

Royal Tours (MC-202587) ; Southern Coach Company (MC-58177); Southern Tours, Inc. (MC-182022); and Tippet Travel, Inc. d/b/a Tippet Travel & Tours (MC-174043) (collectively, motor carriers). Persons wishing to oppose this application must follow the rules under 49 CFR part 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 October 2, 2003. Applicants may file a reply by October 17, 2003. If no comments are filed by October 2, 2003, this notice is effective on that date.

**ADDRESSES:** Send an original and 10 copies of any comments referring to STB Docket No. MC-F-21003 to: Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of comments to applicants' representative: Vincent J. Coyle, Jr., Pitney, Hardin, Kipp & Szuch LLP, 685 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017-1024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 565-1600. (Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** LEF II, a noncarrier, is a Delaware limited partnership that is a private equity firm specializing in middle market investments. VSC, a noncarrier, is a Delaware limited liability company that is also a private equity firm specializing in middle market investments. SCI, which was specifically created by LEF II and VSC to undertake this transaction, entered into an agreement with Coach USA, Inc., American Sightseeing Tours, Inc. and Coach Leasing, Inc., to purchase all of the outstanding stock of the motor carriers. SCI also agreed to purchase fifty-eight (58) motorcoaches.

Under 49 U.S.C. 14303(b), the Board must approve and authorize a transaction it finds 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 to demonstrate that the proposed transaction is consistent with the public interest under 49 U.S.C. 14303(b). Applicants state that the proposed acquisition of control will not reduce competitive options, adversely impact fixed charges, or adversely impact the interests of the employees of the motor carriers. They

assert that granting the application will allow the motor carriers to take advantage of economies of scale and substantial benefits offered by applicants that would otherwise be unavailable to the motor carriers individually. Additional information, including a copy of the application, may be obtained from applicants' 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 its website 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 as having been vacated.

3. This decision will be effective on October 2, 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: August 6, 2003.

By the Board, Chairman Nober.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

#### Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board (Board) has received a subpoena duces tecum in a court proceeding [*Asphalt Busters, Inc. v. Chemical Lime Company, et al.*, No. CV-01-0269-PHX-RÖS (D. Ariz.)] for access to confidential data from the Board's 1999 and 2001 Carload Waybill Samples for STCC Code 32741 (Lime or Lime Plaster). Any such access obtained in the matter would be subject to a protective order issued August 9, 2001, in the court proceeding.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to release of the data under the conditions prescribed in the confidentiality order, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. In determining whether to resist the subpoena, the Board will be guided by its rules for release of waybill data codified at 49 CFR 1244.9.

Contacts: James A. Nash, (202) 565-1542, Waybill issues. Craig M. Keats, (202) 565-1564, Legal issues.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Bureau of Transportation Statistics

#### Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Activity Under OMB Review; Passenger Origin-Destination Survey Report

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for extension of currently approved collections. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was