

authorized to grant waivers of the U.S. build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a description of the proposed service, is listed below. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines that in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (65 FR 6905; February 11, 2000) that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels, a waiver will not be granted.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before April 28, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2000-7123. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Hokana, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, MAR 832 Room 7201, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-0760.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title V of Pub. L. 105-383 provides authority to the Secretary of Transportation to administratively waive the U.S.-build requirements of the Jones Act, and other statutes, for small commercial passenger vessels (less than 12 passengers). This authority has been delegated to the Maritime Administration per 49 CFR 1.66, Delegations to the Maritime Administrator, as amended. By this notice, MARAD is publishing information on a vessel for which a request for a U.S.-build waiver has been received, and for which MARAD requests comments from interested parties. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commentor's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver

criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD'S regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

### Vessel Proposed for Waiver of the U.S.-Build Requirement

(1) Name of vessel and owner for which waiver is requested. Name: *Eye of the Needle*, owner: Eye of the Needle, LLC.

(2) Size, capacity and tonnage of vessel: L.O.A.:56', L.W.L.44'6", Beam 15'6", Draft 6'7", Capacity 12, Tonnage: Gross 35, Net 33, Ballast 19,650 lbs. Internal.

(3) Intended use for vessel, including geographic region of intended operation and trade. According to the applicant: "Intended use: Sailing charters to/from Sackets Harbor NY to/from Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence Seaway. Charters are designed as day charters but may have an occasional overnight application for special occasions. Passengers will not exceed 12 persons."

(4) Date and place of construction and (if applicable) rebuilding. Date of construction: 1987. Place of original construction: Built in Taiwan by Ta Chaio Bros. Yacht Bldg. Co., LTD.

(5) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on other commercial passenger vessel operators. According to the applicant: "This waiver will not have an impact on other commercial passenger vessel operators. All present operators are power boats specializing in fishing charters. There are no other commercial passenger vessels operating out of Sackets Harbor, NY for sailing charters."

(6) A statement on the impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards. According to the applicant: "The impact this waiver will have on U.S. shipyards is none. We have no intention of purchasing a U.S. built vessel for sailing charters in the event this waiver is not granted."

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: March 23, 2000.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket Nos. MC-F-20963 and MC-F-20965]<sup>1</sup>

### Stagecoach Holdings plc and Coach USA, Inc., et al.—Control—Century Airline Services, Inc. and All West Coachlines, Inc., et al.

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice Tentatively Approving Finance Transactions.

**SUMMARY:** Stagecoach Holdings plc (Stagecoach), and its subsidiary, Coach USA, Inc. (Coach), both noncarriers that control motor passenger carriers, and various subsidiaries of each (collectively, applicants), filed an application under 49 U.S.C. 14303 for Stagecoach, related applicants, and its subsidiaries, Coach and Coach Canada, Inc. (Canada), to acquire control of Century Airline Services, Inc. (Century), and for Stagecoach, related applicants, and its subsidiaries, Coach and Coach USA West, Inc. (West), to acquire control of All West Coachlines, Inc. d/b/a All West Tours (All West) and Goodall's Charter Bus Service, Inc. (Goodall's). Persons wishing to oppose the application must follow the rules at 49 CFR 1182.5 and 1182.8. The Board has tentatively approved the transactions, and, if no opposing comments are timely filed, this notice will be the final Board action.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed by May 15, 2000. Applicants may file a reply by May 30, 2000. If no comments are filed by May 15, 2000, this notice is effective on that date.

**ADDRESSES:** Send an original and 10 copies of any comments referring to STB Docket No. MC-F-20963, *et al.* to: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, send one copy of comments to applicants' representative: Betty Jo Christian, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, 1330 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Stagecoach is a public limited corporation organized under the laws of Scotland, and Coach is a Delaware corporation. Stagecoach and its

<sup>1</sup> These proceedings are not consolidated. A single decision is being issued for administrative convenience.

subsidiaries<sup>2</sup> currently control Coach and its noncarrier regional management subsidiaries (including Canada and West), as well as the motor passenger carriers jointly controlled by Coach and the management subsidiaries.<sup>3</sup> Coach acquired the companies that are the subject of these proceedings by purchasing all of the outstanding stock of Century<sup>4</sup> and Goodall's<sup>5</sup> in separate 1999 transactions and simultaneously placing the stock of each into independent voting trusts. In January 2000, Coach purchased the stock of All West<sup>6</sup> and again simultaneously placed the stock into an independent voting trust. Applicants submit that the federal and state operating authorities held by Century, All West and Goodall's will not be transferred from one entity to another as a result of the control transactions.

Under 49 U.S.C. 14303(b), we must approve and authorize a transaction we find 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 transactions are consistent with the public interest under 49 U.S.C. 14303(b). Specifically, applicants have shown that the proposed transactions will have a positive effect on the adequacy of transportation to the public and will result in no increase in fixed charges, and no changes in employment. See 49

<sup>2</sup> The four noncarrier subsidiaries of Stagecoach that are intermediate in the corporate chain connecting Stagecoach with Coach are: SUS 1 Limited, SUS 2 Limited, Stagecoach Nevada (a Nevada general partnership formerly known as Stagecoach General Partnership), and SCH US Holdings Corp. (collectively, the Intermediate Subsidiaries).

<sup>3</sup> Control over Coach and its subsidiaries was approved in *Stagecoach Holdings plc—Control—Coach USA, Inc., et al.*, STB Docket No. MC-F-20948 (STB served July 22, 1999).

<sup>4</sup> Century is an Ontario corporation. It holds federally issued operating authority in Docket No. MC-293450, which authorizes it to provide charter and special services between points in the United States.

<sup>5</sup> Goodall's is a California corporation. It holds federally issued operating authority in Docket No. MC-148870, which authorizes it to provide charter and special services passenger transportation between points in the United States.

<sup>6</sup> All West is a California corporation. It holds federally issued operating authority in Docket No. MC-212056, which authorizes it to engage in charter and special operations between points in the United States (except Alaska and Hawaii) and to operate as a motor contract carrier under continuing contracts with persons requiring passenger service.

CFR 1182.2(a)(7). Additional information, including a copy of the application, may be obtained from the applicants' representative.

On the basis of the application, we find that the proposed transactions are 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.

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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 proposed acquisitions of control are 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 March 15, 2000, 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—HMCE-20, 400 Virginia Avenue, S.W., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20024; (2) the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, 10th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20530; and (3) the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the General Counsel, 400 7th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590.

Decided: March 23, 2000.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Burkes, and Commissioner Clyburn.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 22, 2000.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to

OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before April 28, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

### Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF)

*OMB Number:* 1512-0052.

*Form Number:* ATF F 5130.9.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Brewer's Report of Operations.

*Description:* ATF F 5130.9 is a periodic report filed by brewers to account for taxable commodities. For this reason, ATF F 5130.9 is a method to protest tax revenue. The data collected on the form is also summarized by ATF in a statistical release.

*Respondents:* Business of other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 879.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 1 hour.

*Frequency of Response:* Quarterly.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 4,236 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1512-0524.

*Form Number:* ATF F 3310.11.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Federal Firearms License Theft/Loss Report.

*Description:* Theft and losses of firearms from the inventory or collection of a Federal firearms licensee must be reported to the Secretary of Treasury and the appropriate local authorities within 48 hours of discovery. This form contains the minimum information necessary for ATF to initiate criminal investigations.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent:* 24 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 1,600 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1512-0553.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Strategic Planning

*Environmental Assessment Outreach*  
*Description:* The outreach to ATF stakeholders is part of the Bureau's