Type of Review: Extension with change (based on staff’s estimates, the number of respondents changed from 51 to 53 and the hourly burdens for responses changed marginally).

Respondents: Any railroad that is subject to the Interstate Commerce Act and that terminated at least 4,500 revenue carloads on its lines in any of the three preceding years or that terminated at least 5% of the revenue carloads terminating in any state in any of the three preceding years. Railroads that are required to report Waybill Samples may do so either quarterly or monthly, and may either sample their own waybills or have Railinc conduct their sampling. As a result, there are four categories of Respondents discussed below: (1) five railroads that conduct their own sampling, and report monthly, quarterly, and annually; (2) two railroads that conduct their own sampling, quarterly and annually; (3) two railroads that have Railinc sample their waybills, and report monthly, quarterly, and annually; and (4) 44 railroads that have Railinc sample their waybills, and report quarterly and annually.

Number of Respondents: 53.

Estimated Time per Response: Forty-two and a half hours for each of the five railroads that conduct their own sampling, and report monthly, quarterly, and annually; (2) two railroads that conduct their own sampling, quarterly and annually; (3) two railroads that have Railinc sample their waybills, and report monthly, quarterly, and annually; and (4) 44 railroads that have Railinc sample their waybills, and report quarterly and annually.

Total Burden Hours (annually including all respondents): 555 hours.

Frequency: Seven (7) respondents report monthly; 46 report quarterly.

Needs and Uses: The Surface Transportation Board is, by statute, responsible for the economic regulation of common carrier rail transportation in the United States. The information in the Waybill Sample is used by the Board, other Federal and state agencies, and industry stakeholders to monitor traffic flows and rate trends in the industry, and to develop testimony in Board proceedings. The Board has authority to collect this information under 49 U.S.C. 11144 and 11145.

Under the PRA, a federal agency that conducts or sponsors a collection of information must display a currently valid OMB control number. A collection of information, which is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c), includes agency requirements that persons submit reports, keep records, or provide information to the agency, third parties, or the public. Under 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), federal agencies are required to provide, prior to an agency’s submitting a collection to OMB for approval, a 60-day notice and comment period through publication in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information.

Dated: March 17, 2017.
Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
[Docket No. FD 36106]

2nd & Main, LLC—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Norland North Chicago, LLC

2nd & Main, LLC (2ML), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from Norland North Chicago, LLC (Norland) and operate approximately 540 feet of rail line between a point of connection on its southwest end to a main track of the Chicago & North Western Railway Company (now Union Pacific Railroad Company), in North Chicago, in Lake County, Ill. (the Line). According to 2ML, there are no milepost designations on the Line.

The verified notice indicates that the transaction will be consummated shortly after April 5, 2017, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the notice of exemption was filed).

2ML certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not result in its becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier and will not exceed $5 million.

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Decided: March 17, 2017.
By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.
Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
[Docket No. MCF 21075 1]

Cavallo Bus Lines, LLC—Acquisition of Control of Assets—White Knight Limousine, Inc.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.
ACTION: Notice Tentatively Approving and Authorizing Finance Transaction.

SUMMARY: On March 8, 2017, Cavallo Bus Lines (Cavallo) and White Knight Limousine, Inc. (White Knight)
(collectively, Applicants) filed an application for Cavallo to purchase certain assets (including motorcoaches and contracts) of White Knight used to provide certain motor carrier services. 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.

DATES: Comments must be filed by May 8, 2017. Applicants may file a reply by May 22, 2017. If no comments are filed by May 8, 2017, this notice shall be effective on May 9, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of any comments referring to Docket No. MCF 21075 to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, send one copy of comments to Cavallo’s representative: David H. Coburn, Steptoe & Johnson, LLP, 1330 Connecticut Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20036.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 8, 2017, Cavallo Bus Lines (Cavallo) and White Knight Limousine, Inc. (White Knight) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application under 49 U.S.C. 14303 for Cavallo to purchase certain assets (including motorcoaches and contracts) of White Knight used to provide certain motor carrier services. 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 and 1182.8.

Applicants assert the following facts. Cavallo, a Delaware limited liability company, is wholly owned by BCPL, LLC, a non-carrier holding company, and is not affiliated with any other companies. Cavallo provides contract and charter service from terminals in Gillespie, Ill.; Indianapolis, Ind.; and Springfield, Mo. (MC–101883). It primarily operates in the Midwest, but offers charter service nationwide. Cavallo currently operates approximately 110 motorcoaches; its contract customers include public and private universities and colleges. It also provides airport transfer service in several Midwest cities. White Knight is a Missouri corporation with no affiliates. It provides motorcoach charter and contract services as well as limousine and car services primarily out of Columbia, Mo., and occasionally out of Springfield, Mo. (MC–289901). It currently operates approximately 37 passenger motor vehicles (19 motorcoaches and 16 cars and limousines). White Knight’s contract customers include university athletic departments and a minor league baseball team.

Applicants state that, under the proposed transaction, Cavallo will purchase motorcoaches and contracts associated with White Knight’s contract and charter service in Missouri and Kansas. White Knight will sign a non-compete agreement prohibiting it from operating competing service for an agreed period of time and will provide Cavallo a right of first refusal in the event that White Knight decides to sell its other transportation operations.

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 from the proposed transaction; and (3) the interest of carrier employees affected by the proposed transaction. Applicants 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 Cavallo and White Knight exceeded $2 million for the preceding 12-month period under 49 U.S.C. 14303(g).2

Applicants submit that the proposed transaction will not have an adverse impact on the adequacy of transportation services available to the public. Applicants state that Cavallo, a significantly larger carrier than White Knight, has access to increased capital resources, increased interest cost savings, and reduced operating costs resulting from Cavallo’s enhanced volume purchasing power. Accordingly to Applicants, the centralization of administrative functions and Cavallo’s ability to achieve volume discounts will result in cost savings. Applicants also assert that the transaction will have no adverse impact on competition because at least five other motor passenger carriers operate in the same areas of Kansas and Missouri. Further, Applicants state the transaction will not have a materially adverse impact on employees as ‘‘Cavallo intends to offer employment to the small number of employees currently providing the White Knight services at issue, provided that such employees meet certain minimum standards.’’

On the basis of the application, the Board finds that the proposed acquisition 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 as having been vacated.

3. Notice of this decision will be published in the Federal Register.

4. This notice will be effective May 9, 2017, unless opposing comments are filed by May 8, 2017.

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.


By the Board, Board Members Begeman, Elliott, and Miller.

Raina S. Contee,
Clearance Clerk.

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