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re: Docket No. MC-F-21049, Academy Express, L.L.C. -- Acquisition
of the Property of -- Golden Ring Travel & Transportation, Inc.

Dear Ms. Brown:

Attached for filing in the subject docket is the Verified Application of Academy Express, L.L.C.

Credit card information for the \$2,100.00 filing fee was facsimile transmitted to the Board earlier today.

If you have any question concerning this filing or if I otherwise can be of assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,


Fritz R. Kahn

cc: Mr. David Collins
Chief, Lic. & Ins. Div.

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VERIFIED APPLICATION
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Applicant, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. §14303(a)(2) and 49 C.F.R. Part 1182,
respectfully requests the Board's authorization to acquire the property of Golden Ring
Travel & Transportation, Inc., and in support thereof states, as follows:

(1) Names and addresses of each of the parties:

Academy Express, L.L.C
111 Paterson Avenue
Hoboken, NJ 07030

Golden Ring Travel & Transportation, Inc.
8861 Citation Road
Baltimore, MD 21221

(2) Description of operating authorities:

Academy Express, L.L.C., pursuant to No MC-413682 and USDOT No.
905572, is a motor carrier of passengers principally rendering special and charter
operations.

Golden Ring Travel & Transportation, Inc., pursuant to No. MC-233089 and USDOT No. 541697, is a motor carrier of passengers principally rendering special and charter operations.

(3) Description of the proposed transaction:

The proposed transaction is one which requires the Board's authorization, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. §14303(a)(2) and 49 C.F.R. Part 1182, as both Academy Express, L.L.C., the purchaser, and Golden Ring Travel & Transportation, Inc., the seller, are motor carriers of passengers subject to the Board's jurisdiction. Academy Express, L.L.C., will want to acquire three motor coaches, the customer lists and the goodwill of Golden Ring Travel & Transportation, Inc., as well as its authority to operate as a Charter/Contract Passenger Carrier by motor vehicle in intrastate commerce in Maryland. On the effective date of the acquisition by Academy Express, L.L.C. of its property, Golden Ring Travel & Transportation, Inc. will surrender its interstate operating authority and cease operating as an interstate motor carrier of passengers.

(4) Affiliated parties:

Academy Express, L.L.C. is indirectly controlled by the Tedesco Family ESB Trust, which also indirectly controls Academy Lines, L.L.C., a motor carrier of passengers principally rendering commuter operations, and No. 22 Hillside, L.L.C., a motor carrier of passengers rendering a variety of services. *See*, STB Docket No. MC-F-20983, *Tedesco Family ESB Trust--Continuance in Control and Acquisition of Properties--Academy Bus, L.L.C, et al.*, served August 2, 2001.

Golden Ring Travel & Transportation, Inc., has no affiliated companies.

(5) Jurisdictional statement:

Applicant's gross operating revenue for the preceding twelve months exceeded \$2 million. The proposed transaction, accordingly, is subject to 49 U.S.C. §14303(a)(2).

(6) Environmental effects:

The proposed transaction will have no effect on the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

(7) Consistency with the public interest:

(a) Academy Express, L.L.C. is a significant motorbus operator, with a fleet of approximately 400 motor coaches and in excess of 500 drivers, and its proposed acquisition of the property of Golden Ring Travel & Transportation, Inc., a far smaller company, will be of appreciable benefit to its patrons. The passengers of Golden Ring Travel & Transportation, Inc. will be able to choose to travel in far newer buses than heretofore have been available to them, and they will have a far greater choice of tours and special operations than they previously were able to select. The separate management functions of the two companies will be integrated and the purchases of fuel and other supplies will be combined, thereby lowering the operating costs and rendering the operations formerly conducted by Golden Ring Travel & Transportation, Inc., more competitive.

(b) The proposed transaction will have no effect on total fixed charges.

(c) The proposed transaction will have no adverse affect upon the majority of employees as most of the employees of Golden Ring Travel & Transportation, Inc. will retain their jobs.

(8) Safety fitness rating:

Academy Express, L.L.C. and its affiliate, Academy Lines, L.L.C., and Golden Ring Travel & Transportation, Inc. have satisfactory safety ratings. No. 22 Hillside, L.L.C. is unrated.

(9) Both Academy Express, L.L.C. and Golden Ring Travel & Transportation, Inc., have satisfied the liability insurance requirements of 49 U.S.C. §13906(a).

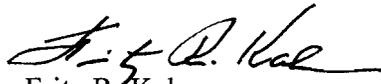
(10) Neither Academy Express, L.L.C. nor Golden Ring Travel & Transportation, Inc., is domiciled in Mexico or is controlled by persons of that country.

WHEREFORE, Applicant, Academy Express, L.L.C. asks that it be authorized to acquire the property of Golden Ring Travel & Transportation, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

ACADEMY EXPRESS, L.L.C.

By its attorney



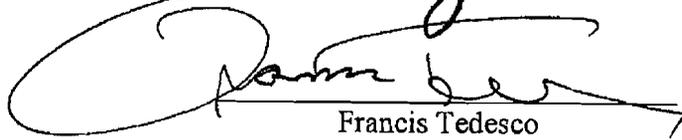
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Dated: January 10, 2013

VERIFICATION

I, Francis Tedesco, Manager of Academy Express, L.L.C. declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States of America, that I have read the foregoing Application, and I certify that its assertions are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I further declare that I am qualified and authorized to submit this verification on behalf of Academy Express, L.L.C.. I know that willful misstatements or omission of material fact constitute Federal criminal violations punishable under 18 U.S.C. 1001 by imprisonment up to five years and fines up to \$10,000 for each offense. Additionally, these misstatements are punishable as perjury under 18 U.S.C. 1621, which provides for fines up to \$2,000 or imprisonment up to five years for each offense.

Dated at Hoboken, NJ, this 9th day of January, 2013.


Francis Tedesco

VERIFICATION

I Simon Francis J. Shea President of Golden Ring Travel & Transportation, Inc., declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States of America, that I have read the foregoing Application, and I certify that its assertions are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I further declare that I am qualified and authorized to submit this verification on behalf of Golden Ring Travel & Transportation, Inc.. I know that willful misstatements or omission of material fact constitute Federal criminal violations punishable under 18 U.S.C. 1001 by imprisonment up to five years and fines up to \$10,000 for each offense. Additionally, these misstatements are punishable as perjury under 18 U.S.C. 1621, which provides for fines up to \$2,000 or imprisonment up to five years for each offense.

Dated at Baltimore, MD, this _ 8th _____ day of _January_____ 2013.


Simon Francis J. Shea

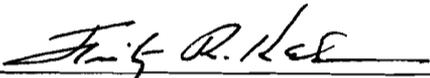
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I this day have mailed by prepaid first-class mail a copy of the foregoing Application to each of the following:

Mr. David Collins
Executive Secretary
Maryland Public Service Commission
6 St. Paul St. (16th fl.)
Baltimore, MD 21202

Chief, Lic. & Ins. Div.
FMCSA
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dated at Washington, DC, this 10th day of January 2013



Fritz R. Kahn