

THE COMPLETED JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN STAGECOACH BUS HOLDINGS LIMITED AND BRADDELL PLC IN RELATION TO THE MEGABUS.COM, MOTORVATOR AND SCOTTISH CITYLINK BRANDS

Notice of consents granted by the Competition Commission under Interim Undertakings accepted by the Competition Commission on 2 June 2006

On 2 June 2006 the Competition Commission accepted interim undertakings from Stagecoach Bus Holdings Limited, Braddell PLC and Scottish Citylink Coaches Limited. Since 2 June 2006 the Competition Commission has granted the following consents pursuant to paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of the interim undertakings:

1. On 2 June 2006 the Competition Commission granted consent for the following changes to the timetable of service 958, operated under franchise by Rapsons, between Inverness and Scrabster:
 - (a) the introduction of a Monday to Saturday service departing Inverness for Thurso at 11.45; and
 - (b) the introduction of a Monday to Saturday service departing Thurso for Inverness at 12.45.
2. On 2 June 2006 the Competition Commission granted consent to the operation by Scottish Citylink of the following services to meet demand for transport to summer concerts:
 - (a) one return journey from Aberdeen via Perth to Hampden Park Stadium in Glasgow on 3 June 2006;
 - (b) one return journey from each of Aberdeen, Aviemore, Dundee, Inverness and Perth to Hampden Park Stadium on 23 June 2006;
 - (c) one return journey from each of Edinburgh and Aberdeen to Loch Ness on 24 June 2006;
 - (d) one return journey from each of Glasgow, Edinburgh and Aberdeen to Beaulieu on Friday 11 and Saturday 12 August 2006;
 - (e) one return journey from each of Aberdeen, Aviemore, Dundee, Inverness and Perth to Hampden Park Stadium on 25 August 2006; and
 - (f) one return journey from each of Aberdeen, Aviemore, Dundee, Inverness and Perth to Hampden Park Stadium on Friday 1 and Saturday 2 September 2006.
3. On 2 June 2006 the Competition Commission granted consent to temporary changes to Scottish Citylink service 900 between Edinburgh and Glasgow to take account of roadworks on the M8. During the period of the roadworks the 900 will not stop at Harthill. Instead, it will stop at or opposite the Pentecostal church in Harthill.
4. On 2 June 2006 the Competition Commission granted consent for the following changes to Megabus services to and from London:

- (a) the 10.45 London–Preston service will now terminate at Manchester at 15.15;
 - (b) the 18.15 Manchester–London service will be replaced by a service departing Manchester at 17.15;
 - (c) the 08.15 service from London to Glasgow will now stop at Preston; and
 - (d) the 11.00 service from Glasgow to London will now stop at Preston.
5. On 9 June 2006 the Competition Commission gave consent to the following increases in fares on services operated by Strathtay Scottish Omnibuses Limited:
- (a) a 5p increase in the adult single fare, and a 10p increase in the adult return fare, on services 16 and 54 between Dundee and Perth, service 57 between Dundee and Perth via Blairgowrie, services 39, 40 and 73 between Dundee and Arbroath, services 39 and 40 between Dundee and Montrose and services 39 and 40 between Arbroath and Montrose;
 - (b) a 5p increase in the adult single fare on services 16 and 54 between Dundee and Inchtute and between Inchtute and Perth, and service 104 between Laurencekirk and Stonehaven;
 - (c) a £1 increase in the price of a weekly adult season ticket between Dundee and Arbroath; and
 - (d) a 10p increase in the price of a Strathday day rover ticket.
6. On 9 June 2006 the Competition Commission gave consent for the Stagecoach Bluebird fare changes set out in the appendix in respect of the changes to adult single fares and adult period return fares, [§<].
7. On 9 June 2006 the Competition Commission consented to the discontinuance of Stagecoach Western service 162 between Glasgow and Baillieston.
8. On 9 June 2006 the Competition Commission consented to the following timetable changes to the Stagecoach X77 service between Glasgow and Ayr:
- (a) additional weekday services will depart Ayr for Glasgow at 08.40, 15.10, 15.30 and 15.40;
 - (b) additional weekday services will depart Glasgow for Ayr at 08.50, 09.25, 09.50, 10.50 and 19.20;
 - (c) the Saturday service departing Ayr for Glasgow at 08.00 will now depart at 07.50;
 - (d) the Saturday services departing Ayr for Glasgow between 08.30 and 17.30 will no longer stop at Kilmarnock;
 - (e) the departure of Saturday services from Glasgow to Ayr between 09.20 and 18.50 will be brought forward by 15 minutes and an additional service will depart Glasgow at 19.05, with the 19.50 departure from Glasgow to Ayr being brought forward to 19.35;
 - (f) Saturday services from Glasgow to Ayr between 09.00 and 19.00 will no longer stop at Kilmarnock; and

- (g) the frequency of services on Sundays will be increased to 11 in each direction between Glasgow and Ayr.
9. On 9 June 2006 the Competition Commission gave consent for the operation of the following tendered services operating as new Stagecoach Bluebird service 113:
- (a) a daily weekday service between Stonehaven and Montrose;
 - (b) one Saturday service from Montrose to Stonehaven; and
 - (c) one Saturday service from Inverbervie to Stonehaven;
10. On 9 June 2006 the Competition Commission gave consent for the following timetable changes on Scottish Citylink service 918 between Oban and Fort William:
- (a) the operation on Mondays and Tuesdays of a service departing Oban for Fort William at 1600 and a service departing Fort William for Oban at 1835;
 - (b) the introduction on weekdays and Saturdays of services departing Oban for Fort William at 10.40 and 12.40;
 - (c) the introduction on weekdays and Saturdays of services departing Fort William for Oban at 09.30 and 13.45; and
 - (d) the continuation beyond 12 August 2006 of services departing Oban for Fort William at 10.40 and 12.40 and of services departing Fort William for Oban at 09.30 and 13.45.
11. On 12 June 2006 the Competition Commission granted consent for the operation of a return Stagecoach service 25X between Tain and Helmsdale on Saturday evenings.
12. On 22 June 2006 the Competition Commission granted consent for the operation of Stagecoach Bluebird service 502 providing the following services between 3 July 2006 and 19 August 2006 and, if there is sufficient demand, the continuation of the service until 30 September 2006:
- (a) one return service daily, Monday to Saturday, between Aberdeen and Pitlochry via Ballater; and
 - (b) one return service daily, Monday to Saturday, between Perth and Ballater via Pitlochry.
13. On 22 June 2006 the Competition Commission granted consent for the following timetable changes on Stagecoach West Scotland service 585 between Greenock and Ayr:
- (a) minor changes to the timetable including (i) revised timings that were implemented to deal with reliability issues and (ii) a change in the departure time of the 0630 Ayr–Greenock service, which was brought forward to 0630;
 - (b) between 29 June 2006 and 18 August 2006 the operation of a summer timetable; and
 - (c) from 19 August 2006 the operation of the winter timetable.

APPENDIX

