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LONE STAR COACHES, INC.
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TRI-CITY CHARTER OF BOSSIER, INC.

REQUEST FOR INTERIM APPROVAL UNDER 49 USC 14303

Pursuant to 49 USC 14303 and under the board rules under 49 CFR 1182.7, Applicant Lone Star Coaches Inc. "Lone Star Coaches" hereby request the interim approval of the Applicant plan to purchase Tri-City Charter of Bossier, Inc. "Tri-City Charter".

As explained more fully herein and in the Verified Application for Approval, Lone Star Coaches, Inc. and Tri-City Charter of Bossier, Inc. are federally-registered passenger-carrier motor carriers providing charter and tour, contract services in the states of Texas and Louisiana markets.

The applicant has proposed with Tri-City Charter of Bossier, Inc. to complete a financial transaction that will result in the Applicant holding a controlling ownership in the two operating entities.

Lone Star Coaches and Tri-City Charter will continue to operate as separate companies with distinct operations that will take advantage of the infusion of capital allowing each company to modernize their fleet, centrally manage administrative and business functions, and potentially expand business services.

Without the financing transaction, the companies will not be able to modernize their fleet and will continue to operate less effectively and efficiently.

The savings realized from streamlined operations and the consolidation of debt is

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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 180 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Lewis", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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