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**IN THE MATTER OF AMERICAN SAFETY HOLDINGS, LLC, A LOUISIANA
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

--ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY--

**AMERICAN-INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, INC. D/B/A DIXIELAND TOURS &
CRUISES, A LOUISIANA CORPORATION**

**VERIFIED APPLICATION UNDER 49 U.S.C. § 14303(a) FOR APPROVAL OF THE
ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY OF AMERICAN-INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, INC.
D/B/A DIXIELAND TOURS & CRUISES, A LOUISIANA CORPORATION**

Dated: June 17, 2025

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APPLICATION BY AMERICAN SAFETY HOLDINGS, LLC (A NON-CARRIER) AND AMERICAN-INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, INC. (A CARRIER) TO APPROVE THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF SUBSTANTIALLY ALL OF THE ASSETS OF AMERICAN-INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, INC. BY AMERICAN SAFETY HOLDINGS, LLC under an asset purchase agreement among these parties.

AMERICAN-INTERATIONAL TRAVEL, INC. (USDOT 438686, MC-179953), a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana and doing business under the name DIXIELAND TOURS AND CRUISES is a Carrier (hereinafter referred to as “**Dixieland**”). AMERICAN SAFETY HOLDINGS, LLC, a Non-Carrier (hereinafter “**Holdings**”), and AMERICAN SAFETY TRANSIT, LLC, a Carrier (hereinafter “**Transit**” USDOT No. 4120767, MC-No. 1638165) respectfully submit this application (the “**Application**”) to the Surface Transportation Board (hereinafter the “**Board**”) under 49 U.S.C. §14303(a) and 49 C.F.R. Part 1182. Holdings and Transit (collectively, the “**Applicants**”) are affiliated entities under common control. Dixieland, Holdings, and Transit respectfully ask the Board for authorization to consummate the following asset purchase transaction.

THE TRANSACTION

Dixieland is engaged in motor coach passenger transportation services in and from the State of Louisiana. The asset purchase agreement (hereinafter the “**APA**”) for which approval is sought in this Application is entered into by Dixieland, as Seller, its three shareholders, Gloria Jean Augusta, Norman A. Augusta, III, and Lori A. Guyton, and Holdings as Buyer, as part of Dixieland’s business plan to sell all its motor coach assets and permanently withdraw from the motor coach passenger transportation business.

Under the APA, the Non-Carrier Holdings will acquire substantially all of the assets of Dixieland. The assets include 21 motorcoaches (the “**Motor Coach Assets**”), as well as Non-

Motor Coach Assets used in Dixieland's charter business operations conducted in and from the State of Louisiana.

The Non-Motor Coach Assets of Dixieland consist of the real property used as Dixieland's garage facilities, customer lists, telephone numbers, pending motor coach charter customer contracts (which will be assigned to and performed by Transit on or after the closing date), charter contract deposits associated with pending charter contracts, parts, equipment, supplies, website and related software and intangibles used by Dixieland in its charter business operation. The transaction will occur in one closing pending the approval of this Application by this Board. Upon consummation of the transactions contemplated by the APA (the "**Transaction**"), which involves the sale of substantially all of Dixieland's assets, Dixieland's shareholders intend to permanently withdraw from the motor coach passenger business, while the Dixieland brand will continue as a going concern and will be operated by the Applicants, who will assume responsibility for ongoing operations and service provision under the existing brand name.

Acquisition of Dixieland's Motor Coach Assets by Holdings will permit Holdings and its affiliate, Transit, to continue operating the assets of Dixieland as an interstate carrier in the State of Louisiana (under Transit's interstate operating authority and in accordance with RI-1617 following the closing of the Transaction). Upon completion of the Transaction, Holdings will lease the Motor Coach Assets to Transit. The sale is in the public interest because the Transaction promotes the more efficient use of transportation assets in the delivery of transportation services to the public, increases operating efficiencies, reduces operating costs, and promotes greater economic use of existing transportation capital resources by maintaining service options to customers of Transit and Dixieland.

Transit intends to operate the Non-Motor Coach Assets of Dixieland by providing charter transportation services to Dixieland customers and supplementing Dixieland's current transportation services to its existing customers throughout the State of Louisiana and in interstate commerce as demand requires. Transit will continue to operate out of its existing garage facilities in Louisiana, and, contingent upon the Board's approval of this Application and the closing of the APA, Transit will operate from Dixieland's current garage facility at 10520 S. Choctaw Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70815. The real property on which Dixieland's garage facility is located is included as an acquired asset under the APA. The Transaction is in the public interest because charter operations will continue post-closing from the real property location where Dixieland currently operates without interruption or termination of service. Because commercial operations will continue, the real property and facility will be maintained and will not fall into disrepair or be abandoned.

It is expected that the acquisition of Dixieland by Holdings and the incorporation of Dixieland's charter business operations into Transit's existing charter business will increase efficiencies, services, and profits of the Buyer, reduce operating costs and deadhead miles, and improve service to the public.

THE PARTIES

Holdings, a Non-Carrier, is a Louisiana limited liability company, with its principal place of business located at 10656 LA Hwy 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana 70037. Holdings is owned by American Safety, LLC, a Louisiana limited liability company ("**American Safety**") and Bricor Energy Group, LLC, a Louisiana limited liability company ("**Bricor**"). American Safety is owned by Corey Rosales and Paul Hull. Corey Rosales owns a Sixty-Seven Percent (67%) membership interest in American Safety, while Paul Hull owns a Thirty-Three Percent (33%) membership

interest in American Safety. Bricor is wholly owned by Ana Begovich. In the Transaction, Holdings will purchase the Motor Coach Assets and Non-Motor Coach Assets of Dixieland and lease the Motor Coach Assets to Transit, its affiliate under common ownership.

Corey Rosales, Paul Hull, and Ana Begovich are experienced and reliable providers of transportation services to the general public, delivering passenger transportation and other logistics coordination to the traveling public, primarily in the Gulf South, through the direct management and ownership of certain motor carriers: American Safety, LLC (USDOT No. 3632545, MC-No. 01550875), American Safety Transit, LLC (USDOT No. 4120767, MC-No. 1638165), and A & R Logistics Services, LLC (USDOT No. 3923834, MC-No. 1452217).

Transit, a Carrier, is a Louisiana limited liability company owned by Bricor, which owns Fifty-One Percent (51%) of Transit's membership interests, and American Safety, which owns Forty-Nine Percent (49%) of Transit's membership interests. Transit engages in the motor transportation of passengers. Transit is a party to this Application and will operate the Motor Coach Assets of Dixieland pursuant to a lease agreement with Holdings. Transit presently operates and does business in the State of Louisiana.

American Safety, which is authorized as a Broker only, is a Louisiana limited liability company owned by Corey Rosales, who owns Sixty-Seven Percent (67%) of the membership interests and Paul Hull, who owns Thirty-Three Percent (33%) of the membership interests. American Safety is not a party to the APA or this Application and is identified because it is under the common control of Corey Rosales and Paul Hull along with the other companies that are parties to the APA or this Application. American Safety is not a Carrier.

A & R Logistics Services, LLC ("A&R"), a Carrier, is a Louisiana limited liability company owned by Bricor, which owns Fifty-One Percent (51%) of A&R's membership interests,

and American, which owns Forty-Nine Percent (49%) of A&R's membership interests. A&R does not engage in the motor transportation of passengers. A&R is not a party to the APA or this Application and is identified because it is under the common control of Corey Rosales and Paul Hull along with the other companies that are parties to the APA or this Application. A&R, which does not hold authority to transport passengers, is engaged in the commercial transportation industry, specifically providing general freight and trucking services. Its operations are limited to the movement of property and do not involve the provision of motor passenger carrier services.

Bricor Energy Group, LLC, is a Louisiana limited liability company. Ana Begovich is the sole member of Bricor and owns One Hundred Percent (100%) of its membership interests. Bricor is not a party to the APA or this Application and is identified because it owns a majority of the Applicants' respective membership interests. Bricor is engaged in the business of providing consulting services with a specialized focus on trucking operations and oilfield logistics. The company offers strategic and operational guidance to clients within the transportation and energy sectors, assisting with the planning, coordination, and optimization of logistics solutions tailored to the unique demands of those industries.

An organization chart of the Applicants and the aforementioned entities is attached to this Application and marked for identification as *Exhibit A*.

I. Jurisdictional Statement (49 C.F.R. § 1182.2 (a)(5)).

The STB has jurisdiction over this matter under 49 U.S.C. § 14303(g) due to the aggregate gross operating revenues of Applicants and Dixieland exceeding \$2,000,000.00 during the 12-month period immediately preceding the filing of this Application.

II. Environmental Impact (49 C.F.R. § 1182.2 (a)(6)).

Approval of this Application and the closing of this Transaction will not have a detrimental

effect on the human and societal environment. This Transaction will serve as a means to conduct the motor transport carrier operation of Dixieland more efficiently, with the ability to use full capacity in individual motor carriers to assist as many people as possible in need of transportation services. The Transaction is anticipated to minimize environmental impact by streamlining operations under a single organization, thereby enhancing efficiency and conserving energy resources. As a result, no significant effect on the human environment is expected.

III. Public Interest Considerations (49 C.F.R. § 1182.2 (a)(7)).

The Board “shall approve and authorize a transaction” when it finds that the transaction is “consistent with public interest.” *See* 49 U.S.C § 14303(b). The statutory factors the Board must consider are as follows:

- (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 the carrier employees affected by the proposed transaction.

a. Adequacy of Transportation Services

The proposed Transaction is anticipated to materially enhance the adequacy and efficiency of motor passenger carrier services provided to the public by enabling the coordinated deployment of operational assets under unified control. Through the consolidation of the subject Motor Coach Assets, the Transaction will allow for increased availability and improved utilization of motor carriers, resulting in greater service reliability and overall operational efficiency. This streamlined structure will advance the public convenience and necessity, as contemplated under 49 U.S.C. § 14303.

Upon consummation of the Transaction, the Motor Coach Assets will continue to be operated by Transit, an experienced and qualified motor passenger carrier with a proven track

record of regulatory compliance, safety, and dependable service delivery. Transit's ongoing management will ensure not only continuity of operations but also a seamless transition without service interruption or adverse impact to the riding public.

Moreover, the Transaction will support the maintenance and enhancement of existing service levels within current markets by leveraging consolidated resources and more efficient scheduling. At the same time, it will facilitate strategic service expansion into new or underserved areas, thereby extending access to safe, affordable, and reliable transportation options for a broader segment of the traveling public. The Applicant respectfully submits that the proposed Transaction serves the public interest by promoting long-term service sustainability, improving carrier viability, and aligning with the STB's statutory objectives

b. Total Fixed Charges

The consummation of the Transaction will not result in a substantial change to the total fixed charges of the consolidated entity. Specifically, the Transaction will not generate an unreasonable amount of interest expense, as limited debt financing or borrowed funds will be utilized in its execution. Moreover, substantially all of Dixieland's existing service contracts will be assumed by Holdings and honored at the same rates and on terms consistent with those currently in effect, thereby ensuring continuity in contractual obligations and service delivery.

Given the anticipated operational efficiencies and economies of scale resulting from the Transaction, the Applicants expect to identify opportunities for future service enhancements without diminishing the quality, reliability, or availability of existing services. Accordingly, the Transaction is not expected to have any adverse financial or operational impact on public service and, instead, is likely to support ongoing improvements in service performance and customer satisfaction.

c. Interest of the Carrier Employees

The Applicants intend to continue the existing operations of Dixieland without interruption and will offer employment to all current Dixieland personnel under the same terms and conditions as those in effect prior to the Transaction. The Applicants do not anticipate, and have no current plans to implement, any workforce reductions, layoffs, or adverse changes to employee compensation or benefits. Accordingly, and absent any decisions by current employees to decline continued employment, the Transaction is not expected to result in any material disruption to the existing workforce, nor will it negatively affect labor conditions or employee rights. The continuity of employment and preservation of existing labor standards reflect the Applicants' commitment to ensuring a smooth transition and maintaining stable labor relations throughout and following the consummation of the Transaction.

IV. Safety Fitness Certification (49 C.F.R. § 1182.2 (a)(8)).

The Applicants hereby certify that Holdings' Carrier affiliates, Transit and A&R, have Satisfactory safety ratings.

V. Insurance Certification (49 C.F.R. § 1182.2 (a)(9)).

Transit, as Applicant, hereby acknowledges, certifies, and agrees that Transit, who is the party acquiring operating rights, has the requisite insurance coverage under 49 U.S.C. § 13906 (a) and (d) for the service it intends to provide.

VI. Mexico Certification (49 C.F.R. § 1182.2 (a)(10)).

The Applicants hereby certify that the proposed Transaction does not involve the acquisition of operating authority or assets by any individuals or entities domiciled in Mexico, nor by any individuals or entities that are owned, operated, or controlled, directly or indirectly, by persons of Mexican nationality or domicile. Accordingly, the Transaction is not subject to the

foreign ownership provisions or restrictions set forth under 49 U.S.C. § 14303(e) and complies fully with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements concerning cross-border control and ownership.

VII. No Individuals Holding Operating Authority (49 C.F.C. § 1182.2.(a)(11)).

The Applicants hereby certify that the Transaction does not involve the transfer of operating authority to any individual who will hold such authority in a personal capacity. Rather, the transfer of authority will be effectuated in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements, ensuring that the operating authority remains vested in corporate entities as appropriate and consistent with the STB's rules and policies.

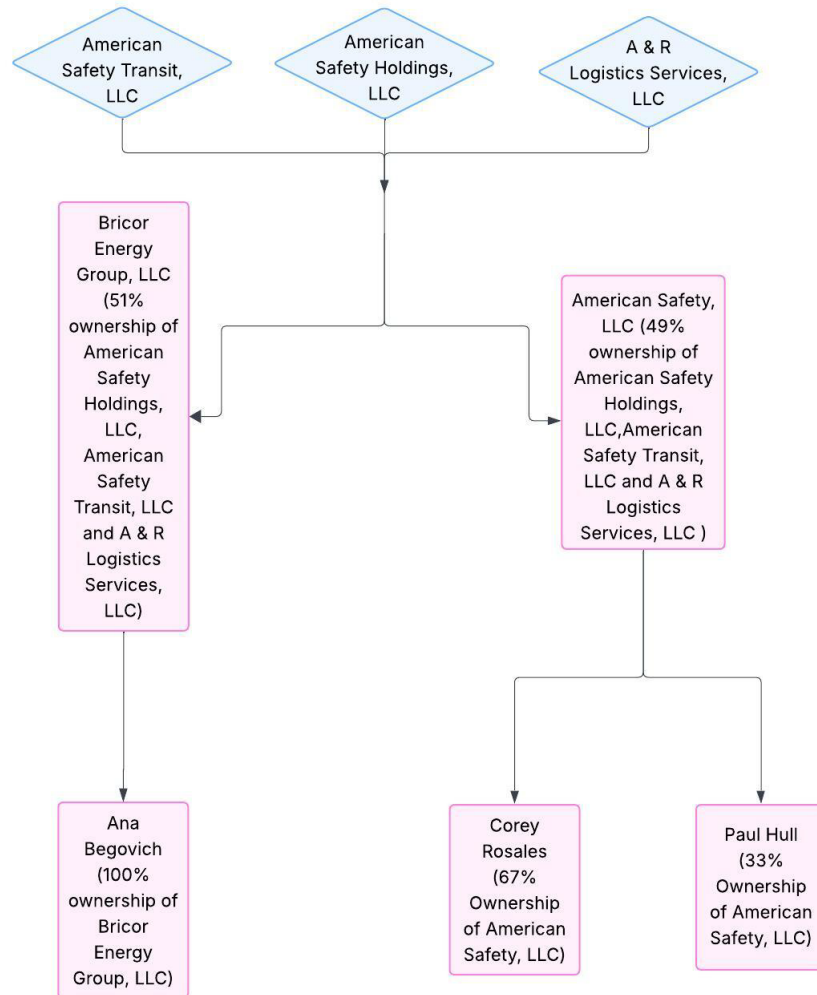
VIII. Conclusion

The Applicants respectfully submit that the proposed Transaction is consistent with and advances the public interest, as contemplated under 49 U.S.C. § 14303 and the implementing regulations set forth in 49 C.F.R. Part 1182. For the reasons detailed herein—including the preservation of existing services, the enhancement of operational efficiency, and the seamless continuity of passenger transportation under experienced management—the Transaction satisfies the statutory criteria for approval. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the Surface Transportation Board grant this Application in full and authorize the Transaction, including the acquisition of control of Dixieland, as described herein.

Exhibit A

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Company Organizational Chart with Subsidiaries

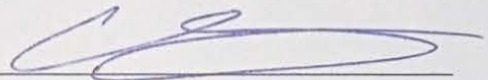


VERIFICATION OF APPLICANT

The undersigned verifies under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that all information supplied by such person on behalf of and limited to Applicant in connection with this Application is true and correct. Further, the undersigned is qualified and authorized to submit this verification and file this Application. The undersigned further certifies under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States, that he knows that willful misrepresentations or omissions of material facts constitute Federal criminal violations punishable under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 by imprisonment up to five years and fines up to \$10,000 for each offense. Additionally, these misstatements are punishable under 18 U.S.C. § 1621, which provides for fines up to \$2,000 or imprisonment up to five years for each offense.

“Applicant”

American Safety Holdings, LLC

By: 

Print Name: Corey Rosales

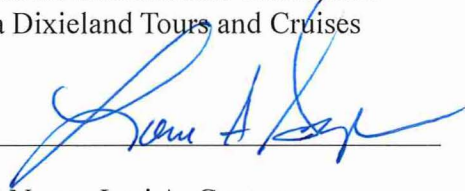
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VERIFICATION OF SELLER

The undersigned verifies under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that all information supplied by such person on behalf of and limited to Dixieland, as applicable, in connection with this Application is true and correct. Further, the undersigned is qualified and authorized to submit this verification and file this Application. The undersigned further certifies under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States, that she knows that willful misrepresentations or omissions of material facts constitute Federal criminal violations punishable under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 by imprisonment up to five years and fines up to \$10,000 for each offense. Additionally, these misstatements are punishable under 18 U.S.C. § 1621, which provides for fines up to \$2,000 or imprisonment up to five years for each offense.

“Seller”

American-International Travel, Inc.
d/b/a Dixieland Tours and Cruises

By:  _____

Print Name: Lori A. Guyton

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Respectfully,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of this Application on the relevant state regulatory bodies in each state in which intrastate operations are affected by the Transaction, including:

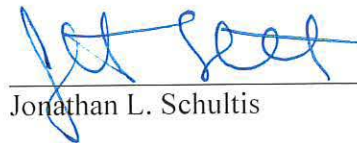
Louisiana Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 91154
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-9154

I also certify that I have delivered copies of this Application to the following agency:

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
Office of Registration & Safety Information
Chief, Registration, Licensing & Insurance Division
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Mail Stop W65-331
Washington, DC 20590

I have also served a copy of the foregoing Application, and copies of all other information and documentary material filed with the Surface Transportation Board in connection with the Transaction, via e-mail on the United States Federal Trade Commission and the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice.

Dated at New Orleans, Louisiana, this 17th day of June 2025.



Jonathan L. Schultis