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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel LEID BACK is:

Intended Use: "Private chartered catamaran sailing with an inter-island service in the "Leeward Oahu" geographic area of Hawaii."

Geographic Region: "Coastwise trade in Hawaii."

Dated: May 29, 2003.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket Number: MARAD 2003-15290]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel SECOND WIND.

SUMMARY: As authorized by Pub. L. 105-383 and Pub. L. 107-295, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket 2003-15290 at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with Pub. L. 105-383 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver

application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 7, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2003-15290. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel SECOND WIND is:

Intended Use: "Charter & day trips."

Geographic Region: "Florida."

Dated: May 29, 2003.

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Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. MC-F-20999]

National Express Corporation—Intra-Corporate Family Transaction Exemption

National Express Corporation (NEC), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under the Board's class exemption procedures at 49 CFR 1182.9.¹ The exempt transaction involves the corporate restructuring of NEC's student transportation division,

¹ The Board exempted intra-corporate family transactions of motor carriers of passengers that do not result in significant operational changes, adverse changes in service levels, or a change in the competitive balance with carriers outside the corporate family in *Class Exemption for Motor Passenger Intra-Corporate Family Transactions*, STB Finance Docket No. 33685 (STB served Feb. 18, 2000).

which, in addition to providing exempt school bus services, also provides charter passenger carrier services to the public.²

Under the transaction, NEC, a Delaware corporation merged certain directly and indirectly controlled subsidiaries into a single Delaware limited partnership, Durham School Services, L.P. (DSSLP), a motor passenger carrier. As part of the reorganization, Durham Transportation, Inc., a California corporation (DTI CA) was re-incorporated as Durham Transportation, Inc., a Delaware corporation (DTI DE), through the incorporation of DTI DE in Delaware and the merger of DTI CA into DTI DE. NEC assigned shares of DTI DE to Durham Holding I, L.L.C. (Durham Holding I), a noncarrier and a limited partner of DSSLP, in exchange for the sole membership interest in Durham Holding I, and it assigned the remaining shares of DTI DE to Durham Holding II, L.L.C. (Durham Holding II), a noncarrier and the general manager of DSSLP, in exchange for the sole membership interest in Durham Holding II. DTI DE was converted into Durham School Services, L.P. (DSSLP), a Delaware limited partnership with Durham Holding I and Durham II as its limited and general partner, respectively. NEC merged its second-tier subsidiaries, Winkels Transportation Co., School Services and Leasing of Massachusetts, Inc., and Student Bus Services, Inc., into its first tier subsidiaries, Crabtree-Harmon Corporation, Robinson Bus Services, Inc., Educo Transit Company, Kenneth E. Bauman Bus, Inc., School Services and Leasing, Inc., Helweg & Farmer Transportation Co., Inc., and Stock Transportation L.L.C. All of the outstanding shares of the first tier operating subsidiaries were contributed to Newco, a newly formed Delaware corporation. The first-tier operating subsidiaries were merged into Newco and Newco was merged into DSSLP. NEC retains ultimate ownership and control of DSSLP because DSSLP is the sole member of Durham Holding I and Durham Holding II.

The transaction was consummated on or about December 31, 2002.³

² The Board previously exempted the acquisition of control of five motor passenger carriers by National Express Group plc, NEC's parent, and NEC in *National Express Group plc, et al.—Control Exemption—School Services and Leasing, Inc., et al.*, STB Docket No. MC-F-20968 (STB served Aug. 28, 2000).

³ NEC states that it completed the transaction without the benefit of transportation counsel. Upon learning that the transaction is subject to the Board's jurisdiction, NEC consulted with and

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