

p.m. at the Holiday Inn-Capitol, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC, in the Columbia Room. This will be the thirty-sixth meeting of the COMSTAC.

The agenda for the meeting will include an industry update on the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle program; a special presentation on *The States and Space*; and an activities report from FAA's Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (formerly the Office of Commercial Space Transportation [60 FR 62762, December 7, 1995]). Meetings of the COMSTAC Working Groups (Technology and Innovation, Reusable Launch Vehicle, Risk Management, and Launch Operations and Support) will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 2002. For specific information concerning the times and locations of these meetings, contact the Contact Person listed below.

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should inform the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Brenda Parker (AST-200), Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (AST), 800 Independence Avenue SW, Room 331, Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 385-4713; E-mail brenda.parker@faa.dot.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC, September 12, 2002.

Patricia G. Smith,

Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Policy Statement No. ANM-01-115-32]

Use of Industry Standards In Seat Certification

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of final policy statement.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces the availability of the final policy for the use of industry standards to address certain certification issues for transport airplane seats. This policy is specifically relevant to certification of seats with an in-arm video system feature.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Gardlin, Federal Aviation Administration, Transport Airplane

Directorate, Transport Standards Staff, Airframe/Cabin Safety Branch, ANM-115, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-2136; fax (425) 227-1320; e-mail: jeff.gardlin@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A notice of proposed policy statement no. ANM-01-115-32, was published June 25, 2001 (66 FR 33736). No comments were received. The final policy is issued with editorial changes only.

The final policy is available on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.faa.gov/certification/aircraft/anminfo/finalpaper.cfm>. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can obtain a copy of the final policy by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on August 28, 2002.

Ali Bahrani,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. MC-F-20993]

Laidlaw Inc.—Acquisition of Control—C. Seeley's Bus Lines Ltd.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice Tentatively Approving Finance Transaction.

SUMMARY: In an application filed under 49 U.S.C. 14303, Laidlaw, Inc. (Laidlaw), a noncarrier, through its indirectly controlled subsidiary, Laidlaw Transit Ltd. (Transit Ltd.) (collectively referred to as Laidlaw), seeks to acquire indirect control of C. Seeley's Bus Lines Ltd. (Seeley's Bus), a motor passenger carrier. 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 November 4, 2002. Applicant may file a reply by November 18, 2002. If no comments are filed by November 4, 2002, this notice is effective on that date.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of any comments referring to STB Docket No. MC-F-20993 to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street,

NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of any comments to applicant's representative: Fritz R. Kahn, 1920 N Street, NW., (8th Floor), Washington, DC 20036-1601.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600. [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Seeley's Bus is a motor passenger carrier that is authorized to provide special and charter operations pursuant to federally issued authority in Docket No. MC-203827. Laidlaw submits that, pursuant to a voting trust agreement, dated May 31, 2002, Transit Ltd. has agreed to acquire all of the outstanding shares of stock of Seeley's Bus.

Laidlaw directly or indirectly controls a number of motor passenger carriers, including Transit Ltd. (MC-102189). Laidlaw's motor passenger carrier subsidiaries, with the exception of Greyhound Lines, Inc. (Greyhound), are largely limited to charter and special operations in the United States. Greyhound holds federally issued operating authority in Docket No. MC-1515 and provides mainly nationwide, scheduled regular-route operations. As a result of the proposed acquisition, Laidlaw asserts that Seeley's Bus will be able to offer its Ontario-originated passengers tour and sightseeing services over an expanded area within the United States that is served by Laidlaw's other affiliated motor passenger carriers. Laidlaw states that the affiliation of Seeley's Bus with its other Laidlaw affiliates will ensure that Seeley's Bus will have an adequate number of buses to meet the needs of the traveling public. At the same time, Seeley's Bus will have the opportunity to make its buses available to other Laidlaw affiliates when those buses are underutilized.

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(b). Specifically, applicant has shown that the proposed acquisition of control 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 the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. The proposed acquisition of control 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 November 4, 2002, unless timely opposing comments are filed.

4. A copy of this notice will served on: (1) The U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 400 7th Street, SW., Room 8214, Washington, DC 20590; (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: September 9, 2002.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Burkes.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34246]

K. Earl Durden, Rail Management Corporation, and Rail Partners, L.P.—Continuance in Control Exemption—AN Railway, L.L.C.

K. Earl Durden (Durden), Rail Management Corporation (RMC),¹ and Rail Partners, L.P. (Partners) (collectively, applicants), have filed a verified notice of exemption to continue in control of AN Railway, L.L.C. (ANLLC), upon ANLLC's becoming a rail carrier.

The transaction was expected to be consummated on or after August 30, 2002, the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the notice was filed).

This transaction is related to STB Finance Docket No. 34247, *AN Railway, L.L.C.—Lease and Operation Exemption—Apalachicola Northern Railroad Company*, where ANLLC seeks to lease and operate a rail line from Apalachicola Northern Railroad Company (ANRR).

At the time they filed this notice, Durden, RMC, and Partners controlled 13 Class III rail carriers located in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin. They are: Atlantic & Western Railway, L.P.; The Bay Line Railroad, L.L.C.; Copper Basin Railway; East Tennessee Railway, L.P.; Galveston Railroad, L.P.; Georgia Central Railway, L.P.; KWT Railway, Inc.; Little Rock & Western Railway, L.P.; Tomahawk Railway, L.P.; Valdosta Railway, L.P.; Western Kentucky Railway, L.L.C.; Wilmington Terminal Railroad, L.P.; and M&B Railroad, L.L.C. These rail carriers are referred to as the RMC Rail Group.

Applicants state that: (1) The railroads do not connect with each other or any railroad in their corporate family; (2) the continuance in control is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the 14 railroads with each other or any railroad in their corporate family; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2). The purpose of the transaction is to enable ANLLC to benefit from Applicants' capital support and overall management and corporate direction and expertise. ANLLC will continue handling freight for customers

¹ RMC's former corporate name was Rail Management & Consulting Corporation.

ANRR previously served, without material changes in the level or quality of transportation service provided.

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324-25 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

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 will not stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34246, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on: Kelvin J. Dowd, Slover & Loftus, 1224 Seventeenth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

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Decided: September 11, 2002.

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

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34247]

AN Railway, L.L.C.—Lease and Operation Exemption—Apalachicola Northern Railroad Company

AN Railway, L.L.C. (ANLLC), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease and operate approximately 96 miles of rail line presently owned by the Apalachicola Northern Railroad Company (ANRR)¹ between milepost 0 at Port St. Joe, FL, and milepost 96 at Chattahoochee, FL. The line to be

¹ ANLLC has reached an operating agreement with ANRR on terms to govern the lease of the Port St. Joe-Chattahoochee line. After consummation of the exemption, ANLLC will be the operator of the line.