

8. Approval for the sale of TVA Power Bonds for refinancing the existing debt.
9. Modification and extension of Contract No. P-97P01-197103 with Sugar Camp Coal Company.
10. Approval of the Chief Financial Officer's power system operating budget and power system capital budget for fiscal year 1998.
11. Approval to execute an agreement with Vanguard Research, Inc., to supply a commercial-scale Plasma Energy Pyrolysis System demonstration of a new patented technology for treating military waste streams.
12. Modification of term coal Contract Nos. P-95P08-120446 and P-97P01-200000 for Shawnee, Colbert, and Widows Creek Fossil Plants.
13. Approval of new Labor Relations Agreements between TVA and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.
14. Grant of a permanent easement for a water intake site, a pump station, waterlines, and an access road for South Blount County Utility District affecting approximately 3.67 acres of land on Tellico Lake in Monroe County, Tennessee, Tract No. XTTELR-36E.
15. Approval to add 750,000 tons per year of subbituminous coal to the Thunder Basin Coal Company contract for the Allen and Shawnee Fossil Plants under Requisition 35, Request for Proposals of Subbituminous Term Coal.
16. Approval to enter into a contract with Borg-Warner Protective Services Corporation for security services at nuclear plants and some office locations.

For more information: Please call TVA Public Relations at (423) 632-6000, Knoxville, Tennessee. Information is also available at TVA's Washington Office (202) 898-2999.

Dated: December 2, 1997.

Edward S. Christenbury,

General Counsel and Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart Q During the Week Ending November 28, 1997

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and

Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart Q of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 302.1701 et. seq.). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each Application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the Applications by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

Docket Number: OST-96-1642.

Date Filed: November 28, 1997.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: December 26, 1997.

Description: Application of Continental Airlines, Inc., pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41102 and Subpart Q of the Regulations, applies for renewal of its Route 729 authority between Cleveland, Ohio and London Gatwick, England and the right to integrate its Route 729 authority with Continental's certificate and exemption authority to serve other points.

Paulette V. Twine,

Documentary Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 188; Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards for High Frequency Data Link

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for an RTCA Special Committee 188 meeting to be held January 7-9, 1998, starting at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7, and 9:00 a.m. on January 8 and 9. The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC, 20036.

January 7: Working Group 1 Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards (MASPS); January 8: Continue Working Group 1; January 9: Plenary Session.

The agenda of the Plenary Session will be as follows: (1) Introductory Remarks; (2) Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda; (3) Approval of the Summary of the Previous Meeting; (4) Review of Working Group 1 (MASPS) Work; (5) Discussion of Air Mobility Command Data Link Initiatives; (6)

Review Activities of Other Standards Groups; (7) Open Discussion; (8) Dates and Places of Next Meetings; (9) 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, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC, 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.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 28, 1997.

Janice L. Peters,

Designated Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 191; Collaborative Decisionmaking and Near-Term Procedures

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for the Special Committee 191 meeting to be held January 6, 1998, starting at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036.

The agenda will be as follows: (1) Chairman's Introductory Remarks; (2) Old Business/Action Items; (3) RTCA Special Committee 191 Scope and Structure Briefing; (4) User Perspective Briefing; (5) Working Group Charters, Progress, and Status (NAS Status Information, CDM, Collaborative Routing); (6) Review of Action Items; (7) 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, DC 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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Janice L. Peters,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Traverse City, Michigan

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared for the proposed construction of a new Boardman River crossing with a connection between US-31 south of Traverse City and US-31 east of Traverse City, Grand Traverse County, Michigan. The project will provide an alternate route around Traverse City which may function as a local, interim by-pass for Traverse City. The proposed project will mostly follow existing roadways in the Traverse City area.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James Kirschensteiner, Environmental Programs and Field Operations Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 315 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933, Telephone (517) 377-1880 or Mr. Mark Dionise, Urban Program Manager, Local Agency Programs, Bureau of Highways, Michigan Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 30050, Lansing, Michigan 48909, Telephone (517) 373-9570.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), and the Grand Traverse County Road Commission, is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed construction of a new Boardman River crossing with a connection between US-31 south of Traverse City and US-31 east of Traverse City, Michigan. The proposed project will replace the existing one-lane Cass Road Bridge over the Boardman River with a new bridge with connections to US-31 both south of and east of Traverse City. The completion of this project will provide an alternate route around Traverse City and will relieve congestion on US-31 through downtown Traverse City. The existing Cass Road Bridge will remain in place, but will be closed to traffic upon completion of the project.

The alternatives under consideration include (1) No Build, (2) the reconstruction and connection of Hartman and Hammond Roads along with the study of a suitable connection to US-31 east of Traverse City, and (3) Transportation System Management (TSM) improvements to existing roads in the study area to relieve congestion.

An Environmental Assessment had been prepared for the replacement of the Cass Road Bridge which is located on the Boardman River dam. The Cass Road Bridge and Boardman dam complex has been determined to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The Environmental Assessment analyzed the social, environmental, and economic impacts of various alternative locations for replacement of the Cass Road Bridge. A preferred alternative for a new bridge across the Boardman River, connecting Hartman Road with Hammond Road, upgrading Hartman Road from two lanes to four and five lanes with a new intersection location at U-31, upgrading Hammond Road from two lanes to four and five lanes, and closing the existing Cass Road Bridge was presented at a public hearing on June 24, 1997. As a result of the public hearing, it was determined to revise the scope of the proposed project to include alternatives to connect this project with US-31 east of Traverse City and to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on this proposed action. A scoping document will be prepared describing the proposed action to solicit comments from appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies. Citizen involvement is also being solicited in the process. A public hearing will be held on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the public hearing.

Comments, and suggestions are invited from all interested parties to ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Issued on: November 25, 1997.

James J. Steele,

Division Administrator, Lansing, Michigan.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33506]

Coach USA, Inc.—Control Exemption— Browder Tours, Inc. and El Expreso, Inc.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of filing of Petition for Exemption.

SUMMARY: Coach USA, Inc. (Coach), a noncarrier in control of 28 motor passenger carriers at the time of filing its petition,¹ seeks an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 13541 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 14303(a)(5) to acquire control of Browder Tours, Inc. (Browder) and El Expreso, Inc. (El Expreso), through acquisition of all of the outstanding shares of stock of the two motor passenger carriers.²

DATES: Comments must be filed by January 5, 1998. Petitioner may file a reply by January 14, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of comments referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33506 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 petitioner's representatives: Betty Jo Christian and David H. Coburn, Steptoe

¹ Coach currently controls the Nation's second largest group of motor passenger carriers. See *Coach USA, Inc.—Control Exemption—America Charters, Ltd.*, STB Finance Docket No. 33393 (STB served Oct. 3, 1997), slip op. at 1. Since the filing of the instant petition on October 31, 1997, Coach has been authorized to acquire control of an additional three motor passenger carriers in *Coach USA, Inc., and Leisure Time Tours—Control and Merger Exemption—Van Nortwick Bros., Inc., The Arrow Line, Inc., and Trentway-Wager, Inc.*, STB Finance Docket No. 33428 (STB served Nov. 13, 1997).

In addition to the instant petition, Coach has two other pending petitions: *Coach USA, Inc. and K-T Contract Services, Inc.—Control and Merger Exemption—Gray Line Tours of Southern Nevada*, STB Finance Docket No. 33431 (STB served Aug. 22, 1997), in which it seeks an exemption to acquire control of one additional motor passenger carrier, and *Coach USA, Inc.—Control Exemption—Air Travel, Inc.; Airlines Acquisition Co., Inc.; and Transportation Management Services, Inc.*, STB Finance Docket No. 33471 (STB served Nov. 14, 1997), in which it seeks to acquire control of three additional motor passenger carriers.

² The stock of Browder and El Expreso was placed in an independent voting trust to avoid any unlawful control pending disposition of this proceeding.