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Dated: October 26, 2016.

Lisa Aguirre,

Managing Director, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9779]

Notice of Public Meeting

The Department of State will conduct an open meeting at 9:00 a.m. on November 9, 2016, in Room 5L18-01 of the Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building at St. Elizabeth's, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20593. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the one hundred and seventeenth session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Council to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, December 5-9, 2016.

The agenda items to be considered include:

- Adoption of the agenda
- Report of the Secretary-General on credentials
- Rules of Procedure of the Council
- Strategy, planning and reform
- Resource management (Human resource matters, report on investments, budget considerations for 2016-2017, Results-based budget: Outline of budgetary implications for 2018-2019)
- IMO Member State Audit Scheme
- Consideration of the report to the Marine Environmental Protection
- Consideration of the report of the Technical Cooperation Committee
- Technical Cooperation Fund: Report on activities of the 2015 programme
- IMO International Maritime Law Institute
- Report on the 38th Consultative Meeting of Contracting Parties to the London Convention 1972 and the 11th Meeting of Contracting Parties to the 1996 Protocol to the London Convention
- Protection of vital shipping lanes
- Periodic review of administrative requirements in mandatory IMO instruments
- Principles to be considered in the review of existing requirements and the development of new requirements
- External relations (With the U.N. and the specialized agencies, Joint Inspection Unit, relations with

- intergovernmental organizations, relations with non-governmental organizations, World Maritime Day, Report of the Day of the Seafarer, and IMO Maritime Ambassador Scheme)
- Report on the status of the convention and membership of the Organization
- Report on the status of conventions and other multilateral instruments in respect of which the Organization performs functions
- Place, date and duration of the next two sessions of the Council and substantive items for inclusion in the provisional agendas for the next two sessions of Council (C 118 and C 119)
- Supplementary agenda items, if any

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. To facilitate the building security process, and to request reasonable accommodation, those who plan to attend should contact the meeting coordinator, LCDR Tiffany Duffy, by email at Tiffany.A.Duffy@uscg.mil, by phone at (202) 372-1362, by fax at (202) 372-1925, or in writing at 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE., Stop 7509, Washington, DC 20593-7509 not later than November 2, 2016. Requests made after November 2, 2016 might not be able to be accommodated.

Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to Coast Guard Headquarters. It is recommended that attendees arrive to Coast Guard Headquarters no later than 30 minutes ahead of the scheduled meeting for the security screening process. Coast Guard Headquarters is accessible by taxi and public transportation. Parking in the vicinity of the building is extremely limited. Additional information regarding this and other IMO public meetings may be found at: www.uscg.mil/imo.

Dated: October 21, 2016.

Jonathan W. Burby,

Coast Guard Liaison Officer, Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. MCF 21073]

National Express LLC—Acquisition of Control—Trinity, Inc., Trinity Cars, Inc., and Trinity Student Delivery, LLC

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice tentatively approving and authorizing finance transaction.

SUMMARY: On October 7, 2016, National Express LLC (National Express or Applicant), a noncarrier, filed an application under 49 U.S.C. 14303 to acquire control of Trinity, Inc. (Trinity), Trinity Cars, Inc. (Trinity Cars), and Trinity Student Delivery, LLC (Trinity Student) (collectively, Acquisition Carriers). The Board is tentatively approving and authorizing the transaction, and, if no opposing comments are timely filed, this notice will be the final Board action. Persons wishing to oppose the application must follow the rules at 49 CFR 1182.5 & 1182.8.

DATES: Comments must be filed by December 19, 2016. Applicant may file a reply by January 3, 2017. If no opposing comments are filed by December 19, 2016, this notice shall be effective on December 20, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of any comments referring to Docket No. MCF 21073 to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of comments to Applicant's representative: Andrew K. Light, Scopelitis, Garvin, Light, Hanson & Feary, P.C., 10 W. Market Street, Suite 1500, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jonathon Binet (202) 245-0368. Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Applicant, a noncarrier, states that it is a holding company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware that is indirectly controlled by a British corporation, National Express Group, PLC (Express Group). Applicant states that Express Group indirectly controls the following passenger motor carriers (collectively, National Express Affiliated Carriers): Beck Bus Transportation Corp. (Beck); Carrier Management Corporation (CMI); Diamond Transportation Services, Inc. (Diamond); Durham School Services, L.P. (Durham); MV Student Transportation, Inc. (MV); National Express Transit Corporation (NETC); National Express Transit Services Corporation (NETSC); Petermann Ltd. (LTD); Petermann Northeast LLC (Northeast); Petermann Northwest LLC (Northwest); Petermann Southwest LLC (Southwest); Petermann STSA, LLC (STSA); The Provider Enterprises, Inc. (Provider); Rainbow Management Service Inc. (Rainbow); Robertson Transit, Inc. (Robertson); Safeway Training and Transportation Services Inc. (Safeway); Sepran, Inc. (Sepran); Smith Bus Service, Inc. (Smith); Suburban Paratransit Service, Inc. (Suburban Paratransit); Trans Express,

Inc. (Trans Express); and White Plains Bus Company, Inc. (White Plains).

Applicant asserts the following facts regarding the National Express Affiliated Carriers held by Express Group:

- Beck is a passenger motor carrier primarily engaged in providing student school bus transportation services in the states of Illinois and Indiana under contracts with regional and local school jurisdictions. Beck also provides charter passenger services to the public. It holds interstate common carrier authority from Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration under MC-143528.

- CMI is a passenger motor carrier doing business as Matthews Bus Company and is primarily engaged in providing student school bus transportation services in the state of Pennsylvania under contracts with regional and local school jurisdictions. CMI also provides intrastate charter passenger services to the public. CMI does not have interstate carrier authority as it is not required for the operations conducted by CMI.

- Diamond is a passenger motor carrier providing exempt interstate and regulated intrastate paratransit and shuttle services in the District of Columbia metropolitan area. It does not have interstate carrier authority.

- Durham is a passenger motor carrier primarily engaged in providing student school bus transportation services in approximately 32 states under contracts with regional and local school jurisdictions. Durham also provides charter passenger services to the public. It holds interstate common carrier authority under MC-163066.

- MV is a passenger motor carrier primarily engaged in providing student school bus transportation services in the state of Missouri under contracts with regional and local school jurisdictions. MV also provides charter passenger services to the public. It holds interstate common carrier authority under MC-148934.

- NETC is an intrastate passenger motor carrier with its principal place of business in Cincinnati, Ohio. NETC does not have interstate carrier authority.

- NETSC is a passenger motor carrier engaged primarily in providing intrastate transit services in the areas of Westmoreland, PA; Arlington, VA; Greensboro, NC; Vallejo, CA; and Yuma, AZ. NETSC does not have interstate carrier authority as it is not required for the operations conducted by NETSC.

- LTD is a passenger motor carrier primarily engaged in providing non-regulated school bus transportation services in the state of Ohio under

contracts with regional and local school jurisdictions. LTD also provides charter passenger services to the public. It holds interstate common carrier authority under MC-364668.

- Northeast is a passenger motor carrier primarily engaged in providing student school bus transportation services, primarily in the states of Ohio and Pennsylvania under contracts with regional and local school jurisdictions. Northeast also provides charter passenger services to the public. It holds interstate contract carrier authority under MC-723926.

- Northwest is a passenger motor carrier primarily engaged in providing non-regulated school bus transportation services under contracts with regional and local school jurisdictions. Northwest does not have interstate

carrier authority as it is not required for the operations conducted by Northwest.

- Southwest is a passenger motor carrier primarily engaged in providing student school bus transportation services in the state of Texas under contracts with regional and local school jurisdictions. Southwest also provides charter passenger services to the public. It holds interstate contract carrier authority under MC-644996.

- STSA is a passenger motor carrier primarily engaged in providing student school bus transportation services, primarily in the state of Kansas under contracts with regional and local school jurisdictions. STSA also provides charter passenger services to the public. It holds interstate contract carrier authority under MC-749360.

- Provider is a passenger motor carrier doing business as Provider Bus, and is primarily engaged in providing non-regulated school bus transportation services in the state of New Hampshire under contracts with regional and local school jurisdictions. Provider does not have interstate carrier authority as it is not required for the operations conducted by Provider.

- Rainbow provides interstate and intrastate charter and special party passenger transportation services in the state of New York. It holds interstate passenger common carrier authority under MC-490015.

- Robertson is a passenger motor carrier primarily engaged in providing non-regulated school bus transportation services in the state of New Hampshire under contracts with regional and local school jurisdictions. Robertson also provides charter passenger service to the public. It does not have active interstate carrier authority, though MC-176053 is assigned to it.

- Safeway is a passenger motor carrier primarily engaged in providing

non-regulated school bus transportation services in the state of New Hampshire under contracts with regional and local school jurisdictions. It does not have active interstate carrier authority, though MC-522039 is assigned to it.

- Septran is a passenger motor carrier primarily engaged in providing non-regulated school bus transportation services in the state of Illinois under contracts with regional and local school jurisdictions. It does not have active interstate carrier authority, though MC-795208 is assigned to it.

- Smith is a passenger motor carrier primarily engaged in providing non-regulated school bus transportation services in the state of Maryland and surrounding areas under contracts with regional and local school jurisdictions. Smith does not have interstate carrier authority as it is not required for the operations conducted by Smith.

- Suburban Paratransit is a motor carrier providing paratransit services primarily in Westchester County and Bronx, N.Y. Suburban Paratransit does not have interstate carrier authority as it is not required for the operations conducted by Suburban Paratransit.

- Trans Express provides interstate and intrastate passenger transportation services in the state of New York. It holds interstate passenger common carrier authority under MC-187819.

- White Plains is a passenger motor carrier doing business as Suburban Charters, and it operates primarily as a provider of non-regulated school bus transportation services in the state of New York. White Plains also operates as a motor passenger carrier providing charter service to the public. It holds interstate passenger common carrier authority under MC-160624.

Applicant asserts the following facts with regard to the Acquisition Carriers:

- Trinity is a Michigan corporation operating primarily as a provider of non-regulated school bus transportation services in southeastern Michigan, and also operates as a passenger motor carrier providing charter service to the public. Trinity holds common carrier operating authority under MC-364003.

- Trinity Cars is also a Michigan corporation, operating as an intrastate passenger motor carrier as a provider of for-hire sedan and van service in southeastern Michigan. Trinity Cars holds interstate operating authority under MC-632139.

- Trinity Student is a Michigan limited liability company and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Trinity. Trinity Student operates primarily as a provider of non-regulated school bus transportation services in the areas of Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio. Trinity

Student also provides interstate charter passenger services. For purposes of its interstate passenger operations, Trinity Student holds common and contract carrier operating authority under MC-836335.

Applicant states that all of the issued and outstanding stock of Trinity and Trinity Cars is owned and held by Jerry Sheppard, Jr., Trustee of the Jerry Sheppard, Jr. Revocable Inter-Vivos Trust U/A/D Sept. 24, 2003, as amended (Jerry Sheppard Trust), and Rebetha J. Sheppard, Trustee of the Rebetha J. Sheppard Revocable Inter-Vivos Trust U/A/D Sept. 24, 2003, as amended (Rebetha Sheppard Trust) (collectively, Sellers).

Applicant asserts that there is one affiliate of the Acquisition Carriers, Trinity Coach, LLC, though it is not a part of the contemplated transaction. Applicant states that Trinity Coach, LLC, is a Michigan limited liability company that is a passenger motor carrier providing interstate services under common carrier authority under MC-537169. Jerry Sheppard, Jr., individually, holds a 100% membership interest in Trinity Coach, LLC.

Applicant further states that, other than the National Express Affiliated Carriers, the Acquisition Carriers, and Trinity Coach, there are no other affiliated carriers with regulated interstate operations, and the Sellers have no other direct or indirect ownership interest in any other interstate passenger motor carrier.

Applicant also asserts that it would acquire direct 100% control of Trinity and Trinity Cars through stock ownership, and indirect control of Trinity Student as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Trinity.

Under 49 U.S.C. 14303(b), the Board must approve and authorize a transaction that it finds consistent with the public interest, taking into consideration at least: (1) The effect of the proposed 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 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), and a statement that the aggregate gross operating revenues of the National Express Affiliated Carriers and the Acquisition Carriers exceeded \$2

million for the preceding 12-month period. *See* 49 U.S.C. 14303(g).¹

Applicant submits that the proposed transaction would have no significant impact on the adequacy of transportation services to the public, as the Acquisition Carriers would continue to provide the services they currently provide using the same names for the foreseeable future. Applicant states that the Acquisition Carriers “will continue to operate, but going forward, will be operating within the National Express corporate family.” (Appl. 14.)

According to Applicant, “[t]he addition of the Acquisition Carriers to the carriers held by National Express is consistent with the practices within the passenger motor carrier industry of strong, well-managed transportation organizations adapting their corporate structure to operate several different passenger carriers within the same market, but in different geographic areas.” (*Id.*) Applicant asserts that the Acquisition Carriers are experienced in some of the same market segments already served by some of the National Express Affiliated Carriers. Applicant expects the transaction to result in operating efficiencies and cost savings derived from economies of scale, all of which, Applicant states, would help to ensure the provision of adequate service to the public. Applicant further asserts that bringing the Acquisition Carriers within the National Express corporate family would serve to enhance the viability of the overall organization and the operations of the National Express Affiliated Carriers, which would ensure the continued availability of adequate passenger transportation service for the public. (*Id.*)

Applicant also claims that neither competition nor the public interest would be adversely affected by the contemplated transaction. Applicant states that the Acquisition Carriers are “relatively small carriers in the overall markets in which they compete: Unregulated metropolitan school bus operations, providers of charter services, and providers of sedan and van services.” (*Id.*) Applicant states that school bus operators typically occupy a limited portion of the charter business because (i) the equipment offered is not as comfortable as that offered by motor coach operators; and (ii) scheduling demands imposed by the primary school bus operation impose major constraints on charter services that can be offered. It further explains that the sedan and van services business sector

is comprised of a number of providers, with no provider having a dominant market share in the sector. Applicant also explains that the charter and sedan and van services offered by the Acquisition Carriers are geographically dispersed from those of the National Express Affiliated Carriers, and that there is limited overlap in service areas and/or in customer bases among the National Express Affiliated Carriers and the Acquisition Carriers. Thus, Applicant states that the impact of the contemplated transaction on the regulated motor carrier industry would be minimal at most and that neither competition nor the public interest would be adversely affected.

Applicant asserts that there are no fixed charges associated with the contemplated transaction. Applicant also states that it does not anticipate a measurable reduction in force or changes in compensation levels and/or benefits to employees. Applicant submits, however, that staffing redundancies could potentially result in limited downsizing of back-office or managerial level personnel.

The Board finds that the acquisition proposed in the application is consistent with the public interest and should be tentatively approved and authorized. If any opposing comments are timely filed, these findings 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 notice will take effect automatically and will be the final Board action.

This action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c).

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at “WWW.STB.GOV”.

It is ordered:

1. The proposed transaction is approved and authorized, subject to the filing of opposing comments.

2. If opposing comments are timely filed, the findings made in this notice will be deemed vacated.

3. This notice will be effective December 20, 2016, unless opposing comments are filed by December 19, 2016.

4. A copy of this notice will be served on: (1) The U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590; (2) the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, 10th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20530;

¹ Applicants with gross operating revenues exceeding \$2 million are required to meet the requirements of 49 CFR 1182.

and (3) the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the General Counsel, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

Decided: November 1, 2016.

By the Board, Chairman Elliott, Vice Chairman Miller, and Commissioner Begeman.

Brendetta S. Jones,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2016-9346]

Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Program; Draft FAA Order 5500.1B

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of withdrawal.

SUMMARY: FAA is rescinding the draft FAA Order 5500.1B, Passenger Facility Charge published on August 5, 2016, and withdrawing its request for public review and comment.

DATES: The FAA previously extended the comment period to October 31, 2016. FAA subsequently established a public Docket FAA 2016-9346 and comments received will be entered into the public Docket.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe Hebert, Manager, Financial Analysis and Passenger Facility Charge Branch, APP-510, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-8375; facsimile (202) 267-5302.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 5, 2016, the FAA published a notice and request for comments titled "Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Program; Draft FAA Order 5500.1B" (81 FR 51963). The notice requested interested parties submit written comments by September 30, 2016. On September 21, 2016, the FAA extended the original comment period by 31 days, from September 30, 2016, to October 31, 2016.

After careful consideration, the FAA has decided to rescind the draft Order and cancel the public review process. The FAA will issue a revised draft in the near future for public review and comment.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 31, 2016.

Elliott Black,

Director, Office of Airport Planning and Programming.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Cancellation of Environmental Impact Statement for the Norfolk International Airport, Norfolk, Virginia

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of cancellation of preparation of environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces that it has discontinued preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed construction of new Runway 5R/23L and associated development at Norfolk International Airport, Norfolk, Virginia. The FAA's discontinued preparation of the EIS is based upon the completion of the first phase of the EIS. Based on the results of the first phase (Scoping and Purpose & Need development), the FAA has determined that the fundamental purpose and need is not supported by the current or anticipated development needs of the Airport at this time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marcus Brundage, Environmental Protection Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Washington Airports District Office, 23723 Air Freight Lane, Suite 210, Dulles, Virginia 20166; Telephone (703) 661-1365.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 12, 2015, the FAA, published in the **Federal Register** a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and hold two public scoping meetings in Norfolk and Virginia Beach, Virginia (Volume 80, Number 113, FR 33582-33583). The public meetings were held at the Bayside High School and at the Holiday Inn Norfolk Airport on July 22 and 23, 2015, respectively.

The stated purpose of the project was to "meet relevant FAA airfield safety standards and enhance airfield safety without reducing runway availability." The proposed project included the decommissioning and demolition of Runway 14/32, the construction of new Runway 5R/23L and associated development at the airport, and

improvement of roadway access to the airport by realigning Robin Hood Road. Other associated infrastructure was proposed for construction or demolition or relocation including taxiways, lighting, hangers, maintenance facilities, runway safety areas and runway protection zones.

In 2001, the FAA began preparing an EIS for similar projects based on the need to accommodate additional operations at the airport. During the first EIS process, the needs of the airport changed and it was determined that the projects were no longer justified based on the stated need and the preparation of the first EIS was cancelled. In 2013, the FAA agreed to proceed with a phased second EIS preparation to review a similar project proposed by the Norfolk Airport Authority. The first phase of the project consisted of consultant selection, EIS scoping, and an analysis of the proposed project's purpose and need to determine if the FAA should continue to the second phase, which would be completion of the EIS and determination.

At the conclusion of the first phase of the second EIS, the FAA determined that the fundamental purpose and need of the projects were not supported by the current or anticipated needs of the airport. The FAA is now terminating the second EIS process. However, the FAA recognizes the importance of ORF to the greater Norfolk/Hampton Roads region and to the Commonwealth of Virginia. Moreover, the FAA agrees that a parallel runway may still be a viable long-term plan for the future, if and when operational demand warrants. Therefore, the FAA continues to support the proposed runway remaining on the approved Airport Layout Plan, as conditionally approved pending environmental review on October 5, 2011, and protecting the associated airspace.

Issued in Dulles, Virginia on October 28, 2016.

Matthew J. Thys,

Manager, Washington Airports District Office, Eastern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[Docket No. FTA-2016-0036]

Notice of Proposed Buy America Waiver for Replacement Parts on Diesel Multiple Unit Rail Vehicles

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.