier employees.

Applicants have submitted the information required by 49 CFR 1182.2, including information to demonstrate that the proposed transaction is consistent with the public interest under 49 U.S.C. 14303(b). Specifically, applicants have shown that the proposed transaction will have a positive effect on the adequacy of transportation to the public and will result in no increase in fixed charges and no changes in employment. See 49 CFR 1182.2(a)(7). Additional information may be obtained from applicants' representative.

On the basis of the application, we find that the proposed transaction is consistent with the public interest and should be authorized. If any opposing comments are timely filed, this finding will be deemed vacated and, unless a final decision can be made on the record as developed, a procedural schedule will be adopted to reconsider the application. See 49 CFR 1182.6(c). If no opposing comments are filed by the expiration of the comment period, this decision will take effect automatically and will be the final Board action.

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

It is Ordered:

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

2. If timely opposing comments are filed, the findings made in this decision will be deemed as having been vacated.

3. This decision will be effective on June 19, 2000, unless timely opposing comments are filed.

4. A copy of this notice will be served on: (1) The U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration—HMCE-20, 400 Virginia Avenue, SW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20024; (2) the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, 10th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20530; and (3) the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the General Counsel, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

Decided: April 27, 2000.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Burkes, and Commissioner Clyburn.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33835]

Penn-Jersey Rail Lines, Inc.— Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Lines in Penn Warner Industrial Park, Falls Township, Bucks County, PA

Penn Jersey Rail Lines, Inc. (PJRL), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire, by assignment from Consolidated Rail Corporation, and operate, as a common carrier railroad, line easements in Penn Warner Industrial Park, Falls Township, Bucks County, PA.¹ The line easements are described as approximately a mile in length and beginning at a point located 250 feet +/- in a westerly direction along the centerline of the track from the Point of Switch at Railroad Station 0+00.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or after May 1, 2000.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33835, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Fritz R. Kahn, Esq., 1920 N Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036-1601.

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Decided: April 27, 2000.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget for extension of currently approved collections. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on January 5, 2000 (65 FR pages 552-553).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 5, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernie Stankus, (202) 366-4387, DOT, Office of Airline Information, Room 4125, K-25, 400 Seventh Street, NW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Title: Part 249 Preservation of Records.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved Collection.

OMB Control Number: 2138-0006.

Form(s): None.

Affected Public: Certificated air carriers, public charter operators and overseas military personnel charter operators.

Abstract: Part 249 applies to all carriers holding certificates of public convenience and necessity, public charter operators, and overseas military personnel charter operators. This part requires the retention of such records as general and subsidiary ledgers, journals and journal vouchers, voucher distribution registers, accounts receivable and payable journals and ledgers, subsidy records documenting underlying financial and statistical reports to the Department, funds reports, consumer records, sales reports, auditors' and flight coupons, air waybills, etc. Depending on the nature of the document, it may be retained for a period of 30 days to 3 years. Public charter operators and overseas military personnel charter operators must retain documents which evidence or reflect deposits made by each charter

participant and commissions received by, paid to, or deducted by travel agents, and all statements, invoices, bills and receipts from suppliers or furnishers of goods and services in connection with the tour or charter. These records are retained for 6 months after completion of the charter program.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 710.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention BTS Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: whether the proposed record retention requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the record retention requirements practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed record retention; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the requirements; and ways to minimize the burden of the requirements on respondents, including the use other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 1, 2000.

Donald W. Bright,

*Acting Director, Office of Airline Information,
Bureau of Transportation Statistics.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 1, 2000.

The Department of the Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 5, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

U.S. Customs Service (CUS)

OMB Number: 1515-0157.

Form Number: None.

¹ In the verified notice of exemption, PJRL states that the line easements are identified as Easements A and B in a deed of easement from the Warner Realty Investment Company to Penn Central Transportation Company, dated December 13, 1973.