

which was specifically created to undertake this transaction, entered into an agreement with the Sellers to buy the assets, including vehicles, and business operations of the Sellers and to take over vehicle leases. KBUS is undertaking this transaction under Kohlberg Fund IV, which closed in 2001 with a total capital of \$576 million.

KBUS is a noncarrier and will remain a noncarrier after this transaction. Applicant plans to consolidate the assets and business operations of the Sellers into two entities: A leasing company and CUSA, LLC (CUSA). The leasing company will acquire the vehicles and CUSA will conduct carrier operations. CUSA has applied for twelve operating authorities from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to operate as a motor contract and common carrier of passengers in interstate commerce, in order to accommodate the twenty-four operating names under which CUSA intends to carry on business. The Federal operating authorities currently held by each of the Sellers will, upon consummation, be surrendered.

Under 49 U.S.C. 14303(b), the Board must approve and authorize a transaction found to be 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 information, as 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). Applicant states that the proposed transaction will not reduce competitive options, adversely impact fixed charges, or adversely impact the interests of employees of companies whose assets and businesses are being acquired. It asserts that granting the application will allow CUSA to take advantage of economies of scale and substantial benefits offered by Applicant, including interest cost savings and reduced operating costs. Additional information, including a copy of the application, may be obtained from Applicant's representative.

On the basis of the application, the Board finds 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.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

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 finance transaction 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 8, 2003, 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, 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: July 17, 2003.

By the Board, Chairman Nober.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices; Proposed Collections; Comments Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection that is due for extension approval by the Office of Management and Budget. The Office of International Affairs within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning Treasury International Capital Form S, Purchases and Sales of Long-term Securities by Foreigners.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before September 22, 2003 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Dwight Wolkow, International

Portfolio Investment Data Systems, Department of the Treasury, Room 4410-1440NYA, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20220. In view of possible delays in mail delivery, please also notify Mr. Wolkow by e-mail (dwight.wolkow@do.treas.gov), FAX (202-622-1207) or telephone (202-622-1276).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the proposed forms and instructions are available on the Treasury's TIC Forms Web page, <http://www.treas.gov/tic/forms.html>. Requests for additional information should be directed to Mr. Wolkow.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Treasury International Capital Form S, Purchases and Sales of Long-term Securities by Foreigners.

OMB Control Number: 1505-0001.

Abstract: Form S is part of the Treasury International Capital (TIC) reporting system, which is required by law (22 U.S.C. 286f; 22 U.S.C. 3103; E.O. 10033; 31 CFR 128), and is designed to collect timely information on international portfolio capital movements. Form S is a monthly report used to cover transactions in long-term marketable securities undertaken DIRECTLY with foreigners by banks, other depository institutions, brokers, dealers, underwriting groups and other individuals and institutions. This information is necessary for compiling the U.S. balance of payments accounts, for calculating the U.S. international investment position, and for formulating U.S. international financial and monetary policies.

Current Actions: No changes to the current forms and instructions are being proposed.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Form S (1505-0001).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 250.

Estimated Average Time Per Respondent: about 5.6 hours per respondent per filing.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 16,800 hours, based on 12 reporting periods per year.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The public is invited to submit written comments concerning: (a) Whether Form S is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Office, including whether the