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John McLaughlin, Tim McLaughlin, and Valley Bus, LLC—Acquisition of
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Company, LLC and T&J Ventures, LLC**

Dear Chief of Case Administration:

Attached for filing in the above-captioned proceeding is a Verified Application for Authorization to Acquire Control pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 14303(a), dated as of even date herewith. The sum of \$2,900, representing the appropriate fee for this filing, has been tendered electronically via Pay.gov. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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John McLaughlin, Tim McLaughlin, and Valley Bus, LLC (collectively, “Applicants”) respectfully submit this Application pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 14303(a) and 49 C.F.R. Part 1182 for the approval of control by Applicants of Valley Bus Coaches, LLC, Valley Bus Grand Forks, LLC, West Fargo Bus Company, LLC and T&J Ventures, LLC (collectively, the “Carriers”) as described herein. The Carriers are interstate motor carriers of passengers. Applicants acquired their respective control of the Carriers at different points in time when these limited liability companies were established or when membership interests in the companies were transferred as described herein (the “Transactions”).

Applicants acknowledge that Board authorization should have been sought prior to their respective acquisition of control of the Carriers. Applicants did not seek prior Board approval because, at the time of the relevant Transactions, they held a good faith belief that the Transactions did not require Board authorization and that any required approvals or operating

authorities were limited to registrations with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (“FMCSA”). This same good-faith understanding applied to Valley Bus, LLC’s formation of its wholly-owned subsidiary Valley Bus Coaches, LLC in 2005, which was undertaken as an operational response to customer demand rather than as part of a broader consolidation strategy.

Applicants respectfully request that the Board allow correction of this inadvertent oversight by granting after-the-fact authority. The Board has permitted “parties to obtain after-the-fact licensing authority for a transaction when the failure to seek approval was done without malice and by mistake.” See *Allied Industrial Development Corp.-Petition for Declaratory Order*, STB Finance Docket No. 35477, at 5 (STB served Sept. 17, 2015); see also *Gen. Ry. – Exemption for Acquis. Of R.R. Line – in Osceola & Dickinson Ctys., Iowa*, STB Finance Docket No. 34867 (STB served June 15, 2007). Those are the circumstances here, and Applicants’ good faith is demonstrated by a history of compliance with filings and registrations required by the FMCSA.

The remainder of this Application is organized to follow the elements set forth in 49 C.F.R. § 1182.2(a).

I. Parties to the Transaction (49 C.F.R. § 1182.2(a)(1))

A. Acquirers:

- i. John McLaughlin (“John”) is an individual. John’s principal business address is 2761 Leahy Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103. John is a U.S. citizen and resident of North Dakota. John is not a motor carrier and does not hold individual operating authority. John owns 50% of the membership interests in West Fargo Bus Company, LLC (“West Fargo Bus Company”), Valley Bus Grand Forks, LLC (“Valley Bus”) and T&J

Ventures, LLC (“T&J Ventures”). John serves as the General Manager of each of these Carriers. John also owns a 39% membership interest in Valley Bus. John is not seeking control authority through this Application in Valley Bus or its wholly-owned subsidiary Valley Bus Coaches because he does not own a controlling interest in those entities or otherwise exercise individual control over those entities.

ii. Tim McLaughlin (“Tim”) is an individual and the brother of John. Tim’s principal business address is 2761 Leahy Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103. Tim is a U.S. citizen and resident of Arizona. Tim is not a motor carrier and does not hold individual operating authority. Tim owns 50% of the membership interests in Valley Bus Grand Forks and T&J Ventures. Tim also owns 40% of the membership interests in West Fargo Bus Company and a 40.6 % membership interest in Valley Bus. Tim is not seeking control authority through this Application with respect to West Fargo Bus Company and Valley Bus or its wholly-owned subsidiary Valley Bus Coaches because he does not own a controlling interest in those entities or otherwise exercise individual control over those entities.

iii. Valley Bus, LLC (“Valley Bus”) is a North Dakota limited liability company formed in 1996 to provide home-to-school transportation services for the Fargo School District. Its principal place of business is located at 2761 Leahy Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103. At the time of its formation, Valley Bus was owned 60% by JR McLaughlin and 20% each by his sons Tim McLaughlin and Scott McLaughlin. In 2013, upon John

McLaughlin joining the family business, the ownership was restructured to JR McLaughlin (45%), Tim McLaughlin (20%), Scott McLaughlin (20%), and John McLaughlin (15%). Following the death of JR McLaughlin in October 2021, the current ownership structure of Valley Bus was established as follows: Tim McLaughlin (40.6%), John McLaughlin (39%), and Scott McLaughlin (20.4%). Although primarily a home-to-school transportation provider, Valley Bus operates as an interstate motor carrier of passengers subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration pursuant to authority issued in Docket No. MC-1286864; U.S. DOT No. 1787423. It is the Applicants' understanding that North Dakota does not require Valley Bus to obtain separate state-level DOT operating authority based on the nature of its operations.

- B. **Seller:** With respect to the formation of Valley Bus Coaches, T&J Ventures, and Valley Bus Grand Forks, there was no seller in those Transactions, as those entities were newly created limited liability companies. However, in 2016, Tim McLaughlin sold and transferred 50% of his membership interests in West Fargo Bus Company to John McLaughlin, and therefore acted as the seller in that Transaction through which John McLaughlin acquired his joint controlling interest in West Fargo Bus Company.

C. **Motor Carriers Involved in Control Transactions:**

VALLEY BUS LLC

Valley Bus LLC (“Valley Bus”) is a North Dakota limited liability company formed on October 8, 1996. It has a principal business address at 2761 Leahy Ave S., Fargo, ND 58103. When it was initially formed, JR McLaughlin held 60% of the company and two of his sons, Tim McLaughlin and Scott McLaughlin, each held 20%. Valley Bus provides home-to-school yellow bus service for the Fargo School District as well as chartered trips for both schools and the general public in the Fargo metropolitan area. The company began with a small number of regular education buses and then, as the school district grew, special needs buses were added. In 2013, John McLaughlin, JR’s third son, also joined the company as its General Manager and at that time was given 15% of the membership interests. In October of 2021, JR McLaughlin died and the ownership was changed into the current structure: Tim McLaughlin owns 40.6%, John McLaughlin owns 39%, and Scott McLaughlin owns 20.4%. Valley Bus is governed by a Board of Governors comprised of Tim McLaughlin, John McLaughlin, and John’s son, Brian McLaughlin. John McLaughlin serves as its General Manager.

Valley Bus operates as a home-to-school bus operator but also provides interstate charters. These charters are primarily school-related, although there are non-school organizations from time to time who also contract for service. Valley Bus is subject to the jurisdiction of the FMCSA pursuant to authority issued in Docket No. MC-1286864; U.S. DOT No. 1787423.

The Fargo School District consists of 25 public schools. The district has approximately 11,500 students and encompasses a service area of approximately 57 square miles. The contract service that Valley Bus provides for the Fargo School District involves running approximately 45 regular education school bus routes, 38 special needs routes, and 19 early childhood development routes. Valley Bus employs approximately 120 school bus drivers, 7 mechanics, 3 dispatch personnel, and 4 managers. It also has a recruiting manager with 2 recruiters, a training manager with 2 additional trainers, and a controller with a staff of 5. There is considerable overlap of duties in that nearly all the administrative staff also drive a route, and in addition they also support the other affiliated companies through a centralized administrative structure.

VALLEY BUS COACHES, LLC

Valley Bus Coaches, LLC (“Valley Bus Coaches”) is a North Dakota limited liability company formed on September 1, 2005, with its principal business address at 2761 Leahy Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103. Since its inception it has operated as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Valley Bus. It is governed by the Board of Governors of Valley Bus. John serves as the General Manager. In addition, Cordell Sinding is the primary operational manager covering the details of the business such as pricing and handling bookings, assigning drivers, and resolving questions and issues that arise. Valley Bus Coaches is subject to the jurisdiction of the FMCSA pursuant to authority issued in Docket No. MC-293467; U.S. DOT No. 0610827. It is the Applicants’ understanding North Dakota does not require

separate state DOT operating authority for Valley Bus Coaches given the nature of its operations.

Valley Bus Coaches was formed to serve the motor coach market in the Fargo metropolitan area. This market includes Fargo and West Fargo school activity and athletic trips, North Dakota State University coach trips, as well as a wide variety of regional customers. There are several local and nearby competitors, including Richards Transportation and Red River Trails (recently purchased by Olander Bus Service) in Moorhead, MN; Olander Bus Service in Detroit Lakes, MN; Triangle Coach Service in East Grand Forks, MN; and Harlow's in Bismarck, ND.

Valley Bus Coaches currently has 15 coach buses in operation. It is headquartered at 2761 Leahy Ave S, Fargo, ND, and has a nearby storage facility at 620 28th St. S., Fargo, ND, as well as mechanic's bays at 3401 Fiechtner, Fargo, ND 58103. The operation has 3 dedicated mechanics and draws its drivers from the driver base maintained by Valley Bus. There are approximately 20 drivers that are in active service driving the coaches.

The Fargo metropolitan area has a population of about 250,000, and encompasses the cities of Fargo, ND, West Fargo, ND, and Moorhead, MN. It includes Cass County in North Dakota and Clay County in Minnesota, spread across over 2,800 square miles.

WEST FARGO BUS COMPANY LLC

West Fargo Bus Company, LLC (“West Fargo Bus Company”) is a North Dakota limited liability company formed on April 23, 2008, with its principal business address at 602 28th St. S., Fargo, ND 58103. Tim McLaughlin founded the company as its sole owner in 2008 and then sold and transferred ownership of 50% to John McLaughlin and 10% to Wendy McLaughlin in 2016. John serves as the General Manager of West Fargo Bus Company. West Fargo Bus Company operates as an intrastate home-to-school bus operator for the West Fargo School District. It also provides school-related charters for the West Fargo School District, primarily intrastate to other schools and locations in North Dakota, and on occasion, interstate across the Red River to Moorhead, MN. West Fargo Bus Company does not provide non-school related charter activity. It does not have its own DOT or Motor Carrier registration numbers from the FMCSA, but instead is listed as a doing business as operator on the FMCSA registration for its affiliate Valley Bus and is in the process of obtaining a separate DOT and Motor Carrier registration from FMCSA. Valley Bus is subject to the jurisdiction of the FMCSA pursuant to authority issued in Docket No. MC-1286864; U.S. DOT No. 1787423.

West Fargo Bus Company is a school transportation provider, providing primarily general education transportation to and from school on regular routes under contract with the West Fargo School District. The West Fargo School District consists of 25 public schools. The district has approximately 13,000 students and encompasses a service area of approximately 124 square miles. The contract

service that West Fargo Bus Company provides for the West Fargo School District involves running approximately 26 full sized school buses that are used for transporting regular education students to and from school and for extracurricular trips. West Fargo Bus Company has approximately 30 school bus drivers, including a driver/manager, although all employees are legally employed by Valley Bus. West Fargo Bus Company has serviced only the West Fargo School District continually since its formation. West Fargo Bus Company also provides some after-school trips as part of its contract with the West Fargo School District for extracurricular activities and other special events within North Dakota. On limited occasions, these services involve transportation across state lines into neighboring states including Minnesota. West Fargo Bus Company does not have any motor coaches and does not provide motor coach service.

West Fargo Bus Company conducts approximately 50 interstate trips per year for school activities for its customer, West Fargo School District. This is minimal in comparison to its overall intrastate school transportation operations, with such interstate trips estimated to generate less than 1% of its total revenue. It operates exclusively from its terminal in Fargo, North Dakota which is managed by John McLaughlin.

West Fargo Bus Company does not conduct any motor coach service in interstate commerce. It has a fleet of approximately 30 school buses and a car for its

manager. The company utilizes approximately 30 employees of Valley Bus since employment and payroll are centralized within Valley Bus.

VALLEY BUS GRAND FORKS LLC

Valley Bus Grand Forks LLC (“Valley Bus Grand Forks”) is a school transportation provider, providing general and special education transportation to and from school on regular routes under contract with the Grand Forks School District. John and Tim McLaughlin each own 50% of the membership interests in Valley Bus Grand Forks. The Grand Forks School District consists of 18 public schools, with approximately 7,500 students and encompasses a service area of approximately 30 square miles. The contract service that Valley Bus Grand Forks provides for the Grand Forks School District involves running approximately 10 full sized general education school bus routes, 15 special needs routes, and 5 early childhood routes. It has an additional 5 spare and activity buses. Valley Bus Grand Forks has approximately 35 school bus drivers, including a driver/manager, dispatch, and two mechanics.

Valley Bus Grand Forks also provides some after-school trips as part of its contract with the Grand Forks School District for extracurricular activities and other special events within North Dakota. On occasions, these services involve transportation across state lines into neighboring states including Minnesota. These interstate trips are primarily for school-related functions but may also include weddings and other non-school related services. Valley Bus Grand Forks

does not have any motor coaches and does not provide motor coach service.

Valley Bus Grand Forks conducts approximately 50 interstate trips per year for school activities for its primary customer Grand Forks School District as well as an additional estimated 40 interstate trips for non-school customers. This is minimal in comparison to its overall intrastate school transportation operations, with such interstate trips estimated to generate about 1% of its total revenue. It operates exclusively from its terminal in north Grand Forks, North Dakota which is managed by Roslyn MacKenzie.

T&J VENTURES LLC

T&J Ventures LLC (“T&J Ventures”) provides small bus transportation services to the general public in the greater Fargo metropolitan area, utilizing five 20-28 passenger shuttle buses. The company was formed in 2014 to address growing demand for that type of shuttle bus service. T&J Ventures is owned 50% by John McLaughlin and 50% by Tim McLaughlin. It was established to provide small bus and shuttle services, and its fleet of five vehicles is used primarily for wedding transportation, as well as seasonal shuttle service for Fargo metropolitan-area hospitals, transporting staff between parking areas and hospital facilities during the winter months. T&J Ventures also operates under the DBA name Valley Charters as an interstate motor carrier of passengers subject to the jurisdiction of the FMCSA pursuant to authority issued in Docket No. MC-61985; U.S. DOT No. 3072526. Its principal place of business is located at 2761 Leahy Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103. It is the Applicants’ understanding North Dakota does

not require T&J Ventures to have state-level DOT operating authority given the nature of its operations.

Geographically, T&J Ventures serves the Fargo, North Dakota metropolitan area, which has a population of approximately 250,000, covers roughly 2,800 square miles, and includes the cities of Fargo, North Dakota, West Fargo, North Dakota, and Moorhead, Minnesota as its primary population centers. T&J Ventures draws drivers from its affiliate company, Valley Bus, and is managed by John McLaughlin.

II. Description of Operating Authorities (49 C.F.R. § 1182.2(a)(2))

The federal operating authorities issued by the FMCSA to Valley Bus Coaches, West Fargo Bus Company (which is listed as a DBA operator under the Valley Bus authority), Valley Bus Grand Forks and T&J Ventures are reflected in the SAFER profiles attached in Exhibit 2. These Carriers will continue to maintain these FMCSA operating authorities (and as noted above, West Fargo Bus Company is in the process of obtaining its own FMCSA operating authority).

III. Description of the Relevant Transactions (49 C.F.R. § 1182.2(a)(3))

The McLaughlin family has been involved in the passenger transportation business in North Dakota since about 1980. Initially, a small number of rural intra-state school routes were handled by the family business, McLaughlin Equipment Company, which primarily operated as a distributor of school buses and recreational vehicles. In 1996 the McLaughlin family formed

Valley Bus, LLC (“Valley Bus”) to provide expanding home-to-school service for the Fargo School District. Valley Bus is a North Dakota limited liability company. When it was initially formed, Valley Bus LLC was owned 60% by JR McLaughlin and 20% each by two of his sons, Tim McLaughlin and Scott McLaughlin. When a third son, John McLaughlin, joined the family business in 2013, the ownership percentages in Valley Bus changed to: JR (45%), Tim (20%), Scott (20%), and John (15%). JR McLaughlin died in October 2021, and the ownership in Valley Bus was changed to the following structure: Tim (40.6%), John (39%) and Scott (20.4%). This remains the current ownership structure, with no individual controlling shareholder. As mentioned above, while Valley Bus is primarily a home-to-school operation, it operates as an interstate motor carrier of passengers subject to the jurisdiction of the FMCSA pursuant to authority issued in Docket No. MC-1286864; U.S. DOT No. 1787423.

In 2005, Valley Bus created a separate wholly-owned subsidiary, Valley Bus Coaches LLC (“Valley Bus Coaches”), to respond to the Fargo School District’s request to have motor coaches for activity and athletic trips. At the time of the Valley Bus Coaches formation, Tim did not have a majority ownership interest in Valley Bus and John did not have any ownership interest in Valley Bus.

Valley Bus Coaches is a North Dakota limited liability company. It was established primarily to provide motor coach services for Fargo School District athletic and activity trips and still focuses on that activity, along with providing similar services to local colleges and other organizations. It operates in the North Dakota-South Dakota-Minnesota-Montana region, with occasional trips outside of that region. Valley Bus Coaches operates as an interstate motor carrier of passengers subject to the jurisdiction of the FMCSA pursuant to authority issued in Docket No. MC-293467; U.S. DOT No. 610827.

In 2008 the fast-growing adjacent school district of West Fargo requested home-to-school transportation service to support their own bus operations, and a dedicated LLC called the West Fargo Bus Company was formed by Tim McLaughlin to provide that service. Tim McLaughlin initially held 100% of the ownership interest in West Fargo Bus Company. In 2016, Tim transferred 10% of his ownership interest to his wife Wendy, and transferred 50% to John McLaughlin, retaining 40% ownership. The company was established to provide home-to-school bus service and still focuses on providing that service to the West Fargo School District. Because of its limited focus on home-to-school service, West Fargo Bus Company does not have its own DOT and Motor Carrier registration numbers with the FMCSA. Instead, it shares such operating authority with Valley Bus through its listing as a “doing business as entity” on the Valley Bus FMCSA registration. However, it is in the process of obtaining its own operating authority from the FMCSA.

In 2014, Tim and John McLaughlin formed a new company, T&J Ventures, to operate a small fleet of small 20-28 passenger people mover buses for regional wedding and other small charters. John and Tim McLaughlin each own 50% of and jointly control T&J Ventures. It was established to provide small bus and shuttle service, and its five small buses primarily serve wedding groups as well as seasonal hospital shuttles (from parking lot to hospital, about one block) in the winter for Fargo metropolitan-area hospitals. T&J Ventures also operates under the ‘doing business as’ name Valley Charters as an interstate motor carrier of passengers subject to the jurisdiction of the FMCSA pursuant to authority issued in Docket No. MC-61985; U.S. DOT No. 3072526. At the time of the formation of T&J Ventures, Tim McLaughlin already owned 100% of the membership interests in and controlled West Fargo Bus Company. John McLaughlin did not yet have any interest in West Fargo Bus Company.

In May of 2023, Valley Bus Grand Forks was formed as a North Dakota limited liability company by John McLaughlin and Tim McLaughlin. John McLaughlin owns 50% of the membership interests and Tim McLaughlin owns 50% of the membership interests in Valley Bus Grand Forks. It was established to provide home-to-school yellow bus service and primarily serves the Grand Forks School District. It also provides a small number of non-school, occasional charters for groups in the Grand Forks area. Valley Bus Grand Forks operates as an interstate motor carrier of passengers subject to the jurisdiction of the FMCSA pursuant to authority issued in Docket No. MC-1553175; U.S. DOT No. 4082035. At the time of the formation of Valley Bus Grand Forks, John McLaughlin already owned 50% of the membership interests in West Fargo Bus Company and 50% of the interests in T&J Ventures. Tim McLaughlin already owned 50% of the interests in T&J Ventures.

As a result of the transactional history described above, this Application seeks after-the-fact authority for John McLaughlin's acquisition of control of West Fargo Bus Company and Valley Bus Grand Forks, for Tim McLaughlin's acquisition of control of T&J Ventures and Valley Bus Grand Forks, and for Valley Bus's acquisition of control of Valley Bus Coaches.

Applicants recognize and understand that a control application should have been filed with the Board prior to the formation by Valley Bus of its wholly-owned subsidiary Valley Bus Coaches in 2005, because that Transaction resulted in an existing interstate motor carrier of passengers subject to Board jurisdiction (Valley Bus) acquiring control of another interstate motor carrier of passengers subject to Board jurisdiction through its formation of a wholly-owned subsidiary (Valley Bus Coaches).¹ Applicants also recognize and understand that a

¹ See *Holland Am. Line-Westours Inc.*, STB Docket No. MC-F-20980 (STB served April 4, 2001) (continuance in control by a carrier of an entity that acquires FMCSA operating authority, thereby becoming a carrier, requires Board approval under 49 U.S.C. 14303(a)(5)).

control application should have been filed with the Board prior to the following Transactions: (i) Tim's 2014 acquisition of a 50% ownership interest in T&J Ventures because at the time of the formation of T&J Ventures Tim already held a 100% ownership interest in West Fargo Bus Company; (ii) John's 2016 acquisition of a 50% ownership interest in West Fargo Bus Company from Tim because at the time John already held a 50% ownership interest in T&J Ventures; and (iii) John and Tim's 2023 formation of Valley Bus Grand Forks with each jointly owning 50% of that entity.² These Transactions resulted in John McLaughlin and/or Tim McLaughlin individually or jointly controlling at least two motor carriers of passengers subject to Board jurisdiction. *See* 49 U.S.C. § 14303(a)(4). Applicants respectfully request after-the-fact approval of the relevant Transactions because they were not aware at the time of the need for Board authorization.

IV. Federally Regulated Carrier Affiliates and Intercorporate Structure (49 C.F.R. § 1182.2(a)(4))

Other than the Carriers, there are no other affiliated carriers with Board-regulated interstate passenger operations within Applicants' control. The individual Applicants do not control Valley Bus because they only have minority ownership interests in that entity and no single shareholder exercises control over Valley Bus. Exhibit 1 contains a chart of the corporate ownership structure of the carriers involved in the Transactions.

V. Jurisdictional Statement — Revenues (49 C.F.R. § 1182.2(a)(5))

The Board has jurisdiction over the Transactions pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 14303 because the Transactions resulted in the individual Applicants (John McLaughlin and Tim McLaughlin) individually or jointly controlling more than one interstate motor carrier of passengers subject to the Board’s jurisdiction and in the corporate Applicant (Valley Bus) controlling another interstate motor carrier of passengers subject to the Board’s jurisdiction as a result of its formation of Valley Bus Coaches. The involved motor carriers of passengers in the relevant Transactions (West Fargo Bus Company, Valley Bus Grand Forks, T&J Ventures, Valley Bus and Valley Bus Coaches) had aggregate gross operating revenues in excess of \$2,000,000 during the twelve-month period preceding the date of this Application.

VI. Environmental Impact (49 C.F.R. § 1182.2(a)(6))

The Transactions have not had and will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources. The Transactions involved the acquisition of control of interstate motor carriers of passengers that were formed at different points in time to serve various school districts and other customers in the Fargo-Moorhead and Grand Forks regions in North Dakota near the Minnesota border. Since the Transactions, the Applicants have modernized their fleet and older vehicles have been replaced with more energy-efficient vehicles that have lower emissions of carbon dioxide and other pollutants.

VII. Public Interest Considerations (49 C.F.R. § 1182.2(a)(7))

The Board “shall approve and authorize a transaction” when it finds the transaction is “consistent with the public interest.” 49 U.S.C. § 14303(b). The statutory factors the Board

must consider are the “adequacy of transportation to the public,” “total fixed charges that result...” and the “interest of carrier employees affected...” *Id.*

A. Adequacy of Transportation Services and Competitive Considerations

The formation of Valley Bus Coaches, Valley Bus Grand Forks, West Fargo Bus Company and T&J Ventures has not resulted in any significant changes to the nature or scope of the general operations conducted by the Applicants. The relevant Transactions allowed Valley Bus, John McLaughlin and Tim McLaughlin to expand their school transportation business into new types of service and new customer markets. John and Tim formed Valley Bus Grand Forks and T&J Ventures, and Tim formed West Fargo Bus Company, for those purposes. The formation of these Carriers has not had any material adverse impact on the ongoing school transportation provided by Valley Bus. Similarly, Valley Bus formed Valley Bus Coaches to meet demand from the local school districts for motor coach service. The Transactions have allowed the Applicants to use their experience providing school transportation services to benefit additional school districts and customer bases using different types of vehicles with the economies of scale and combined resources of the additional Carriers.

The Transactions also have not produced any adverse competitive effects. The Carriers which focus on home-to school transportation service (West Fargo Bus Company and Valley Bus Grand Forks) provide such service under contract to different school districts. Those school districts are in different service areas, and there is no overlap in the school district service areas served by those Carriers or by Valley Bus.

Valley Bus and its wholly owned subsidiary Valley Bus Coaches operate complementary but distinct services within the Fargo metropolitan area and surrounding region. Valley Bus is primarily a school bus-focused operation providing home-to-school transportation services for

the Fargo School District, along with a limited number of charter trips, most of which are school-related and ancillary to its core operations. Valley Bus Coaches by contrast operates in the motorcoach segment, providing charter motorcoach services for school athletic trips, universities, and other regional customers, and therefore serves a different market than traditional yellow school bus providers such as West Fargo Bus Company and Valley Bus Grand Forks. Valley Bus provides service from its principal facility at 2761 Leahy Ave S., Fargo, ND, and Valley Bus Coaches operates from the same location, with additional nearby storage and maintenance facilities in Fargo.

In their respective markets, Valley Bus faces competition from other school transportation providers in the Fargo region, including Richards Transportation, Olander Bus Service, and Harlow's, while Valley Bus Coaches competes with regional motorcoach operators such as Olander Bus Service, Red River Trails, and other charter providers serving North Dakota and neighboring states.

West Fargo Bus Company and Valley Bus Grand Forks are both school bus-focused operations serving school districts that are 80 miles apart. West Fargo Bus Company does not provide any non-school charters either intrastate or interstate. Valley Bus Grand Forks operates a very small amount of non-school interstate trips. T&J Ventures does not serve the same market as West Fargo Bus Company since it provides service to the general public in the Fargo metropolitan area using small shuttle buses. West Fargo Bus Company provides service out of its 602 28th St. terminal in Fargo, ND. Valley Bus Grand Forks provides service out of its terminal in Grand Forks, ND at 1115 N. 55th Street. T&J Ventures provides service from 2761 Leahy Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103.

West Fargo Bus Company's main competitors for school transportation services are Richards Transportation of Moorhead, MN, Olander Bus Service of Detroit Lakes, MN, and Harlow's of Bismack, ND. Valley Bus Grand Forks' main competitors for school transportation services are the same. T&J Ventures' main competitors for shuttle transportation services are Doyle Cab of Fargo, and several small party bus operations. All of the Carriers generally face competition from national, regional and local bus providers operating within their respective service areas. In addition, all of the Carriers face considerable competition for transportation services from other modes of transportation including ride sharing services and local bus service operated by transit agencies. Accordingly, the Transactions have not reduced competition in any relevant geographic market and have not impaired the adequacy of transportation to the public.

B. Total Fixed Charges

The Transactions did not result in fixed charges that adversely affected the ability of the Carriers to continue to provide safe and quality transportation service. The Applicants did not use debt finding or incur fixed charges in their formation of the relevant Carriers or in the relevant membership interest transfers.

C. Employee Interests

The Transactions have not had any material adverse effect on employee or labor conditions. There were no substantial layoffs at Valley Bus or any of the Carriers as a result of the Transactions, and Applicants are not aware of adverse changes to wages, benefits, or working conditions as a result of the Transactions. In fact, the Transactions allowed Applicants to expand and hire additional drivers and employees.

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The Board has previously found that approval of transactions like those described in this application are consistent with the public interest. See *e.g.*, *Francis W. Sherman – Control – Evergreen Trails, Inc. Horizon Coach Lines, Ltd., and Cabana Coaches, LLC*, Finance Docket No. MC-F-21037 (STB served Oct. 23, 2009) (individual non-carrier acquiring control of motor carriers through a stock purchase). Here, where there are no competitive issues and no adverse impacts on transportation, employees, or fixed charges, approval of this control Application is plainly consistent with the public interest, and the Board should approve the Applicants’ historical acquisition of control of the relevant Carriers as described herein on an after-the-fact basis. See *e.g.*, *Silverado Stages, Inc. –Acquisition of Control of Michelangelo Leasing, Inc. and Ryan's Express Transportation Services, Inc.*, Finance Docket No. MC-F-21068 (STB served July 21, 2016); *see also Winthrop Sargent, John Cogliano and Paul Fuerst – Acquisition of control of Plymouth & Brockton Street Railway Company, Brush Hill Transportation Co. and McGinn Bus Co., Inc.*, Finance Docket No. MC-F21089 (STB served Jan. 3, 2020).

VIII. Safety Fitness Certification (49 C.F.R. § 1182.2(a)(8))

Applicants hereby certify that Valley Bus Coaches, West Fargo Bus Company, Valley Bus Grand Forks and T&J Ventures are fit, willing, and able to conduct safe operations in interstate commerce. West Fargo Bus Company, Valley Bus Coaches and T&J Ventures each hold a “Satisfactory” safety rating from the FMCSA. These Satisfactory safety ratings were obtained by West Fargo Bus Company in March 2024 (through the audit of Valley Bus), by Valley Bus Coaches in June 2022 and by T&J Ventures in December 2019. Valley Bus Grand Forks was formed in 2023 and passed a new entrant safety audit from the FMCSA in November 2023, but has not yet been rated via a subsequent full safety audit.

IX. Insurance Coverage Certification (49 C.F.R. § 1182.2(a)(9))

Applicants hereby certify that Valley Bus Coaches, West Fargo Bus Company, Valley Bus Grand Forks and T&J Ventures have the minimum level of insurance coverage required under 49 U.S.C. § 13906. Each maintains bodily injury and property damage insurance coverage of a total of \$5 million, including umbrella policies, in liability coverage and has filed its respective Form BMC-91X with the FMCSA reflecting this coverage.

X. Certification of Domicile (49 C.F.R. § 1182.2(a)(10))

Applicants certify that Valley Bus Coaches, West Fargo Bus Company, Valley Bus Grand Forks, T&J Ventures and the Applicants themselves are not domiciled in Mexico or owned or controlled by persons domiciled in Mexico.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the Board grant after-the-fact authorization under 49 U.S.C. § 14303(a) for Applicants' respective acquisition of control of Valley Bus Coaches, West Fargo Bus Company, Valley Bus Grand Forks and T&J Ventures as described herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT 1

Corporate Ownership Structure

Corporate Ownership Structure

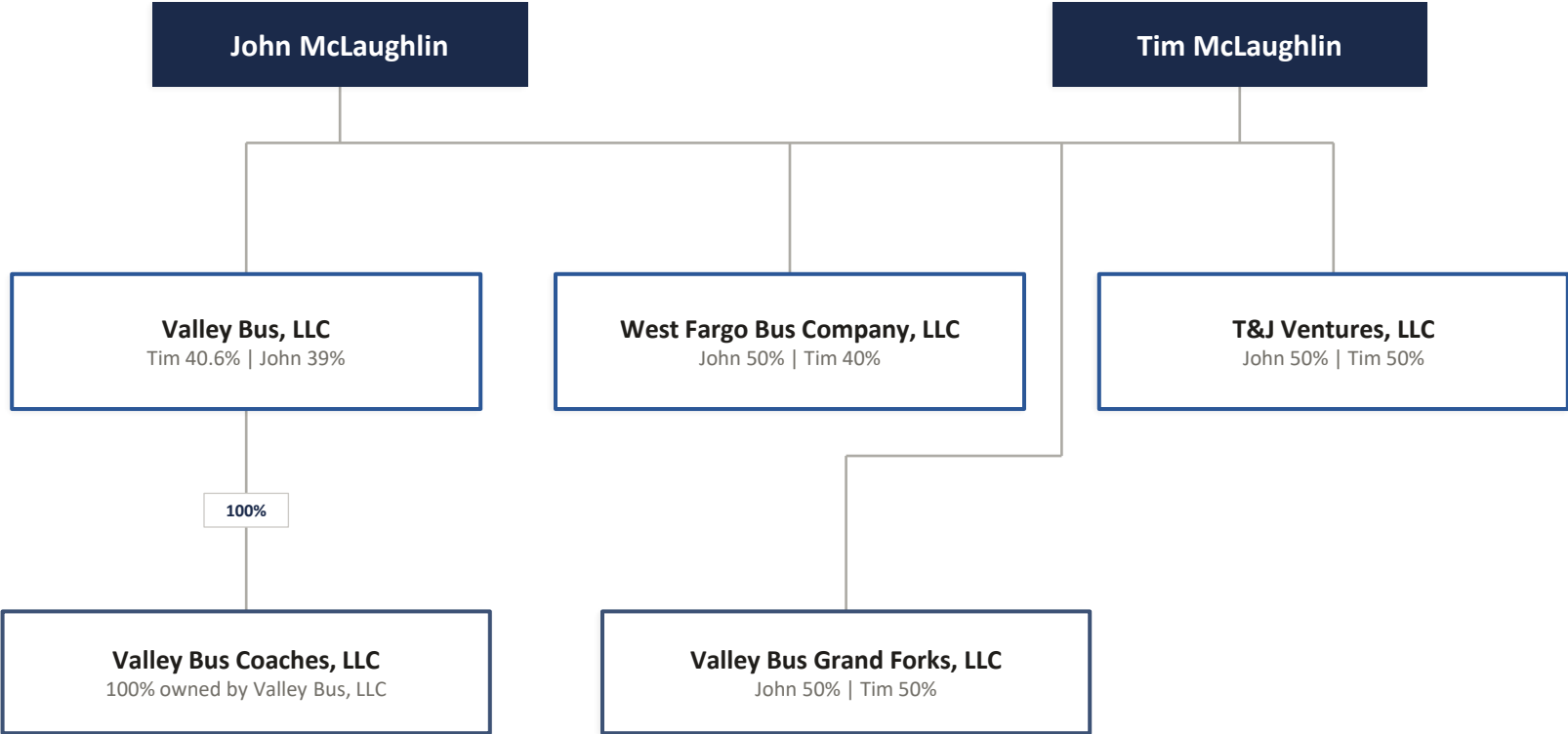


EXHIBIT 2

FEDERAL OPERATING AUTHORITIES (FMCSA)

☐ USDOT Number ☐ MC/MX Number ☒ Name

Enter Value: WEST FARGO BUS COMPA

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VALLEY BUS LLC

USDOT Number: 1787423

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Other Information for this Carrier

▼ [SMS Results](#)

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USDOT Status

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USDOT INFORMATION			
Entity Type:	CARRIER		
USDOT Status:	ACTIVE	Out of Service Date:	None
USDOT Number:	1787423	State Carrier ID Number:	
MCS-150 Form Date:	04/09/2026	MCS-150 Mileage (Year):	1,320,000 (2025)
OPERATING AUTHORITY INFORMATION			
Operating Authority Status:	AUTHORIZED FOR Passenger		
	For Licensing and Insurance details click here .		
MC/MX/FF Number(s):	MC-1286864		
COMPANY INFORMATION			
Legal Name:	VALLEY BUS LLC		
DBA Name:	WEST FARGO BUS COMPANY LLC		
Physical Address:	2761 LEAHY AVE S FARGO, ND 58103		
Phone:	(701) 235-5912		
Mailing Address:	2761 LEAHY AVE S FARGO, ND 58103		
DUNS Number:	--		
Power Units:	158	Non-CMV Units:	
		Drivers:	233
Operation Classification:			
☒ Auth. For Hire	Priv. Pass.(Non-business)	State Gov't	
☐ Exempt For Hire	Migrant	Local Gov't	
☐ Private(Property)	U.S. Mail	Indian Nation	
☐ Priv. Pass. (Business)	Fed. Gov't		
Carrier Operation:			
☒ Interstate	Intrastate Only (HM)	Intrastate Only (Non-HM)	
Cargo Carried:			
General Freight	Liquids/Gases	Chemicals	

Household Goods	Intermodal Cont.	Commodities Dry Bulk
Metal: sheets, coils, rolls	x Passengers	Refrigerated Food
Motor Vehicles	Oilfield Equipment	Beverages
Drive/Tow away	Livestock	Paper Products
Logs, Poles, Beams, Lumber	Grain, Feed, Hay	Utilities
Building Materials	Coal/Coke	Agricultural/Farm Supplies
Mobile Homes	Meat	Construction
Machinery, Large Objects	Garbage/Refuse	Water Well
Fresh Produce	US Mail	

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US Inspection results for 24 months prior to: **05/26/2026**

Total Inspections: 0
Total IEP Inspections: 0

Note: Total inspections may be less than the sum of vehicle, driver, and hazmat inspections. Go to [Inspections Help](#) for further information.

Inspections:				
Inspection Type	Vehicle	Driver	Hazmat	IEP
Inspections	0	0	0	0
Out of Service	0	0	0	0
Out of Service %	0%	0%	0%	0%
Nat'l Average % as of DATE 05/15/2026*	22.26%	6.67%	4.44%	N/A

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Inspections

Number of roadside inspections conducted within the past two years. (Note: These inspections are distinct from the periodic inspections required under 49 CFR Part 396.17, and may not include inspection of all parts and accessories set forth in 49 CFR Part 396 Appendix A.)

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Inspections are listed as total, driver, vehicle, and Hazmat. Please see <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety/question-1-can-violation-free-cvsa-level-i-or-level-v-inspection-be-used-satisfy-periodic> for more details.

Crashes reported to FMCSA by states for 24 months prior to: **05/26/2026**

Note: Crashes listed represent a motor carrier's involvement in reportable crashes, without any determination as to responsibility.

Crashes:				
Type	Fatal	Injury	Tow	Total
Crashes	0	0	0	0

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Canadian Inspection results for 24 months prior to: **05/26/2026**

Total inspections: 0

Note: Total inspections may be less than the sum of vehicle and driver inspections. Go to [Inspections Help](#) for further information.

Inspections:		
Inspection Type	Vehicle	Driver
Inspections	0	0
Out of Service	0	0
Out of Service %	0%	0%

Crashes results for 24 months prior to: 05/26/2026

Note: Crashes listed represent a motor carrier's involvement in reportable crashes, without any determination as to responsibility.

Crashes:

Type	Fatal	Injury	Tow	Total
Crashes	0	0	0	0

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The Federal safety rating does not necessarily reflect the safety of the carrier when operating in intrastate commerce.

Carrier Safety Rating:

The rating below is current as of: 05/26/2026

Review Information:

Rating Date:	03/22/2024	Review Date:	03/22/2024
Rating:	Satisfactory	Type:	Compliance Review

☐ USDOT Number ☐ MC/MX Number ☒ Name

Enter Value: VALLEY BUS COACHES LL

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VALLEY BUS COACHES LLC

USDOT Number: 610827

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Other Information for this Carrier

▼ [SMS Results](#)

▼ [Licensing & Insurance](#)

USDOT Status

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Operating Authority Status

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To find out if this entity has a pending insurance cancellation, please [click here](#).

USDOT INFORMATION			
Entity Type:	CARRIER		
USDOT Status:	ACTIVE	Out of Service Date:	None
USDOT Number:	610827	State Carrier ID Number:	
MCS-150 Form Date:	12/12/2025	MCS-150 Mileage (Year):	263,429 (2022)
OPERATING AUTHORITY INFORMATION			
Operating Authority Status:	AUTHORIZED FOR Passenger For Licensing and Insurance details click here .		
MC/MX/FF Number(s):	MC-293467		
COMPANY INFORMATION			
Legal Name:	VALLEY BUS COACHES LLC		
DBA Name:			
Physical Address:	2761 LEAHY AVE S FARGO, ND 58103-2360		
Phone:	(701) 235-5912		
Mailing Address:	2761 LEAHY AVE S FARGO, ND 58103-2360		
DUNS Number:	--		
Power Units:	15	Non-CMV Units:	
		Drivers:	31
Operation Classification:			
☒ Auth. For Hire	Priv. Pass.(Non-business)	State Gov't	
☐ Exempt For Hire	Migrant	Local Gov't	
☐ Private(Property)	U.S. Mail	Indian Nation	
☐ Priv. Pass. (Business)	Fed. Gov't		
Carrier Operation:			
☒ Interstate	Intrastate Only (HM)	Intrastate Only (Non-HM)	
Cargo Carried:			
General Freight	Liquids/Gases	Chemicals	

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Drive/Tow away	Livestock	Paper Products
Logs, Poles, Beams, Lumber	Grain, Feed, Hay	Utilities
Building Materials	Coal/Coke	Agricultural/Farm Supplies
Mobile Homes	Meat	Construction
Machinery, Large Objects	Garbage/Refuse	Water Well
Fresh Produce	US Mail	

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US Inspection results for 24 months prior to: **05/26/2026**

Total Inspections: **5**
Total IEP Inspections: **0**

Note: Total inspections may be less than the sum of vehicle, driver, and hazmat inspections. Go to [Inspections Help](#) for further information.

Inspections:				
Inspection Type	Vehicle	Driver	Hazmat	IEP
Inspections	5	0	0	0
Out of Service	2	0	0	0
Out of Service %	40%	%	%	0%
Nat'l Average % as of DATE 05/15/2026*	22.26%	6.67%	4.44%	N/A

*OOS rates calculated based on the most recent 24 months of inspection data per the latest monthly SAFER Snapshot.

Inspections

Number of roadside inspections conducted within the past two years. (Note: These inspections are distinct from the periodic inspections required under 49 CFR Part 396.17, and may not include inspection of all parts and accessories set forth in 49 CFR Part 396 Appendix A.)

The inspections listed on SAFER are conducted in accordance with the North American Standard Inspection Program which was created by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) as the roadside inspection process for inspecting commercial motor vehicles and drivers throughout North America.

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Crashes reported to FMCSA by states for 24 months prior to: **05/26/2026**

Note: Crashes listed represent a motor carrier's involvement in reportable crashes, without any determination as to responsibility.

Crashes:				
Type	Fatal	Injury	Tow	Total
Crashes	0	0	1	1

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Canadian Inspection results for 24 months prior to: **05/26/2026**

Total inspections: **0**

Note: Total inspections may be less than the sum of vehicle and driver inspections. Go to [Inspections Help](#) for further information.

Inspections:		
Inspection Type	Vehicle	Driver
Inspections	0	0
Out of Service	0	0
Out of Service %	0%	0%

Crashes results for 24 months prior to: 05/26/2026

Note: Crashes listed represent a motor carrier's involvement in reportable crashes, without any determination as to responsibility.

Crashes:

Type	Fatal	Injury	Tow	Total
Crashes	0	0	0	0

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The Federal safety rating does not necessarily reflect the safety of the carrier when operating in intrastate commerce.

Carrier Safety Rating:

The rating below is current as of: 05/26/2026

Review Information:

Rating Date:	06/22/2022	Review Date:	06/22/2022
Rating:	Satisfactory	Type:	Compliance Review

☐ USDOT Number ☐ MC/MX Number ☒ Name

Enter Value: VALLEY BUS GRAND FORK

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VALLEY BUS GRAND FORKS LLC

USDOT Number: 4082035

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Other Information for this Carrier

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▼ [Licensing & Insurance](#)

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USDOT INFORMATION			
Entity Type:	CARRIER		
USDOT Status:	ACTIVE	Out of Service Date:	None
USDOT Number:	4082035	State Carrier ID Number:	
MCS-150 Form Date:	07/18/2025	MCS-150 Mileage (Year):	110,150 (2024)
OPERATING AUTHORITY INFORMATION			
Operating Authority Status:	AUTHORIZED FOR Passenger For Licensing and Insurance details click here .		
MC/MX/FF Number(s):	MC-1553175		
COMPANY INFORMATION			
Legal Name:	VALLEY BUS GRAND FORKS LLC		
DBA Name:			
Physical Address:	2761 LEAHY AVE S FARGO, ND 58103		
Phone:	(701) 235-5912		
Mailing Address:	2761 LEAHY AVE S FARGO, ND 58103		
DUNS Number:	--		
Power Units:	38	Non-CMV Units:	
		Drivers:	83
Operation Classification:			
☒ Auth. For Hire	☒ Priv. Pass.(Non-business)	State Gov't	
☐ Exempt For Hire	☐ Migrant	Local Gov't	
☐ Private(Property)	☐ U.S. Mail	Indian Nation	
☐ Priv. Pass. (Business)	☐ Fed. Gov't		
Carrier Operation:			
☒ Interstate	☐ Intrastate Only (HM)	☐ Intrastate Only (Non-HM)	
Cargo Carried:			
☐ General Freight	☐ Liquids/Gases	☐ Chemicals	

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Mobile Homes	Meat	Construction
Machinery, Large Objects	Garbage/Refuse	Water Well
Fresh Produce	US Mail	

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US Inspection results for 24 months prior to: **05/26/2026**

Total Inspections: **0**

Total IEP Inspections: **0**

Note: Total inspections may be less than the sum of vehicle, driver, and hazmat inspections. Go to [Inspections Help](#) for further information.

Inspections:

Inspection Type	Vehicle	Driver	Hazmat	IEP
Inspections	0	0	0	0
Out of Service	0	0	0	0
Out of Service %	0%	0%	0%	0%
Nat'l Average % as of DATE 05/15/2026*	22.26%	6.67%	4.44%	N/A

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Crashes:

Type	Fatal	Injury	Tow	Total
Crashes	0	0	1	1

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Canadian Inspection results for 24 months prior to: **05/26/2026**

Total inspections: **0**

Note: Total inspections may be less than the sum of vehicle and driver inspections. Go to [Inspections Help](#) for further information.

Inspections:

Inspection Type	Vehicle	Driver
Inspections	0	0
Out of Service	0	0
Out of Service %	0%	0%

Crashes results for 24 months prior to: 05/26/2026

Note: Crashes listed represent a motor carrier's involvement in reportable crashes, without any determination as to responsibility.

Crashes:

Type	Fatal	Injury	Tow	Total
Crashes	0	0	0	0

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Carrier Safety Rating:

The rating below is current as of: 05/26/2026

Review Information:

Rating Date:	None	Review Date:	None
Rating:	None	Type:	None

☐ USDOT Number
 ☐ MC/MX Number
 ☒ Name

Enter Value:

Company Snapshot

T&J VENTURES LLC
USDOT Number: 3072526

ID/Operations | [Inspections/Crashes In US](#) | [Inspections/Crashes In Canada](#) | [Safety Rating](#)

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USDOT INFORMATION			
<u>Entity Type:</u>	CARRIER		
<u>USDOT Status:</u>	ACTIVE	<u>Out of Service Date:</u>	None
<u>USDOT Number:</u>	3072526	<u>State Carrier ID Number:</u>	
<u>MCS-150 Form Date:</u>	01/27/2026	<u>MCS-150 Mileage (Year):</u>	9,000 (2025)
OPERATING AUTHORITY INFORMATION			
<u>Operating Authority Status:</u>	AUTHORIZED FOR Passenger For Licensing and Insurance details click here .		
<u>MC/MX/FF Number(s):</u>	MC-61985		
COMPANY INFORMATION			
<u>Legal Name:</u>	T&J VENTURES LLC		
<u>DBA Name:</u>	VALLEY CHARTERS		
<u>Physical Address:</u>	2761 LEAHY AVE S FARGO, ND 58103		
<u>Phone:</u>	(701) 235-5912		
<u>Mailing Address:</u>	2761 LEAHY AVE S FARGO, ND 58103		
<u>DUNS Number:</u>	--		
<u>Power Units:</u>	6	<u>Non-CMV Units:</u>	
		<u>Drivers:</u>	26
<u>Operation Classification:</u>			
☒ Auth. For Hire	Priv. Pass.(Non-business)	State Gov't	
☐ Exempt For Hire	Migrant	Local Gov't	
☐ Private(Property)	U.S. Mail	Indian Nation	
☒ Priv. Pass. (Business)	Fed. Gov't		
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Mobile Homes	Meat	Construction
Machinery, Large Objects	Garbage/Refuse	Water Well
Fresh Produce	US Mail	

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US Inspection results for 24 months prior to: **05/26/2026**

Total Inspections: 0
Total IEP Inspections: 0

Note: Total inspections may be less than the sum of vehicle, driver, and hazmat inspections. Go to [Inspections Help](#) for further information.

Inspections:				
Inspection Type	Vehicle	Driver	Hazmat	IEP
Inspections	0	0	0	0
Out of Service	0	0	0	0
Out of Service %	0%	0%	0%	0%
Nat'l Average % as of DATE 05/15/2026*	22.26%	6.67%	4.44%	N/A

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Number of roadside inspections conducted within the past two years. (Note: These inspections are distinct from the periodic inspections required under 49 CFR Part 396.17, and may not include inspection of all parts and accessories set forth in 49 CFR Part 396 Appendix A.)

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Inspections are listed as total, driver, vehicle, and Hazmat. Please see <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety/question-1-can-violation-free-cvsa-level-i-or-level-v-inspection-be-used-satisfy-periodic> for more details.

Crashes reported to FMCSA by states for 24 months prior to: **05/26/2026**

Note: Crashes listed represent a motor carrier's involvement in reportable crashes, without any determination as to responsibility.

Crashes:				
Type	Fatal	Injury	Tow	Total
Crashes	0	0	0	0

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Canadian Inspection results for 24 months prior to: **05/26/2026**

Total inspections: 0

Note: Total inspections may be less than the sum of vehicle and driver inspections. Go to [Inspections Help](#) for further information.

Inspections:		
Inspection Type	Vehicle	Driver
Inspections	0	0
Out of Service	0	0
Out of Service %	0%	0%

Crashes results for 24 months prior to: 05/26/2026

Note: Crashes listed represent a motor carrier's involvement in reportable crashes, without any determination as to responsibility.

Crashes:

Type	Fatal	Injury	Tow	Total
Crashes	0	0	0	0

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The Federal safety rating does not necessarily reflect the safety of the carrier when operating in intrastate commerce.

Carrier Safety Rating:

The rating below is current as of: 05/26/2026

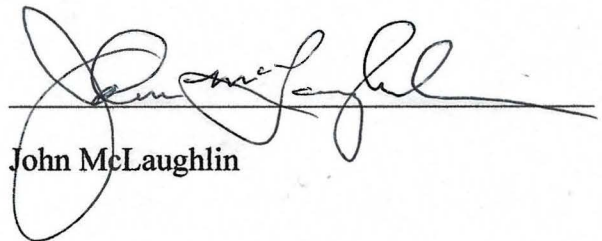
Review Information:

Rating Date:	12/18/2019	Review Date:	09/16/2019
Rating:	Satisfactory	Type:	Compliance Review

VERIFICATION

I, John McLaughlin, verify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States of America, that all information supplied in connection with this application is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this application or pleading. I know that willful misstatements or omissions of material facts 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.

May 28, 2026

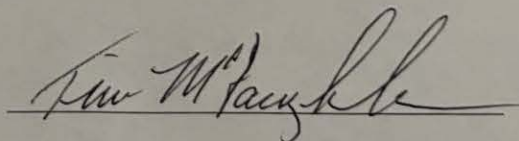


John McLaughlin

VERIFICATION

I, Tim McLaughlin, verify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States of America, that all information supplied in connection with this application is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this application or pleading. I know that willful misstatements or omissions of material facts 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.

May 28, 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim McLaughlin", is written over a horizontal line.

Tim McLaughlin

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have, on this 28th of May 2026, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1182.3, caused to be served a copy of the foregoing Application on the following parties by first class mail or more expeditious means:

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