

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Applicant proposes to simplify its corporate structure, reorganize its enterprise for tax purposes, and have its operating companies be limited liability companies, organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey.

Instead of ten companies<sup>1</sup> which heretofore had been authorized to render operations as motor carriers of passengers, there will be three operating bus lines as follows.

Academy Express, L.L.C., will be the motor carrier of passengers principally rendering special and charter operations, pursuant to operating authority to be issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). Subject to Board authorization, it will acquire the properties of Academy Bus Tours, Inc., and Academy Express, Inc., including those of American Limousine Service, Inc., Inner Circle Qonexions, Inc. (Reentitled Academy Express, Inc.), Academy Bus Tours, Inc. (PA), and Commuter Bus, Lines, Inc., whose operating authorities thereafter will be surrendered for cancellation.

Academy Lines, L.L.C., will be the motor carrier of passengers principally rendering commuter operations, pursuant to operating authority to be issued by FMCSA. Subject to Board authorization, it will acquire properties of Academy Lines, Inc., including those of Asbury Park Transit Lines, Inc., whose operating authorities thereafter will be surrendered for cancellation.

No. 22 Hillside, L.L.C., will become a motor carrier of passengers pursuant to operating authority to be issued by FMCSA. Subject to Board authorization, it will acquire the properties of No. 22 Hillside, Inc., whose operating authority thereafter will be surrendered for cancellation.

The three operating companies, Academy Express, L.L.C., Academy Lines, L.L.C., and No. 22 Hillside, L.L.C., will be controlled by a newly formed noncarrier, Academy Bus, L.L.C., a company indirectly controlled by applicant.

Academy Bus Tours, Inc., Academy Lines, Inc., No. 22 Hillside Corp., and

Academy Express, Inc., thereafter will be noncarriers. The operating authority of Consolidated Bus Service, Inc., will be surrendered for cancellation, and it too will be a noncarrier.

According to applicant, these changes, while of obvious advantage to it, will also inure to the benefit of the passengers served by its directly-controlled and indirectly-controlled motor carriers of passengers. The transaction will diminish the need for fare increases and offer passengers better organized, highly specialized, and more responsive carriers in furtherance of the public interest.

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.

Applicant has 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. Specifically, applicant has stated 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 applicant's 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 either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

*It is ordered:*

1. The proposed continuance in control and acquisition of properties 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 vacated.

3. This decision will be effective on September 17, 2001, unless timely opposing comments are filed.

4. A copy of this notice will be served on: (1) U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration—MC-RI, 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, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

Decided: July 26, 2001.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 2X); STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 594X)]

#### **New York Central Lines, LLC— Abandonment Exemption—in Middlesex County, MA; CSX Transportation, Inc.—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Middlesex County, MA**

New York Central Lines, LLC (NYC) and CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), have filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* for NYC to abandon and CSXT to discontinue service over approximately 4.17 miles of railroad between milepost QBH-2.60 near Sherborn and milepost QBH-6.77 near Holliston, in Middlesex County, MA.<sup>1</sup> The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 01770 and 01746.

NYC and CSXT have certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there has been no overhead traffic on the line; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Board authorization in 1998, CSX Corporation, CSXT's parent company, and Norfolk Southern Corporation jointly acquired control of Conrail Inc., and its wholly owned subsidiary, Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail). As a result of that acquisition, certain assets of Conrail have been assigned to NYC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Conrail, to be exclusively operated by CSXT pursuant to an operating agreement. The line to be abandoned is included among the property being operated by CSXT pursuant to the NYC operating agreement.

<sup>1</sup> Academy Bus Tours, Inc. (MC-165004), Academy Lines, Inc. (MC-106207), Asbury Park Transit Lines, Inc. (MC-1002); No. 22 Hillside Corp. (MC-182453), Academy Express, Inc. (MC-228481), American Limousine Service, Inc. (MC-186879), Inner Circle Qonexions, Inc. (Reentitled Academy Express, Inc.) (MC-145482), Academy Bus Tours, Inc. (PA) (MC-215354), Commuter Bus Line, Inc. (MC-162133), and Consolidated Bus Service, Inc. (MC-174942).

government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to these exemptions, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment or discontinuance shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, these exemptions will be effective on September 1, 2001, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>2</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>3</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by August 13, 2001. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by August 22, 2001, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicants' representative: Natalie S. Rosenberg, Counsel, CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street J150, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

NYC and CSXT have filed an environmental report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment and discontinuance on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by

<sup>2</sup> The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

<sup>3</sup> Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1000. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

August 7, 2001. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1545. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), NYC shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by NYC's filing of a notice of consummation by August 2, 2002, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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Decided: July 25, 2001.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 26, 2001.

The Department of 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, N.W., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before September 4, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

#### Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

*OMB Number:* 1545-0121.

*Form Number:* IRS Form 1116.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Foreign Tax Credit (Individual, Estate, Trust, or Nonresident Alien Individual).

*Description:* Form 1116 is used by individuals (including nonresident aliens), estates or trusts who paid foreign income taxes on U.S. taxable income to compute the foreign tax credit. This information is used by the IRS to verify the foreign tax credit.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeeper:* 442,425.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent/Recordkeeper:*

Recordkeeping—2 hr., 43 min.

Learning about the law or the form—1 hr., 10 min.

Preparing the form—3 hr., 4 min.

Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS—34 min.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Total Reporting/*

*Recordkeeping Burden:* 2,862,104 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0936.

*Form Number:* IRS Form 8453.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* U.S. Individual Income Tax Declaration for an IRS e-file Return.

*Description:* This form will be used to secure taxpayers' signatures and declarations in conjunction with the Electronic Filing program. This form, together with the electronic transmission, will comprise the taxpayer's income tax return.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 12,300,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent/Recordkeeper:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Total Reporting/*

*Recordkeeping Burden:* 3,075,000 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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*Departmental Reports Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### OMB Control No. 2900-0129

#### Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.