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Dated: September 7, 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 21072]

National Express LLC—Acquisition Of Control—New Dawn Transit, Llc

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice tentatively approving and authorizing finance transaction.

SUMMARY: On August 17, 2016, National Express LLC (National Express or Applicant), a non-carrier, filed an application under 49 U.S.C. 14303 to acquire control of New Dawn Transit, LLC (New Dawn). 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 October 31, 2016. Applicant may file a reply by November 15, 2016. If no opposing comments are filed by October 31, 2016, this notice shall be effective on November 1, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of any comments referring to Docket No. MCF 21072 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: Nathaniel Bawcombe (202) 245–0376. Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Applicant, a non-carrier, 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 (National Express Affiliated Carriers): Beck Bus Transportation Corp. (Beck); Carrier Management Corporation (CMI); Durham School Services, L.P. (Durham); Folmsbee's Transportation Inc. (Folmsbee); 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); Safeway Training and Transportation Services Inc. (Safeway); Septran, Inc. (Septran); 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 alleges 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 (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.

- 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 (MC–163066).

- Folmsbee is a passenger motor carrier primarily engaged in providing unregulated student school bus transportation services in the state of New York under contracts with regional and local school jurisdictions (MC–818630).

- 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 (MC–148934).

- NETC is an intrastate passenger motor carrier with its principal place of business in Cincinnati, Ohio.

- NETSC is a passenger motor carrier engaged primarily in providing intrastate transit services in the areas of Westmoreland, Pa.; Arlington, Va.; Greensboro, N.C.; Vallejo, Cal.; and Yuma, Ariz.

- 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 (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 (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.

- 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. In addition to its core school bus services, Southwest also provides charter passenger services to the public (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 (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.

- Rainbow provides interstate and intrastate charter and special party passenger transportation services in the state of New York (MC-490015).

- 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 (MC-522039).

- 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 (MC-795208).

- 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.

- Suburban Paratransit is a motor carrier providing paratransit services primarily in Westchester County and Bronx, NY.

- Trans Express provides interstate and intrastate passenger transportation services in the state of New York (MC-187819).

- White Plains is a passenger motor carrier that 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 (MC-160624).

Applicant states that New Dawn is a New York limited liability company that holds authority from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration as a motor carrier of passengers (MC-932702). Applicant explains that all of the issued and outstanding membership equity interest of New Dawn is owned and held by Indra Fouche, an individual (the

Seller). Applicant further states that the Seller has no direct or indirect ownership interest in any other interstate passenger motor carrier.

According to Applicant, New Dawn operates primarily as a provider of non-regulated school bus transportation services, transporting children to and from school throughout the metropolitan area of New York City. Applicant adds that New Dawn maintains a fleet of 140 buses and has approximately 154 drivers, and that it also operates as a motor passenger carrier providing charter service to the public using its fleet of buses.

Applicant explains that National Express would assume direct 100 percent control of New Dawn through the membership ownership.

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 New Dawn 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 New Dawn would continue to provide the services it currently provides using the same names for the foreseeable future. Applicant states that New Dawn “will continue to operate, but going forward, it will be operating within the National Express corporate family, an organization already thoroughly experienced in passenger transportation operations.” (Appl. 12.)

Applicant states that “[t]he addition of [New Dawn] 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

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

asserts that New Dawn is 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 would help to ensure the provision of adequate service to the public.

Applicant further asserts that the acquisition of New Dawn would serve to enhance the viability of the overall National Express 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. Applicant states that New Dawn is a relatively small carrier in the overall markets in which it competes: Unregulated metropolitan school bus operations, and provider of charter services. 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 charter services offered by New Dawn 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 New Dawn. 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).

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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 November 1, 2016, unless opposing comments are filed by October 31, 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; and (3) the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the General Counsel, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

Decided: September 12, 2016.

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

Kenyatta Clay,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment on Land Use Change From Aeronautical to Non-Aeronautical Use at Hanscom Field in Bedford, MA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Title 49, U.S.C. 47153(d), notice is being given that the FAA is considering a request from the Massachusetts Port Authority (MPA) in East Boston, MA, to waive the surplus property requirements for approximately 7.1 acres of airport property located at Hanscom Field in Bedford, MA.

The subject parcel has been identified for commercial development and MPA will negotiate a long term lease to

generate non-aviation revenue for the airport. As such, MPA is requesting a release to change the property from aeronautical use to non-aeronautical use. It has been determined through study and master planning that the subject parcel will not be needed for future aeronautical purposes. Further, the parcel of land is separated by a road and not contiguous to the airport proper. Full and permanent relief of the surplus property requirements on this parcel will allow the airport to generate long term revenue through lease of the land. All lease revenue will continue to be subject to the FAAs revenue-use policy and dedicated to the maintenance and operation of Hanscom Field.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 17, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the instructions on providing comments.

- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* Deliver to mail address above between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Interested persons may inspect the request and supporting documents by contacting the FAA at the address listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jorge E. Panteli, Compliance and Land Use Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration New England Region Airports Division, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, Massachusetts, Telephone 781-238-7618.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on September 6, 2016.

Mary T. Walsh,
Manager, Airports Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Sixteenth RTCA SC-209 Working Session and Plenary Session Joint With EUROCAE WG 49, WG 51, and RTCA SC-186

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Sixteenth RTCA SC-209 Working Session and Plenary Session joint with EUROCAE WG 49, WG 51, and RTCA SC-186.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of Sixteenth RTCA SC-209 Working Session and Plenary Session joint with EUROCAE WG 49, WG 51, and RTCA SC-186.

DATES: The meeting will be held October 17-21, 2016, 09:00 a.m.-04:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: RTCA Headquarters, 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Al Secen at asecen@rtca.org or 202-330-0647, or The RTCA Secretariat, 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036, or by telephone at (202) 833-9339, fax at (202) 833-9434, or Web site at <http://www.rtca.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given for a meeting of the Sixteenth RTCA SC-209 Working Session and Plenary Session joint with EUROCAE WG 49, WG 51, and RTCA SC-186. The agenda will include the following:

- Monday, October 17th, WG-1 Mode S Transponder MOPS Development
- Tuesday, October 18th, WG-1 Mode S Transponder MOPS Development
- Wednesday, October 19th, WG-1 Mode S Transponder MOPS Development
- Thursday, October 20th, WG-1 Mode S Transponder MOPS Development
- Friday, October 21st, Plenary Session (9:00 a.m.-Noon)
 1. Host and Co-Chairs Welcome, Introductions, and Remarks
 2. Review of Meeting Agenda
 3. Review and Approval of the Minutes from Meeting #15 of SC-209
 4. WG-1-ATCRBS/Mode S Transponder
 - Status of MOPS Revisions
 5. EUROCAE WG-49-SSR Mode S Transponders
 - Status of MOPS Revisions
 - Update on European Activity
 6. Other Business
 7. Date, Place, and Time of Future Meetings
 8. Review of Action Items
 9. Adjournment

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person