

Applicants assert that the transaction is consistent with the public interest. Applicants state that STA's operating subsidiaries and WPT have contractual obligations to provide outsourced transportation services and a competitive incentive to maintain and improve existing services because doing so enhances their chances of success when new outsourcing opportunities arise or when existing contracts are re-competed. (*Id.*) According to Applicants, contract renewals in the school transportation sector often involve highly visible and intense negotiation processes between multiple bidders, governmental bodies, unions, political activists and other interested parties. (*Id.* at 6.) Thus, Applicants claim that STA will have "strong incentives to maintain high service levels in order to fend off competitive bids" from other bus transportation providers. (*Id.*) Applicants also note that STA's operating subsidiaries will face competition from school districts and local government entities that can provide bus transportation "in-house." (*Id.*)

With respect to fixed charges, Applicants state that there are no current plans to finance the proposed acquisition in a manner that would affect fixed charges payable by STA or its affiliates. (*Id.*) Applicants further note that funding for the transaction "will be drawn from STA's current credit facility, and WPT (like other STA subsidiaries) will become a co-obligor under that facility." (*Id.*)

Regarding the effect of the acquisition on current employees, Applicants state that it is highly unlikely that any employees of WPT would be adversely affected to any significant degree by the proposed transaction. (*Id.* at 7.) They again emphasize STA and WPT's contractual obligations and competitive incentives to maintain and improve existing services, and claim that STA and WPT "do not have, and rationally could not have, any intention of significantly reducing employment levels involving drivers, dispatchers or vehicle maintenance personnel" as a result of the acquisition. (*Id.*) Applicants further state that there is a "longstanding shortage of qualified drivers and maintenance personnel," and assert that STA continues to actively recruit additional employees. (*Id.*)

Based on Applicants' representations, 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, 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 29, 2024, unless opposing comments are filed by October 28, 2024. If any comments are filed, Applicants may file a reply by November 12, 2024.

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: September 5, 2024.

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

Regena Smith-Bernard,

Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford, P.C on behalf of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (WB24-45—9/4/24) for permission to use select data from the Board's 2022 unmasked Carload Waybill Samples. A copy of this request may be obtained from the Board's website under docket no. WB24-45.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice.

The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.9.

Contact: Alexander Dusenberry, (202) 245-0319.

Eden Besera,

Clearance Clerk.

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SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Minor Modification Notice

AGENCY: Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the minor modifications approved for previously approved projects by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission during the period set forth in **DATES**.

DATES: August 1-31, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 4423 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110-1788.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jason E. Oyler, General Counsel and Secretary to the Commission, telephone: (717) 238-0423, ext. 1312; fax (717) 238-2436; email: joyler@srbc.gov. Regular mail inquiries may be sent to the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice lists previously approved projects, receiving approval of minor modification, described below, pursuant to 18 CFR 806.18 or to Commission Resolution Nos. 2013-11 and 2015-06, for the time period specified above.

1. Department of the Army—Carlisle Barracks Golf Course, Docket No. 20240622, North Middleton and Middlesex Townships, Cumberland County, Pa.; modification approval to adjust the approval term to align with another docket approval by the Commission; Approval Date: August 6, 2024.

Authority: Public Law 91-575, 84 Stat. 1509 *et seq.*, 18 CFR parts 806 and 808.

Dated: September 6, 2024.

Jason E. Oyler,

General Counsel and Secretary to the Commission.

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