foreign or domestic law or policies could affect their commercial decisions, and discuss any ownership restrictions applicable to them.

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### Subpart B—Transfer or Operation of Lines of Railroads in Reorganization

### §1180.20 Procedures.

(a) Transactions under 11 U.S.C. 1172, for the transfer or operation of lines of bankrupt railroads under a plan of reorganization are governed by the following procedures:

(1) If the buyer or operator is not a carrier, the Notice of Exemption procedures in subpart D of part 1150 of this title.

(2) If the buyer or operator is a carrier, either:

(i) The application procedures in subpart A of this part; or,

(ii) The procedures in part 1121 of this title for a petition to exempt the transaction from prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323 *et seq.* 

(b) The Board will establish or modify its existing procedures and deadlines as necessary in each proceeding to comply with appropriate orders of the Bankruptcy Court.

(c) Under 11 U.S.C. 1172(c)(1), the Board is required to provide affected employees with adequate protection. The Board will impose the minimum levels required by 49 U.S.C. 11326, unless a need is shown for greater levels of protection.

(d) All applications, notices, and petitions for exemption within the scope of §1180.20(a) shall advise the Board that the proposed transaction involves the transfer or operation of lines in reorganization.

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# PART 1182—PURCHASE, MERGER, AND CONTROL OF MOTOR PAS-SENGER CARRIERS

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# §1182.1 Applications covered by this part.

The rules in this part govern applications for authority under 49 U.S.C. 14303 to consolidate, merge, purchase, lease, or contract to operate the properties or franchises of motor carriers of passengers or to acquire control of motor carriers of passengers. There is no application form for these proceedings. Applicants shall file a pleading containing the information described in 49 CFR 1182.2. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f) (2) and (5) for filing fees.

#### §1182.2 Content of applications.

(a) The application must contain the following information:

(1) Full name, address, and authorized signature of each of the parties to the transaction;

(2) Copies or descriptions of the pertinent operating authorities of all of the parties (NOTE: If an applicant is domiciled in Mexico or owned or controlled by persons of that country, copies of the actual operating authorities must be submitted.):

(3) A description of the proposed transaction;

(4) Identification of any motor passenger carriers affiliated with the parties, a brief description of their operations, and a summary of the intercorporate structure of the corporate family from top to bottom:

(5) A jurisdictional statement, under 49 U.S.C. 14303(g), that the 12-month aggregate gross operating revenues, including revenues of all motor carrier parties and all motor carriers controlling, controlled by, or under common control with any party from all transportation sources (whether interstate, intrastate, foreign, regulated, or unregulated) exceeded \$2 million. (NoTE: The motor passenger carrier parties and their motor passenger carrier affiliates may select a consecutive 12-

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month period ending not more than 6 months before the date of the parties' agreement covering the transaction. They must, however, select the same 12-month period.)

(6) A statement indicating whether the transaction will or will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and the conservation of energy resources;

(7) Information to demonstrate that the proposed transaction is consistent with the public interest, including particularly: the effect of the proposed transaction on the adequacy of transportation to the public; the total fixed charges (e.g., interest) that result from the proposed transaction; and the interest of carrier employees affected by the proposed transaction. *See* 49 U.S.C. 14303(b);

(8) Certification by applicant of the current U.S. Department of Transportation safety fitness rating of each motor passenger carrier involved in the transaction, whether that carrier is a party to the transaction or is affiliated with a party to the transaction;

(9) Certification by the party acquiring any operating rights through the transaction that it has sufficient insurance coverage under 49 U.S.C. 13906 (a) and (d) for the service it intends to provide;

(10) A statement indicating whether any party acquiring any operating rights through the transaction is either domiciled in Mexico or owned or controlled by persons of that country; and

(11) If the transaction involves the transfer of operating authority to an individual who will hold the authority in his or her name, that individual must complete the following certification:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States, that I have not been convicted, after September 1, 1989, of any Federal or State offense involving the distribution or possession of a controlled substance, or that I have been so convicted, but I am not ineligible to receive Federal benefits, either by court order or operation of law, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 853a.

(b) The application shall contain applicants' entire case in support of the proposed transaction, unless the Board

finds, on its own motion or that of a party to the proceeding, that additional evidentiary submissions are required to resolve the issues in a particular case.

(c) Any statements submitted on behalf of an applicant supporting the application shall be verified, as provided in 49 CFR 1182.8(e). Pleadings consisting strictly of legal argument, however, need not be verified.

(d) If an application or supplemental pleading contains false or misleading information, the granted application is void ab initio.

### §1182.3 Filing the application.

(a) Each application shall be filed with the Board, complying with the requirements set forth at 49 CFR 1182.8.

(1) One copy of the application shall be delivered, by first-class mail, to the appropriate regulatory body in each State in which intrastate operations are affected by the transaction.

(2) If the application involves the merger or purchase of motor passenger carriers (contemplating transfer of operating authorities or registrations from one or more parties to others), one copy of the application shall be delivered, by first-class mail, to:

Chief, Lic. & Ins. Div., U.S.D.O.T. Office of Motor Carriers-HIA 30, 400 Virginia Ave., SW., Ste. 600, Washington, DC 20004

(b) In their application, the parties shall certify that they have delivered copies of the application as provided in paragraph (a) of this section.

### §1182.4 Board review of the application.

(a) All applications will be reviewed for completeness. Applicants will be given an opportunity to correct minor errors or omissions. Incomplete applications may be rejected, or, if omissions are corrected, the filing date of the application, for purposes of calculating the procedural schedule and statutory deadlines, will be deemed to be the date on which the complete information is filed with the Board.

(b) If the application is accepted, a summary of the application will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (within 30 days, as provided by 49 U.S.C. 14303(c)), to give notice to the