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Surface Transportation Board
Ms. Mai T. Dinh
Director, Office of Proceedings

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Dear Ms. Dinh –

Thank you for your correspondence of January 5th, 2024, where you advised TBL Group, Inc. that under 49 CFR 1103.3 and 49 CFR 1104.4, that we needed to correct our filing, which is currently in abeyance.

In accordance with 49 CFR 1104.4(b)(3), I am advising the Surface Transportation Board, as an officer and director of TBL Group, Inc., that I am refiling STB Docket MC-F-21113 and MC-F-21113-TA.

I hold the position of President and CEO of TBL Group, Inc. of which I am able and willing to answer questions or comments as well as serve as the primary point of contact for TBL Group, Inc. related to STB Docket MC-F-21113 and MC-F-21113-TA.

Thank you again for your service and bringing attention to the Surface Transportation Board's enforcement of 49 CFR 1103.3 and 49 CFR 1104.4.

With Warm Regards,

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Mr. John Ferrari
President and Chief Executive Officer
TBL Group, Inc.

STB DOCKET NO. MC-F-21113

TBL GROUP, INC.
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JKS LIMOUSINES, LLC DBA WINDY CITY LIMOUSINE COMPANY, LLC

REQUEST FOR INTERIM APPROVAL UNDER 49 USC 14303

Pursuant to 49 USC 14303 and under the board rules under 49 CFR 1182.7, Applicant TBL Group, Inc. “TBL Group” hereby request the interim approval of the Applicant plan to purchase substantially all the business operations and assets of JKS Limousines, LLC DBA Windy City Limousine Company, LLC “JKS” and Windy City Limousine Company, LLC “Windy City”, together “JKS and Windy City”.

As explained more fully herein and in the Verified Application for Approval, “TBL Group” is a for-profit corporation in the state of Texas which owns federally-regulated passenger-carrier transportation companies in operation throughout the southwest and southeast regions of the United States and “JKS” is a federally-registered passenger-carrier motor carrier providing charter and tour, contract services in the state of Illinois market.

The applicant has proposed with “JKS and Windy City” to complete a financial transaction that will result in the Applicant holding a controlling ownership in a new operating entity called Echo Windy City, LLC.

Echo Windy City, LLC will operate as a subsidiary of TBL Group, Inc. with distinct operations that will take advantage of the infusion of capital allowing the company to modernize its fleet, centrally manage administrative and business functions, and potentially expand business services. Those operations will be headquartered in the state of Texas with supporting operations in the state of Illinois.

The savings realized from streamlined operations and the consolidation of debt is intended to enhance purchasing power and potentially invest in environmentally friendly strategies resulting in the

further strengthening of our financial position and improve the safety and efficiency of our fleet.

Timing of the proposed transaction is of vital importance.

The timeline of the proposed transaction is to occur within 60 calendar days based on the approval by the Surface Transportation Board and requires interim approval as an indication of certainty pending ultimate disposition of the Application so that the transaction remains on schedule for completion.

The Board has consistently granted interim approval of such transactions similar to this one in which the Applicant would suffer inefficiencies or losses without interim approval of the transaction and where time is of the essence. See e.g. STB Docket MC-F-21058, STB Docket-MC-F-20902 and STB Docket-MC-F-20988.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated herein, the Applicant respectfully request the Board approves this Request for Interim Approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

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