

Authority: Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Public Law 87-256, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act. The purpose of the Act is "to enable the Government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries * * *; to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations by demonstrating the educational and cultural interests, developments, and achievements of the people of the United States and other nations * * * and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic and peaceful relations between the United States and the other countries of the world." The funding authority for the program above is provided through legislation.

Notice

The terms and conditions published in this RFP are binding and may not be modified by any Bureau representative. Explanatory information provided by the Bureau that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government. The Bureau reserves the right to reduce, revise, or increase proposal budgets in accordance with the needs of the program and the availability of funds. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements.

Notification

Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal Bureau procedures.

Dated: June 27, 2000.

Evelyn S. Lieberman,

Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-2000-7608]

Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Subcommittee of the Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) on Environmental Response will meet to discuss its tasking and current applicable response standards. The Subcommittee is tasked to identify, review, and make recommendations to the Coast Guard on

current industry standards and guidelines for hazardous material response organizations that represent best practices for ensuring safe and effective emergency response operations to marine transportation-related chemical spill incidents. This meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The Subcommittee will meet on Thursday, August 3, 2000, from 9:00 am to 4 pm. The meeting may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before July 31, 2000. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the subcommittee should reach the Coast Guard on or before July 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The Subcommittee will meet in room 6319, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Commander Robert F. Corbin, Commandant (G-MSO-3), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Susan Klein, Coast Guard Technical Representative to the Subcommittee, telephone 202-267-0417, or Lieutenant Gregory F. Herold, Deputy Assistant to the Executive Director of CTAC, telephone 202-267-1217, fax 202-267-4570.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agenda of Meeting

The agenda of the Subcommittee of the Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) on Environmental Response includes the following:

- (1) Introduction of Subcommittee members.
- (2) Brief overview of Subcommittee tasking and desired outcome.
- (3) Discussion of current applicable regulatory requirements and industry best practice response standards.
- (4) Evaluation of the need to provide certain criteria or best practices to the field.
- (5) Development of future Subcommittee activities.

Procedural

The meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. All attendees at the meeting are encouraged to fully review the Subcommittee's task statement prior to the meeting. Copies of the Subcommittee's task statement can be obtained from Lieutenant Susan

Klein, telephone 202-267-0417, or Lieutenant Gregory F. Herold, telephone 202-267-1217, fax 202-267-4570. It is also available from the CTAC Internet Website at: www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/advisory/ctac. At the discretion of the Subcommittee Chair, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. If you would like to make an oral presentation at the meeting, please notify the Coast Guard Technical Representative to the Subcommittee and submit written material on or before July 31, 2000. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the Subcommittee in advance of a meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Coast Guard Technical Representative to the Subcommittee no later than July 30, 2000.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the Deputy Assistant to the Executive Director of CTAC as soon as possible.

Dated: July 3, 2000.

Peter A. Richardson,

Acting Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. MC-F-20972]

Laidlaw Inc., et al.; Control and Merger; 918897 Ontario Inc., B. R. Babcock Limited, Babcock Coach Lines Limited, Lee Line Corp., and Lee Charter Services, 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 918897 Ontario Inc. (Babcock), a noncarrier, and B. R. Babcock Limited (BRB), and Babcock Coach Lines Limited (BCL), motor passenger carriers, and subsequently to merge Babcock, BRB, and BCL into Transit Ltd. Laidlaw also seeks to acquire indirect control, through its subsidiary, Laidlaw Transit, Inc. (Transit, Inc.), of the operating assets of Lee Line Corp. (LLC), a motor passenger carrier, the transfer of LLC's

operating authority to Lee Charter Services, Inc. (LCS), and the voluntary surrender of such authority by LCS. 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 August 28, 2000. Applicants may file a reply by September 11, 2000. If no comments are filed by August 28, 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-20972 to: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of comments to applicants' representative: Fritz R. Kahn, 1920 N Street (8th Floor), N.W., Washington, DC 20036-1601.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Applicants submit that, on March 5, 1999, Transit Ltd. and Brian Babcock, an individual noncarrier resident in the Province of Ontario, Canada and the owner of Babcock, entered into an agreement whereby all of the capital stock of Babcock was transferred to an independent voting trustee pending Board approval of Transit Ltd's acquisition of Babcock and the merger of Babcock, BRB, and BCL into Transit Ltd. Applicants also submit that, by agreement dated February 8, 1999, Transit, Inc. agreed to acquire the operating assets of LLC for the purpose of continuing LLC's charter service under Transit, Inc's operating authority. The February 8, 1999 agreement also provides for the transfer of LLC's operating authority to LCS and the voluntary surrender of such authority by LCS. The existing shares of LCS are also currently held by a separate, independent voting trust.

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.¹ Applicants state that, although they do not intend to change the nature of the acquired companies' operations, the traveling public in the United States and Canada will benefit through applicants' centralized management functions.

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; and (3) the interest of affected carrier employees.

Applicants have submitted the information required by 49 CFR 1182.2, including information demonstrating 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.

¹ By letter filed June 13, 2000, Laidlaw informed the Board that, in prior proceedings, it incorrectly described Greyhound as a subsidiary of Laidlaw Inc. Laidlaw now states that, through transactions effected as of the date of its March 16, 1999 acquisition of control of Greyhound, Greyhound became a subsidiary of Laidlaw Transportation, Inc., a noncarrier controlled by Laidlaw Inc. Accordingly, Laidlaw indicates that Greyhound is an indirect subsidiary of Laidlaw Inc.

3. This decision will be effective on August 28, 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, S.W., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20024; (2) the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, 10th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20530; and (3) the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the General Counsel, 400 7th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590.

Decided: July 7, 2000.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Advisory Circular 21-2J, Export Airworthiness Approval Procedures

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of Advisory Circular 21-2J, Export Airworthiness Approval Procedures. Advisory Circular 21-2J provides information and guidance concerning an acceptable means, but not the only means, of demonstrating compliance with the requirements of Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations, part 21, Certification Procedures for Products and Parts, regarding Export Airworthiness Certification approvals.

ADDRESSES: Copies of AC 21-2J can be obtained from the following: U.S. Department of Transportation, Subsequent Distribution Office, Ardmore East Business Center, 3341 Q 75th Ave, Landover, MD 20785. Issued in Washington, DC on June 27, 2000.

Frank P. Paskiewicz,

Manager, Production and Airworthiness Certification Division, AIR-200.

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