

DATES: Comments are due by November 18, 1996. Applicants may reply by December 3, 1996.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 18, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of any comments referring to Docket No. MC-F-20900 to: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, send one copy of comments to applicants' representative: Eldon M. Johnson, 825 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 601, San Francisco, CA 94109.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 927-5660. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Antelope holds 48-State authority (MC-125057) to transport passengers in special and charter operations.² Desert holds authority (MC-140919 Sub 1) to transport passengers in charter or special operations, beginning and ending in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, CA, and extending to points in Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah.

Applicants state that their aggregate gross operating revenues, for the 12-month period that ended on December 31, 1995, exceeded \$2,000,000. They assert that the proposed transaction will preserve motor service because Antelope's financial resources are adequate to ensure that Desert will continue to operate when its owner retires. Additionally, they assert that the transaction's fixed charges will be nominal, that there will be no need to reduce service or increase rates, and that all of Desert's employees will be retained with increased pay and improved benefits.

Applicants certify that: (1) both Antelope and Desert hold satisfactory safety ratings; (2) Antelope maintains sufficient liability insurance to meet the established fitness requirements and is neither domiciled in Mexico nor owned or controlled by persons of that country; and (3) approval of the transaction will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources. Additional information may be obtained from applicants' representative.

Under 49 U.S.C. 14303(b), we must approve and authorize a transaction we find consistent with the public interest, taking into consideration at least: (1)

The effect of the transaction on the adequacy of transportation to the public; (2) the total fixed charges that result; and (3) the interest of affected carrier employees.

We find, that the proposed acquisition of control is consistent with the public interest and that it should be authorized. If any opposing comments are timely filed, this finding will be deemed as having been vacated and a procedural schedule will be adopted to reconsider the application. If no opposing comments are filed by the expiration of the comment period, this decision will take effect automatically and will be the final Board action.

This decision will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. The proposed acquisition of control is approved and authorized, subject to the filing of opposing comments.

2. If timely opposing comments are filed, the findings made in this decision will be deemed as having been vacated.

3. This decision will be effective on November 18, 1996, unless timely opposing comments are filed.

Decided: September 23, 1996.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Simmons, and Commissioner Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Specific Export Bond, Distilled Spirits or Wine.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 2, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Barnes, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Mary Wood, Wine, Beer and Spirits Regulations Branch, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Specific Export Bond, Distilled Spirits or Wine.

OMB Number: 1512-0142.

Form Number: ATF F 2734 (5100.25).

Abstract: ATF F 2734 (5100.25) is used to ensure the payment of taxes on shipments of wine and distilled spirits. The form describes the taxable articles, the surety company, the specific conditions of the bond coverage and the persons that are accountable for tax payment.

Current Actions: There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 1 hour.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Also, ATF requests information regarding any monetary expenses you may incur while completing this form.

Dated: September 26, 1996.

John W. Magaw,

Director.

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²Antelope also controls Airport Bus of Bakersfield, Inc., an interstate motor common carrier of passengers. The acquisition of control was exempt from ICC approval because the combined revenues of the two carriers at the time was less than \$2 million.