evaluation materials and the documents comprising the submittal, are available for review at the FAA office listed above and at the administrative offices of the Shreveport Regional Airport Authority. The Record of Approval also will be available on-line at *http://www.faa.gov/arp/environmental/14cfr150/index14.cfm.*

Issued in fort Worth, Texas, July 3, 2007.

Kelvin L. Solco,

Manager, Airports Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. MC–F–21022] [1]

Callen Hotard—Acquisition—Hotard Coaches, Inc.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice Tentatively Approving Finance Transaction.

SUMMARY: Callen Hotard (Applicant), a noncarrier individual, who is owner and president of Calco Travel, Inc. (Calco) (MC–161117), a motor passenger carrier, has filed an application under 49 U.S.C. 14303 to acquire control of Hotard Coaches, Inc. (Coaches) (MC–143881), a motor passenger carrier, from Greyhound Lines, Inc. (Greyhound) (a regulated passenger carrier). Greyhound is a subsidiary of Laidlaw Transportation Holdings, Inc. (LTHI) (a noncarrier). Applicant proposes to acquire control via a stock purchase by Hotard Travel, Inc. (Hotard Travel) (a noncarrier), a corporation formed by Applicant and Szeszycki Hospitality, L.L.C. (Szeszycki) (a noncarrier).[2] Coaches would continue to hold its Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration motor passenger carrier operating license. Persons wishing to oppose this application must follow the rules at 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 August 27, 2007. Applicant may file a reply by September 11, 2007. If no comments are filed by August 27, 2007, this notice is effective on that date.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of any comments referring to STB Docket No. MC–F–21022 to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, send one copy of comments to Applicant's representative: Kenneth Siegel, Strasburger & Price, LLP, 1800 K Street, NW., Suite 301, Washington, DC 20006–2225.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julia M. Farr, (202) 245–0359. [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1–800–877–8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Applicant is owner and president of Calco, a subchapter S corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Calco operates as a charter bus company providing both local and nationwide charter bus service. Hotard Travel is a Louisiana corporation formed by Applicant and Szeszycki for the purposes of completing this stock purchase transaction. Coaches is a Mississippi corporation that provides charter service in Mississippi and Louisiana. LTHI owns ten federally registered motor passenger carrier subsidiaries, including Greyhound and Coaches.[3] Applicant states that Greyhound and its affiliates had gross revenues exceeding $2 million in during the 12-month period preceding the date of this application.

The parties finalized a stock purchase agreement on June 7, 2007. The shares of Coaches will be transferred to an independent voting trust pending final Board approval to avoid unauthorized control. The Board's Secretary provided the parties an informal, non-binding, opinion on the voting trust agreement in letters dated June 25, 2007, and July 6, 2007.

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 the 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 improve the adequacy of transportation services available to the public, that the proposed transaction will not have an adverse effect on total fixed charges, and that the interests of employees of Coaches will not be adversely impacted. Additional information, including a copy of the application, may be obtained from Applicant's representative.

On the basis of the application, we find that the proposed acquisition 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 notice will take effect automatically and will be the final Board action.

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This decision will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. The motion to substitute Hotard Travel, Inc., in place of Callen Hotard as the named applicant in this proceeding is denied.
2. The proposed finance transaction is approved and authorized, subject to the filing of opposing comments.
3. If timely opposing comments are filed, the findings made in this notice will be deemed as having been vacated.
4. This notice will be effective on August 27, 2007, unless timely opposing comments are filed.
5. 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; and (3) the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the General Counsel, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

Dated: July 6, 2007.

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[1] A request for interim approval under 49 U.S.C. 14303(i) was included in this filing (STB Docket No. MC–F–21022 TA). In a decision served on June 25, 2007, temporary approval was granted, effective on the service date of the decision.

[2] The verified application and request for interim approval was originally filed by Applicant. However, on June 26, 2007, Applicant filed a petition requesting that Hotard Travel, a Louisiana corporation formed by Applicant and Szeszycki (which does not require Board approval for this transaction because it will have minority control of Coaches), be permitted to substitute for Applicant as the purchasing party in this proceeding. Hotard Travel, as a noncarrier that does not control another carrier, does not require Board authority for this transaction. However, Applicant, who also controls Calco, requires Board approval to control Coaches (indirectly) through his control of Hotard Travel (by virtue of his majority interest in Hotard Travel). Accordingly, there is no need to substitute parties in this transaction. However, the notice reflects that the sale of Coaches' stock will be made to Hotard Travel, and not directly to Applicant.

[3] *See Laidlaw Inc.-Intra-Corporate Family Transaction Exemption*, STB Docket No. MC–F–20998 (STB served Feb. 21, 2003).

By the Board, Chairman Nottingham, Vice Chairman Buttrey, and Commissioner Mulvey.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. MC–F–21021]

FirstGroup plc—Acquisition—Cognisa Transportation, Inc.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice Tentatively Approving Finance Transaction.

SUMMARY: On June 13, 2007, FirstGroup plc (FirstGroup), a noncarrier in control of one or more motor carriers of passengers, filed an application under 49 U.S.C. 14303 to acquire Board authorization of its indirect purchase of the properties of Cognisa Transportation, Inc. (Cognisa). Persons wishing to oppose this application must follow the rules at 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 August 27, 2007. Applicant may file a reply by September 11, 2007. If no comments are filed by August 27, 2007, this notice is effective on that date.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of any comments referring to STB Docket No. MC–F–21021 to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, send one copy of comments to applicant's representative: Fritz R. Kahn, 1920 N Street, NW., 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julia Farr (202) 245–0359 [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1–800–877–8339].

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FirstGroup is a public limited company organized under the laws of Scotland, U.K. FirstGroup states that it has three North American operating divisions: (1) First Student, Inc., (2) First Transit, Inc., and (3) First Services, Inc. FirstGroup America, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of FirstGroup USA, Inc., controls First Student, Inc. and First Transit, Inc. (First Transit). First Services, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of FirstGroup USA, Inc., controls First Vehicle Services, Inc. and First Support Services, Inc.[1]

According to FirstGroup, First Transit (MC 576222) purchased the properties of Cognisa, effective January 1, 2007, without the advice of commerce counsel or the approval of the Board. The Board informed FirstGroup that it must file a complete application under 49 CFR 1182 seeking authorization for First Transit's acquisition of Cognisa.[2] We will consider the application here.

Cognisa (MC–548215) was a motor common carrier of passengers rendering special and charter operations, primarily in the airport, university, and corporate passenger shuttle market.

The gross operating revenues of FirstGroup and Cognisa exceed $2 million annually. Through the transaction, First Transit acquired the buses, assignable contracts, customer lists, and good will of Cognisa. All of these assets have been merged into First Transit. Cognisa remains a corporate entity but without transportation assets.

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.

FirstGroup has submitted information, as required by 49 CFR 1182.2, including the information to demonstrate that the transaction is consistent with public interest under 49 U.S.C. 14303(b). Applicant has shown that the transaction has had no adverse impact on the adequacy of transportation services available to the public, that the transaction has not had an adverse effect on the total fixed charges, and that the interests of employees of Cognisa were not adversely impacted. Additional information, including a copy of the application, may be obtained from the applicant's representative.

On the basis of the application, we find that the acquisition of control 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 notice will take effect automatically and will be the final Board action.

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This decision will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. The 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 notice will be deemed as having been vacated.

3. This notice will be effective August 27, 2007, 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, 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; and (3) the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the General Counsel, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

Dated: July 5, 2007.

By the Board, Chairman Nottingham, Vice Chairman Buttrey, and Commissioner Mulvey.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[1] FirstGroup's corporate organization chart is attached as Exhibit 1 to its application.

[2] *See FirstGroup plc—Acquisition—Laidlaw International, Inc.*, STB Docket No. MC–F–21020 (STB served Apr. 5, 2007).

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35059]

The Indiana Rail Road Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—CSX Transportation, Inc.

Pursuant to a written draft trackage rights agreement, CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) has agreed to grant limited overhead trackage rights to The Indiana Rail Road Company (INRD) over CSXT's line of railroad known as the CE&D Subdivision, between CSXT's connection with INRD's trackage at approximately CSXT milepost OZA 181.70 at Belt Junction, Terre Haute, IN, and at approximately CSXT milepost 204.20 at Sullivan, IN, a distance of approximately 22.5 miles.[1]

[1] Pursuant to 49 CFR 1180.6(a)(7)(ii), INRD states that it will file the executed trackage rights agreement with the Board within 10 days of the date of its execution.