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Please forward any requests for reasonable accommodation by September 1. You can also visit the OBO website at www.state.gov/obo for additional information. Requests for reasonable accommodation made after that date will be considered but may not be able to be fulfilled.

Please contact Lauren Luckett, email: lucketta@state.gov, Phone: 516.818.4439 with any questions.

Zachary A. Parker,

Director, Office of Directives Management,
U.S. Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. MCF 21109]

Terry W. Fischer & TKRG Holdings Inc.—Acquisition of Control—Royal Coach Tours

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice tentatively approving and authorizing finance transaction.

SUMMARY: On July 21, 2023, Terry W. Fischer (Fischer) and TKRG Holdings Inc. (TKRG) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application to acquire from Daniel K. Smith and Sandra S. Allen (Individual Sellers) and New Holdco, a to-be-formed California corporation, control of all the outstanding equity interests of Royal Coach Tours (Royal), a passenger motor carrier. 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 may be filed by October 2, 2023. If any comments are filed, Applicants may file a reply by October 17, 2023. If no opposing comments are filed by October 2, 2023, this notice will be final on October 3, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be filed with the Board either via e-filing on the

Board's website or mailing to the Board's offices and must reference Docket No. MCF 21109. Comments may be filed at www.stb.gov/proceedings-actions/e-filing/other-filings/. Mailed comments may be sent to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of comments must be sent to Applicants' representative: Andrew K. Light, Scopelitis, Garvin, Light, Hanson & Feary, P.C., 10 W Market Street, Suite 1400, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amanda Gorski at (202) 245-0291. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245-0245.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: According to the application, Fischer is an individual resident of the state of California and directly owns and controls all of the equity and voting interest of Transportation Charter Services, Inc. (TCS). (Appl. 2.) TKRG is a Delaware limited liability company, headquartered in California, and indirectly controlled by Fischer. (*Id.*) Applicants state that neither applicant is a federally regulated passenger motor carrier, and other than Fischer, none of the entities or persons having direct or indirect interests in TKRG control any federally regulated interstate passenger motor carrier.¹ (*Id.* at 2-3.)

TCS is an interstate passenger motor carrier that holds interstate carrier operating authority under FMCSA Docket No. MC-229775 and a USDOT safety rating of "Satisfactory." (*Id.* at 2; *id.* at Ex. B.) TCS provides charter bus services in Southern California for third-party tour operators, private party charters, and school groups. (*Id.* at 3.) TCS also provides motor coach transportation services, primarily focused on charter bus services for third-party tour operators and private group outings, in the Canadian Rockies Area of Alberta, Canada. (*Id.*) In addition, TCS provides limited contractual employee shuttle service employees at the San Diego

¹ According to the application, as of the closing of the transaction, the outstanding shares of TKRG will be held by RCTB, LLC (RCTB), a Delaware limited liability company; the outstanding membership interests in RCTB will be held by TFKF 50 Holdings LLC (TFKF) (67.5%), Blue Fin Equity Partners LLP (Blue Fin) (22.5%), and GHSG, LLC (GHSG) (10%); the outstanding membership interests in TFKF will be held by Fischer (51%) and Fischer's brother, Kevin Fischer (49%); the partnership interests in Blue Fin will be controlled by Remi Poissant and Jane Poissant; and the membership interest in GHSG will be owned and controlled by Greg Gallup, an individual and current management employee of Royal. (Appl. 2; *id.* at Ex. C (chart of the organizational structure of the Royal Coach Tours, post-transaction).)

International Airport during on-going construction projects. (*Id.*)

Individual Sellers are current shareholders of Royal and are noncarriers that do not control any federally regulated passenger motor carrier other than Royal. (*Id.* at 4.) Immediately prior to the sale of Royal, Individual Sellers will effect a reorganization of Royal such that Royal will become a California limited liability company wholly owned by New Holdco, a to-be-formed corporation, which will be wholly owned by Individual Sellers. (*Id.* at 4.)

Royal is a California corporation, headquartered in California, that holds interstate carrier operating authority under FMCSA Docket No. MC-142846 and a USDOT safety rating of "Satisfactory," as well as intrastate charter-party operating authority issued by the California Public Utilities Commission and intrastate charter bus authority issued by the Nevada Transportation Authority. (*Id.*) Royal provides motor coach charter transportation services from its terminal facilities located in San Jose, Cal. (Bay Area), Las Vegas, Nev., and Phoenix, Ariz. (*Id.* at 4-5.) Royal also provides a limited amount of intrastate employee commuter shuttle services for employers in the Bay Area. (*Id.* at 5.) In providing these services, Royal utilizes approximately 73 motor coaches and 1 minibus, and approximately 115 drivers. (*Id.*) Applicants state that these services do not overlap with the geographic area of service offerings of TCS. (*Id.*)

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. Applicants have submitted the information 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), *see* 49 CFR 1182.2(a)(7), and a jurisdictional statement under 49 U.S.C. 14303(g) that the aggregate gross operating revenues of TCS and Royal exceeded \$2 million during the 12-month period immediately preceding the filing of the application, *see* 49 CFR 1182.2(a)(5).

Applicants state that the transaction is not expected to have a material, detrimental impact on the adequacy of transportation services available for the public, as the services Royal currently provides will continue to be provided

by Royal under the same name and from the same locations as prior to the transaction. (*Id.* at 7.) Further, Applicants assert that bringing Royal under the control of Fischer, who is experienced in the same market segments served by Royal (*i.e.*, private charter transportation and employee shuttle operations), will result in improved operating efficiencies, increased equipment utilization rates, and cost savings derived from economies of scale, which will help ensure the provision of adequate service to the public. (*Id.*) Applicants state that the transaction will increase fixed charges in the form of interest expense because funds will be borrowed by TKRG to assist in the funding of the transaction but that such an increase will not impact the provision of transportation to the public. (*Id.*) Applicants further state that they intend to continue existing operations of Royal and as such, the transaction will not materially impact employees or labor conditions. (*Id.* at 8.) Applicants assert that that neither competition nor the public interest will be adversely affected by the proposed transaction, as Royal's operations consist primarily of charter bus transportation, as well as limited employee commuter services, which are markets that are very competitive in the geographic areas served by Royal. (*Id.* at 9.) Applicants note that all charter service providers, including Royal, compete with other modes of passenger transportation. (*Id.* at 10.) Lastly, Applicants state the Royal's services are geographically dispersed from the service areas of TCS. (*Id.*)

The Board finds that the acquisition as proposed in the application is consistent with the public interest and should be tentatively approved and authorized. If any opposing comments are timely filed,² 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. If no opposing comments are filed by 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 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 October 3, 2023, unless opposing comments are filed by October 2, 2023. If any comments are filed, Applicants may file a reply by October 17, 2023.

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: August 12, 2023.

By the Board, Board Members Fuchs, Hedlund, Oberman, Primus, and Schultz.

Raina White,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2022-1605]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of a New Approval of Information Collection: International Role of the Federal Aviation Administration

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for a new information collection. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on February 13, 2023. The collection involves questioning, via email, telephone or other means, foreign entities to determine what collaborative opportunities exist. The information to be collected is necessary to accomplish the statutory requirements of Title 49 United States Code to "provide technical assistance on any other aspect of aviation safety that the Administrator determines is likely to enhance international aviation safety". The

information collection will be used to inform the FAA's International Strategy, which is the agency's mechanism for fulfilling its international role.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by September 17, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nicholas DeLotell by email at: nicholas.delotell@faa.gov; phone: 202-710-1163.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

OMB Control Number: 2120-XXXX.

Title: Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of a New Approval of Information Collection: International Role of the Federal Aviation Administration.

Form Numbers: None.

Type of Review: Clearance of a new information collection.

Background: The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on February 13, 2023 (Volume 88 FR 9312). 49 U.S.C. 40104 requires "the Administrator to promote and achieve global improvements in the safety, efficiency, and environmental effect of air travel by engaging with foreign counterparts, in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and its subsidiary organizations, and other international organizations and fora, and with the private sector." The statute further requires the Administrator to engage bilaterally and multilaterally on an ongoing basis to bolster international collaboration and to harmonize international aviation safety requirements, and to expand the technical assistance provided by the FAA in support of enhancing international aviation safety.

² Persons wishing to oppose the application must follow the rules at 49 CFR 1182.5 and 1182.8.