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# FORM 10-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 1934	. 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015	
OR	
TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OF 1934	3 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT
For the transition period from to	
Commission File Number: 0-19582	
OLD DOMINION FREIGHT LINE, INC.	
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)	
VIRGINIA	56-0751714
(State or other jurisdiction of	(I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization)	Identification No.)
500 Old Dominion Way	
Thomasville, NC 27360	
(Address of principal executive offices)	
(Zip Code)	
(336) 889-5000	
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)	
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:	
Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock (\$0.10 par value)	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (NASDAQ Global Select Market)
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: No	one

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes ý No "

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes "No  $\circ$ 

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  $\circ$  No "Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  $\circ$  No "

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K ( $\S$ 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.  $\acute{y}$ 

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes "No ý The aggregate market value of voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of June 30, 2015 was \$4,365,601,240, based on the closing sales price as reported on the NASDAQ Global Select Market.

As of February 26, 2016, the registrant had 83,818,609 outstanding shares of Common Stock (\$0.10 par value).

#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Certain portions of the Company's Proxy Statement for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this report.

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#### FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

Forward-looking statements appear in this Annual Report, including but not limited to Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," and in other written and oral statements made by or on behalf of us. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements relating to our goals, strategies, expectations, competitive environment, regulations, availability of resources, future events and future financial performance. Such forward-looking statements are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements typically can be identified by such words as "anticipate," "estimate," "forecast," "project," "intend," "expect," "believe," "should," "could," "may," or other or expressions. We caution readers that such forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those expressed or implied herein, including, but not limited to, the risk factors detailed in this Annual Report.

Our forward-looking statements are based on our beliefs and assumptions using information available at the time the statements are made. We caution the reader not to place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements as (i) these statements are neither a prediction nor a guarantee of future events or circumstances and (ii) the assumptions, beliefs, expectations and projections about future events may differ materially from actual results. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement to reflect developments occurring after the statement is made.

# PART I

#### **ITEM 1. BUSINESS**

Unless the context requires otherwise, references in this report to "Old Dominion," the "Company," "we," "us" and "our" references in this report to "Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc.

#### Overview

We are a leading, less-than-truckload ("LTL"), union-free motor carrier providing regional, inter-regional and national LTL services, which include ground and air expedited transportation and consumer household pickup and delivery, through a single integrated organization. In addition to our core LTL services, we offer a broad range of other value-added services that include container drayage, truckload brokerage, supply chain consulting and warehousing. Our services are complemented by our technological capabilities, which we believe provide the tools to improve the efficiency of our operations while empowering our customers to manage their individual shipping needs. More than 95% of our revenue has historically been derived from transporting LTL shipments for our customers, whose demand for our services is generally tied to industrial production and the overall health of the U.S. domestic economy.

We were the fourth largest LTL motor carrier in the United States, as measured by 2014 revenue, according to Transport Topics. We have increased our revenue and customer base over the past five years through organic market share growth. Our infrastructure allows us to provide next-day and second-day service through each of our six regions covering the continental United States. We have added 71 service centers since December 31, 2005 (12 of which were added during the past five years) for a total of 225 at December 31, 2015. Our investments over the last five years have allowed us to focus on expansion within our service center network, which has led to increased density throughout our operations.

We believe the growth in the demand for our services can be attributed to our focus on meeting our customers' supply chain needs from a single point of contact while providing a superior level of customer service at a fair price. Our integrated structure allows us to offer our customers consistent high-quality service from origin to destination, and we believe our operating structure and proprietary information systems enable us to efficiently manage our operating

costs.

We were founded in 1934 and incorporated in Virginia in 1950. Our principal executive offices are located at 500 Old Dominion Way, Thomasville, North Carolina 27360. Please refer to the Balance Sheets and Statements of Operations included in Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" in this report for information regarding our total assets, revenue from operations and net income.

# Our Industry

Trucking companies provide transportation services to virtually every industry operating in the United States and generally offer higher levels of reliability and faster transit times than other surface transportation options. The trucking industry is comprised principally of two types of motor carriers: LTL and truckload. LTL carriers typically pick up multiple shipments from multiple customers on a single truck and then route that freight for delivery through service centers where the freight may be transferred to other trucks with similar destinations. In contrast, truckload carriers generally dedicate an entire truck to one customer from origin to destination.

According to the American Trucking Associations, total U.S. transportation revenue in 2014 was \$872.1 billion, of which the trucking industry accounted for 80.3%. The LTL sector had revenue in 2014 of \$56.7 billion, which represented 6.5% of total U.S. transportation revenue. In contrast to truckload carriers, LTL motor carriers require expansive networks of local pickup and delivery ("P&D") service centers, as well as larger breakbulk, or hub, facilities. Significant capital is required to create and maintain a network of service centers and a fleet of tractors and trailers. The high fixed costs and capital spending requirements for LTL motor carriers make it difficult for new start-up or small operators to effectively compete with established carriers. In addition, successful LTL motor carriers generally employ, and regularly update, a high level of technology-based systems and processes that provide information to customers and help reduce operating costs.

The LTL industry is highly competitive on the basis of service and price and has consolidated significantly since the industry was deregulated in 1980. Based on 2014 revenue as reported in Transport Topics, the largest 10 and 25 LTL motor carriers accounted for approximately 49% and 60%, respectively, of the total LTL market. We believe consolidation in our industry will continue due to customer demand for transportation providers offering both national and regional LTL as well as other complementary value-added services.

### Competition

The transportation and logistics industry is intensely competitive and highly fragmented. We compete with regional, inter-regional and national LTL carriers and, to a lesser extent, with truckload carriers, small package carriers, airfreight carriers and railroads. We also compete with, and provide transportation services to, third-party logistics providers that determine both the mode of transportation and the carrier. Some of our competitors may have a broader global network and a wider range of services than we do. We believe competition in our industry is based primarily on service, price, available capacity and business relationships. We believe we are able to gain market share by expanding our capacity and providing high-quality service at a fair price.

Throughout our organization, we continuously seek to improve customer service by maximizing on-time performance and minimizing cargo claims. We believe our transit times are generally faster than those of our principal national competitors, in part because of our more efficient service center network, use of team drivers and proprietary technology. In addition, we provide greater geographic coverage than most of our regional competitors. Our diversified mix and scope of regional, inter-regional and national LTL service, combined with our value-added service offerings, enables us to provide our customers with a single source to meet their shipping and logistics needs. We believe the combination of these factors provide us with a distinct advantage over most of our competitors.

We utilize flexible scheduling and train our employees to perform multiple tasks, which we believe allows us to achieve greater productivity and higher levels of customer service than our competitors. We believe our focus on employee communication, continued education, development and motivation strengthens the relationships and trust among our employees.

# Service Center Operations

At December 31, 2015, we operated 225 service center locations, of which we owned 180 and leased 45. Our network includes ten major breakbulk facilities located in Rialto, California; Atlanta, Georgia; Columbus, Ohio; Indianapolis, Indiana; Greensboro, North Carolina; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Memphis and Morristown, Tennessee; Dallas, Texas; and Salt Lake City, Utah, while using various other service centers for additional limited breakbulk activity in order to serve our next-day markets. Our service centers are strategically located in six regions of the country so that we can provide the highest quality service and minimize freight rehandling costs.

Our service centers are responsible for the pickup and delivery of freight within their local service area. Each night, our service centers load outbound freight for transport to our other service centers for delivery the next business day. All inbound freight received by the service center in the evening or during the night is generally scheduled for local delivery the next

business day, unless a customer requests a different delivery schedule. Our management reviews the productivity and service performance of each service center on a daily basis to ensure quality service and efficient operations.

Although we have established primary responsibility for customer service at the local service center level, our customers may access information and initiate transactions through our centralized customer service department located at our corporate office or through other electronic gateways. Our systems offer direct access to information such as freight tracking, shipping documents, rate quotes, rate databases and account activity. These centralized systems and our customer service department provide our customers with a single point of contact to access information across all areas of our operations and for each of our service offerings.

### Linehaul Transportation

Linehaul dispatchers control the movement of freight between service centers through integrated freight movement systems. We also utilize load-planning software to optimize efficiencies in our linehaul operations. Our management team monitors freight movements, transit times, load factors and many other productivity measurements to help ensure that we maintain our high levels of service and efficiency.

We utilize scheduled routes, and additional linehaul dispatches as necessary to meet our published transit times. In addition, we gain efficiency through the use of twin 28-foot trailers in our linehaul operations. The use of twin 28-foot trailers permits us to transport freight directly from its point of origin to destination with minimal unloading and reloading, which also reduces cargo loss and damage expenses. We utilize long-combination vehicles, such as triple 28-foot trailers and combinations of 48-foot and 28-foot trailers, in states where permitted. Twin trailers and long-combination vehicles permit more freight to be transported behind a tractor than could otherwise be transported by one trailer.

#### Tractors, Trailers and Maintenance

At December 31, 2015, we owned 7,688 tractors. We generally use new tractors in linehaul operations for approximately three to five years and then transfer those tractors to P&D operations for the remainder of their useful lives. In many of our service centers, tractors perform P&D functions during the day and linehaul functions at night to maximize tractor utilization.

The table below reflects, as of December 31, 2015, the average age of our tractors and trailers:

Type of Equipment	Number of	Average Age
Type of Equipment	Units	(In years)
Tractors	7,688	4.8
Linehaul trailers	21,540	5.6
P&D trailers	8,664	10.3

We develop certain specifications for tractors and trailers and then negotiate the production and purchase of this equipment with several manufacturers. These purchases are planned well in advance of anticipated delivery dates in order to accommodate manufacturers' production schedules. We believe there is sufficient capacity among suppliers to ensure an uninterrupted supply of equipment to support our operations.

The table below sets forth our capital expenditures for tractors and trailers for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013. For more information concerning our capital expenditures, see Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations – Liquidity and Capital Resources" in this report.

Year Ended December 31, 2015 2014 2013

(In thousands)

Tractors	\$128,911	\$91,750	\$59,317
Trailers	114,209	80,853	70,042
Total	\$243,120	\$172,603	\$129,359

At December 31, 2015, we operated 38 maintenance centers at strategic service center locations throughout our network. These maintenance centers are equipped to perform routine and preventive maintenance and repairs on our equipment.

We adhere to established maintenance policies and procedures to help ensure our fleet is properly maintained. Tractors are routed to appropriate maintenance facilities at designated mileage intervals or every 90 days, whichever occurs first. Trailers are also scheduled for preventative maintenance every 90 days.

#### Customers

Revenue is generated primarily from customers throughout the United States and North America. In 2015, our largest customer accounted for approximately 3.0% of our revenue and our largest 5, 10 and 20 customers accounted for approximately 9.2%, 14.0% and 20.4% of our revenue, respectively. For each of the previous three years, more than 95% of our revenue was derived from services performed in the United States and less than 5% of our revenue was generated from international services performed. We believe the diversity of our customer base helps protect our business from adverse developments in a single geographic region and from the reduction or loss of business from a single customer.

We utilize an integrated freight-costing system to determine the price level at which a particular shipment of freight will be profitable. We can modify elements of this freight-costing model to simulate the actual conditions under which the freight will be moved. Many of our customers engage our services through the terms and provisions of our tariffs and through negotiated service contracts. We also compete for business by participating in bid solicitations. Customers generally solicit bids for relatively large numbers of shipments for a period of one to two years and typically choose to enter into contractual arrangements with a limited number of motor carriers based upon price and service.

# Seasonality

Our tonnage levels and revenue mix are subject to seasonal trends common in our industry, although other factors, such as macroeconomic changes, could cause variation in these trends. Operating margins in the first and fourth quarters are typically lower than those during the second and third quarters due to reduced shipments during the winter months. Harsh winter weather or natural disasters, such as hurricanes, tornadoes and floods, can also adversely impact our performance by reducing demand and increasing operating expenses. We believe seasonal trends will continue to impact our business.

#### Technology

Our technology is critical to the success and delivery of the premium service provided by our operations. We continually seek to upgrade and enhance our technological capabilities. We also provide access to our systems through multiple gateways that offer our customers and employees maximum flexibility and immediate access to information. We employ vehicle safety systems, on-board and hand-held computer systems, freight handling systems and logistics technology to reduce costs and transit times. Our data systems are integrated in every level within our organization, which we believe is also critical to our success. Our systems are protected through physical and software safeguards, as well as redundant systems, network security measures and backup systems. We continue to focus on the development and enhancement of the technology used in our operations in order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our services.

#### Insurance

We carry a significant amount of insurance with third-party insurance carriers, but we are exposed to the risk of loss on claims up to the limit for which we hold either a self-insured retention ("SIR") or deductible. At December 31, 2015, the amounts of our SIR and/or deductibles were as follows: \$2.75 million per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage ("BIPD") claims, \$100,000 per claim for cargo loss and damage, \$1.0 million per occurrence for

workers' compensation claims and \$500,000 per occurrence (with a \$400,000 aggregate over our retention level) for group health claims.

We believe that our policy of maintaining an SIR or deductible for a portion of our risks, supported by our safety and loss prevention programs, is an effective means of managing insurance costs. We periodically review our risk exposure and insurance coverage applicable to those risks and we believe that we maintain sufficient insurance coverage.

### Diesel Fuel Availability and Cost

We depend heavily upon the availability and quality of diesel fuel to provide our transportation services. We maintain fuel storage and pumping facilities at certain service center locations as the primary source for fueling our fleet, and we utilize over-the-road fueling options at retail locations as necessary. We could be susceptible to regional and/or national fuel shortages, which could cause us to incur additional expense in order to obtain an adequate supply within our own fueling network or cause us to rely more heavily on higher-priced retail fuel.

We believe our operations and financial condition are susceptible to the same diesel fuel price increases or shortages as those of our competitors. We implemented a fuel surcharge program in August 1999, which has remained in effect since that time and is one of many components that we use to determine the overall price for our transportation services. Our fuel surcharges are generally indexed to fuel prices published by the U.S. Department of Energy (the "DOE") that reset each week.

### **Employees**

As of December 31, 2015, we employed 17,931 individuals on a full-time basis, none of which were represented under a collective bargaining agreement. Our full-time employees work in the following roles:

Full Time Employees	Number of
Full-Time Employees	Employees
Drivers	9,480
Platform	3,224
Fleet technicians	538
Sales, administrative and other	4,689
Total	17,931

As of December 31, 2015, we employed 4,903 linehaul drivers and 4,577 P&D drivers on a full-time basis. We select our drivers primarily based upon safe driving records and experience. Among other requirements, our drivers must pass a drug test, have a current U.S. Department of Transportation ("DOT") physical and have a valid commercial driver's license prior to employment. Once employed, drivers are required to obtain and maintain hazardous materials endorsements to their commercial driver's licenses. Drivers, like all of our employees, are required to take pre-employment drug and alcohol tests and are randomly selected for periodic additional testing.

Since 1988, we have provided the opportunity for qualified employees to become drivers through the "Old Dominion Driver Training Program." There are currently 2,601 active drivers who have successfully completed this training, which was approximately 27% of our driver workforce as of December 31, 2015. We believe our driver training and qualification programs have been important factors in improving our safety record and retaining qualified drivers. In addition, we have experienced an annual turnover rate for our driver graduates of approximately 5.4%, which is below our Company-wide turnover rate for all drivers of approximately 10.3%.

We reward our drivers who maintain safe driving records with annual bonuses of up to \$3,000 per driver. Our driver safety bonuses totaled \$3.4 million, \$3.1 million and \$2.8 million in 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

#### Governmental Regulation

We are regulated by the DOT and by various state agencies. These regulatory authorities have broad powers, generally governing matters such as authority to engage in motor carrier operations, as well as motor carrier registration, driver hours of service, safety and fitness of transportation equipment and drivers, transportation of hazardous materials, certain mergers and acquisitions and periodic financial reporting. The trucking industry is also subject to regulatory and legislative changes from a variety of other governmental authorities, which address matters such as: increasingly stringent environmental, occupational safety and health regulations, limits on vehicle weight and size, ergonomics, port security, and hours of service. In addition, we are subject to compliance with cargo-security and transportation regulations issued by the Transportation Security Administration ("TSA") and Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Regulatory requirements, and changes in regulatory requirements, may affect our business or the economics of the industry by requiring changes in operating practices or by influencing the demand for and increasing the costs of providing transportation services.

In October 2009, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ordered the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (the "FMCSA") to review and re-issue rules governing hours of service for commercial truck drivers. On December 22, 2011, the FMCSA issued its final rule, which mandated compliance by July 1, 2013. The 2011 rule reduced the maximum number of hours a truck driver could work each week to 70 hours from the former 82-hour limit. The 2011 rule maintained the maximum 11-hour daily driving limit, but required drivers to take a 30-minute break prior to working beyond eight hours. The 2011 rule also modified the "34-hour restart" provision to include two periods of rest between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m., and limited a restart to once every 168 hours. On December 16, 2014, however, the 2015 Omnibus Appropriations Bill temporarily suspended enforcement of certain aspects of the restart provisions until September 30, 2015. Specifically, the new law temporarily eliminated the requirements for two rest periods between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. and the 168-hour minimum restart

provision. The law directed the Secretary of the DOT to conduct a field study of the operational, safety, health and fatigue aspects of the restart provisions in effect before and after July 1, 2013. The DOT completed the field study within the mandated September 30, 2015 deadline and submitted its findings to the Office of the Inspector General for review. Results and conclusions from this study have not been submitted to Congress or released publicly; therefore, certain aspects of the restart provisions remain temporarily suspended.

Implementation of the 2011 rule on July 1, 2013 required us to make certain changes in our operating procedures. These changes increased our operating costs by limiting the productivity of our drivers. While the suspension of certain aspects of the restart provisions has allowed us to regain some of this lost productivity, the suspension is temporary and our operating costs could be adversely impacted when final rules are implemented.

On December 16, 2015, the FMCSA issued final rules to mandate the use of electronic logging devices ("ELDs") to automatically record driving time for hours of service reporting. Generally, carriers must comply with these new requirements by December 18, 2017. We currently utilize ELDs in all of our Company-owned vehicles and do not believe this new requirement will have a significant impact on our operations.

We are subject to future rulemaking by the FMCSA and other regulatory agencies, which could be more stringent, require additional changes to our operations, increase our operating costs or otherwise adversely impact our results of operations.

# **Environmental Regulation**

We are subject to various federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations that focus on, among other things: the emission and discharge of hazardous materials into the environment or their presence at our properties or in our vehicles; fuel storage tanks; transportation of certain materials; and the discharge or retention of storm water. Under specific environmental laws, we could also be held responsible for any costs relating to contamination at our past or present facilities and at third-party waste disposal sites, as well as costs associated with clean-up of accidents involving our vehicles. We do not believe that the cost of future compliance with current environmental laws or regulations will have a material adverse effect on our operations, financial condition, competitive position or capital expenditures for the remainder of 2016 or fiscal year 2017. However, future changes to laws or regulations may adversely affect our operations and could result in unforeseen costs to our business.

#### **Available Information**

Through our website, http://www.odfl.com, we make available, free of charge, our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and any amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), as soon as practicable after we electronically file the material with or furnish it to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). The public may read or copy any document we file with the SEC at the SEC's website, http://www.sec.gov (File No. 0-19582), or at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20549-2736. The SEC can be reached at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the Public Reference Room. Information contained on our website is neither part of nor incorporated by reference into this Form 10-K or any other report we file with or furnish to the SEC.

# ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Various factors exist that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those projected in any forward-looking statement. In addition to the factors discussed elsewhere in this report, we believe the following are some of the important risks and uncertainties that could materially affect our business, financial condition or results of

# operations:

We operate in a highly competitive industry, and our business will suffer if we are unable to adequately address potential downward pricing pressures and other factors that may adversely affect our operations and profitability.

Numerous competitive factors could impair our ability to maintain our current profitability. These factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

we compete with other transportation service providers of varying sizes, some of which may have more equipment, a broader global network, a wider range of services, greater capital resources or other competitive advantages; some of our competitors may reduce their prices to gain business, especially during times of reduced growth rates in the economy, which may limit our ability to maintain or increase prices or maintain revenue;

we may be unable to continue to collect fuel surcharges or our fuel surcharge program may become ineffective in mitigating the impact of fluctuating costs for fuel and other petroleum-based products;

many customers reduce the number of carriers they use by selecting "core carriers" as approved transportation service providers and we may not be selected;

many customers periodically accept bids from multiple carriers for their shipping needs, and this process may depress prices or result in the loss of some business to competitors;

some shippers may choose to acquire their own trucking fleet or may choose to increase the volume of freight they transport if they have an existing trucking fleet;

some customers may choose to consolidate certain LTL shipments through a different mode of transportation, such as truckload, intermodal or rail;

a trend towards consolidation in the ground transportation industry may create other large carriers with greater financial resources and other competitive advantages relating to their size;

advances in technology require increased investments to remain competitive, and our customers may not be willing to accept higher prices to cover the cost of these investments; and

competition from non-asset-based logistics and freight brokerage companies may adversely affect our customer relationships and ability to maintain sufficient pricing.

If we are unable to effectively compete with other LTL carriers, whether on the basis of price, service or otherwise, we may be unable to retain existing customers or attract new customers, either of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Furthermore, continued merger and acquisition activity in transportation and logistics could result in stronger or new competitors, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. We may not be able to compete successfully in an increasingly consolidated LTL industry and cannot predict with certainty how industry consolidation will affect our competitors or us.

If our employees were to unionize, our operating costs would increase and our ability to compete would be impaired.

None of our employees are currently represented under a collective bargaining agreement. However, from time to time there have been efforts to organize our employees at various service centers. Further, Congress or one or more states could approve legislation and/or the National Labor Relations Board could render decisions or implement rule changes that could significantly affect our business and our relationship with our employees, including actions that could substantially liberalize the procedures for union organization. In addition, we can offer no assurance that the Department of Labor will not adopt new regulations or interpret existing regulations in a manner that would favor the agenda of unions, or that our employees will not unionize in the future, particularly if regulatory changes occur that facilitate unionization.

The unionization of our employees could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations because:

restrictive work rules could hamper our efforts to improve and sustain operating efficiency;

restrictive work rules could impair our service reputation and limit our ability to provide next-day services; a strike or work stoppage could negatively impact our profitability and could damage customer and employee relationships;

shippers may limit their use of unionized trucking companies because of the threat of strikes and other work stoppages; and

an election and bargaining process could divert management's time and attention from our overall objectives and impose significant expenses.

If we are unable to successfully execute our growth strategy, our business and future results of operations may suffer.

Our growth strategy includes increasing the volume of freight moving through our existing service center network, selectively expanding our capacity and broadening the scope of our service offerings. In connection with our growth strategy, at various times, we have expanded and upgraded service centers, purchased additional equipment and increased our sales and marketing efforts, and we expect to continue to do so. Our growth strategy exposes us to a number of risks, including the following:

shortages of suitable real estate may limit our growth and could cause congestion in our service center network, which could result in increased operating expenses;

growth may strain our management, capital resources, information systems and customer service; hiring new employees may increase training costs and may result in temporary inefficiencies until those employees become proficient in their jobs; and

expanding our service offerings may require us to enter into new markets and encounter new competitive challenges.

We cannot assure that we will overcome the risks associated with our growth strategy. If we fail to overcome those risks, we may not realize additional revenue or profits from our efforts, we may incur additional expenses and, therefore, our financial position and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

We may be unable to successfully consummate and integrate acquisitions as part of our growth strategy.

Although we have not completed an acquisition since 2008, growth through acquisitions has been a key component of our LTL growth strategy throughout our history. In the future, we may seek to acquire other LTL carriers as well as other complementary businesses. Exploration of potential acquisitions requires significant attention from our management team. In addition, we expect to compete for acquisition opportunities with other companies, some of which may have greater financial and other resources than we do. We cannot ensure that we will have sufficient cash to consummate an acquisition or otherwise be able to obtain financing for any acquisition. If we are unable to access sufficient funding for potential acquisitions, we may not be able to complete transactions that we otherwise find advantageous.

Any subsequent acquisition will entail numerous risks, including:

we may not achieve anticipated levels of revenue, efficiency, cash flows and profitability;

we may experience difficulties managing businesses that are outside our historical core competency and markets; we may underestimate the resources required to support acquisitions, which could disrupt our ongoing business and distract our management;

we may incur unanticipated costs to our infrastructure to support new business lines or separate legal entities; we may be required to temporarily match existing customer pricing in the acquiree's markets, which may be lower than the rates that we would typically charge for our services;

liabilities we assume could be greater than our original estimates or may not be disclosed to us at the time of acquisition;

we may incur additional indebtedness or we may issue additional equity to finance future acquisitions, which could be dilutive to our shareholders;

potential loss of key employees and customers of the acquired company; and an inability to recognize projected cost savings and economies of scale.

In addition, we may have difficulty integrating any acquired business and its operations, services and personnel into our existing operations, and such integration may require a significant amount of time and effort by our management team. To the extent we do not successfully avoid or overcome the risks or problems resulting from any acquisitions we undertake, there could be a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our customers' and suppliers' businesses may be impacted by a downturn in the economy and/or a disruption of financial markets, which may decrease demand for our services.

Adverse economic conditions can negatively affect our customers' business levels, the amount of transportation services they need, their ability to pay for our services and overall freight levels, any of which might impair our asset utilization. Customers encountering adverse economic conditions may be unable to obtain additional financing, or financing under acceptable terms, due to disruptions in the capital and credit markets. These customers represent a greater potential for bad debt losses, which may require us to increase our reserve for bad debt. Economic conditions resulting in bankruptcies of one or more of our large customers could have a significant impact on our financial position, results of operations or liquidity in a particular year or quarter. Further, when adverse economic times arise customers may select competitors that offer lower rates in an attempt to lower their costs, and we might be forced to lower our rates or lose freight.

Our suppliers' business levels also may be negatively affected by adverse economic conditions or financial constraints, which could lead to disruptions in the supply and availability of equipment, parts and services critical to our operations. A significant interruption in our normal supply chain could disrupt our operations, increase our costs and negatively impact our ability to serve our customers.

We also are subject to cost increases outside of our control that could materially reduce our profitability if we are unable to increase our rates sufficiently. Such cost increases include, but are not limited to, increases in fuel prices, interest rates, taxes, tolls, license and registration fees, insurance, revenue equipment and healthcare for our employees.

Difficulties attracting and retaining qualified drivers could result in increases in driver compensation and could adversely affect our profitability, our ability to maintain or grow our fleet and our ability to maintain our customer relationships.

From time to time we have experienced difficulty in attracting and retaining sufficient numbers of qualified drivers and such shortages may recur in the future. Due in part to the time commitment, physical requirements, our stringent Company hiring standards and current industry conditions, the available pool of qualified employee drivers has been declining. Because of the intense competition for drivers, we may face difficulty maintaining or increasing our number of drivers. The compensation we offer our drivers is subject to market conditions that may require increases in driver compensation. If we are unable to attract and retain a sufficient number of qualified drivers, we could be required to adjust our compensation packages, amend our hiring standards, or operate with fewer trucks and face difficulty meeting customer demands, any of which could adversely affect our growth and profitability.

The FMCSA's CSA initiative could adversely impact our ability to hire qualified drivers, meet our growth projections and maintain our customer relationships, each of which could adversely impact our results of operations.

The FMCSA's Compliance, Safety, Accountability initiative ("CSA") is an enforcement and compliance program designed to monitor and improve commercial motor vehicle safety by measuring the safety record of both the motor carrier and the driver. These measurements are scored and used by the FMCSA to identify potential safety risks and to direct enforcement action.

Our CSA scores are dependent upon our safety and compliance experience, which could change at any time. In addition, the safety standards prescribed in CSA could change and our ability to maintain an acceptable score could be adversely impacted. Public disclosure of certain CSA scores was restricted through the enactment of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act of 2015 (the "FAST Act") on December 4, 2015; however, the FAST Act does not restrict public disclosure of all data collected by the FMCSA. If we receive unacceptable CSA scores, and this data is

made available to the public, our relationships with our customers could be damaged, which could result in a loss of business.

The requirements of CSA could also shrink the industry's pool of drivers as those with unfavorable scores could leave the industry. As a result, the costs to attract, train and retain qualified drivers could increase. In addition, a shortage of qualified drivers could increase driver turnover, decrease asset utilization, limit growth and adversely impact our results of operations.

Insurance and claims expenses could significantly reduce our profitability.

We are exposed to claims related to cargo loss and damage, property damage, personal injury, workers' compensation, group health and group dental. We have insurance coverage with third-party insurance carriers, but we assume a significant portion of the risk associated with these claims due to our SIRs and deductibles. Our operating results would be adversely affected if any of the following were to occur: (i) the number or the severity of claims increases; (ii) we are required to accrue or pay additional amounts because the claims prove to be more severe than our original assessment; or (iii) claims exceed our excess coverage amounts. If claims exceed our SIR or deductible levels, insurance companies exit the transportation insurance marketplace, or insurance market conditions change, insurers could raise premiums for excess coverage to cover their expenses and anticipated future losses. In addition, insurance companies generally require us to collateralize our SIR or deductible levels. If these collateralization requirements increase, our borrowing capacity could be adversely affected.

Healthcare legislation may increase our costs and reduce our future profitability.

To attract and retain employees, we maintain a competitive health insurance plan for our employees and their dependents. We cannot predict the impact that any state or federal healthcare legislation or regulation will have on our operations, but we expect costs associated with providing benefits under employee medical plans and healthcare-related costs associated with workers' compensation to continue to increase. Rising healthcare costs in the United States could result in significant long-term costs to us, which could have a material adverse effect on our operating results. In addition, rising healthcare costs could force us to make further changes to our benefits program, which could negatively impact our ability to attract and retain employees.

We have significant ongoing cash requirements that could limit our growth and affect our profitability if we are unable to obtain sufficient capital.

Our business is highly capital intensive. We generally finance our capital expenditures and planned growth with existing cash, cash flow from operations, issuance of debt and through available borrowings under our existing senior unsecured credit agreement. We may require additional capital to finance long-term real estate purchase opportunities and acquisitions, which we may fund through additional debt or through equity offerings. If we are unable in the future to generate sufficient cash from our operations or raise capital by accessing the debt and equity markets, we may be forced to limit our growth and operate our equipment for longer periods of time, which could have a material adverse effect on our operating results.

Our business also has significant ongoing operating cash requirements. If our cash requirements are high or our cash flow from operations is low during particular periods, we may need to seek additional financing, which could be costly or difficult to obtain.

Limited supply and increased costs of new equipment may adversely affect our earnings and cash flow.

We may face difficulty in purchasing new equipment due to decreased supply and increased costs. Investment in new equipment is a significant part of our annual capital expenditures and we require an available supply of tractors and trailers from equipment manufacturers to operate and grow our business. We may also be subject to shortages in raw materials that are required for the production of critical operating equipment and supplies, such as shortages in rubber or steel.

The price of our equipment may also be adversely affected in the future by regulations on newly manufactured tractors and diesel engines. We are subject to regulations issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (the "EPA") and various state agencies that have required progressive reductions in exhaust emissions from diesel engines. These

regulations have resulted in higher prices for tractors and diesel engines and increased operating and maintenance costs, and there can be no assurance that continued increases in pricing or costs will not have an adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

We may be adversely impacted by fluctuations in the availability and price of diesel fuel.

Diesel fuel is a critical component of our operations and a significant operating expense for our business. Despite the recent decline in diesel fuel prices, future increases in such prices and decreases in diesel fuel availability could have a material adverse effect on our operating results. Diesel fuel prices and fuel availability can be impacted by factors beyond our control, such as natural or man-made disasters, adverse weather conditions, political events, disruption or failure of technology or information systems, price and supply decisions by oil producing countries and cartels, terrorist activities, armed conflict and world supply and demand imbalances. We maintain fuel storage and pumping facilities at many of our service center locations; however, we may be susceptible to fuel shortages at certain locations that could cause us to incur additional expense to ensure adequate supply on a timely basis and to prevent a disruption to our service schedules. An interruption in the supply of diesel fuel could have a material adverse effect on our operating results.

We do not hedge against the risk of diesel fuel price increases. An increase in diesel fuel prices or diesel fuel taxes, or any change in federal or state regulations that results in such an increase, could have a material adverse effect on our operating results. We have fuel surcharge programs in place with a majority of our customers, which help offset the negative impact of the increased cost of diesel fuel and other petroleum-based products. However, we also incur fuel costs that cannot be recovered even with respect to customers with which we maintain fuel surcharge programs, such as those costs associated with empty miles or the time when our engines are idling. Because our fuel surcharge recovery lags behind changes in fuel prices, our fuel surcharge recovery may not capture the increased costs we pay for fuel, especially when prices are rising, leading to fluctuations in our levels of reimbursement. We regularly monitor the components of our pricing, including fuel surcharges, and address individual account profitability issues with our customers when necessary; however, there can be no assurance that fuel surcharges can be maintained indefinitely or will be sufficiently effective in offsetting increases in diesel fuel prices.

We are subject to various environmental laws and regulations, and costs of compliance with, liabilities under, or violations of, existing or future environmental laws or regulations could adversely affect our business.

We are subject to various federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations that govern, among other things, the emission and discharge of hazardous materials into the environment, the presence of hazardous materials at our properties or in our vehicles, fuel storage tanks, the transportation of certain materials and the discharge or retention of storm water. Under certain environmental laws, we could also be held responsible for any costs relating to contamination at our past or present facilities and at third-party waste disposal sites, as well as costs associated with the clean-up of accidents involving our vehicles. Environmental laws have become and are expected to continue to be increasingly more stringent over time, and there can be no assurance that our costs of complying with current or future environmental laws or liabilities arising under such laws will not have a material adverse effect on our business, operations or financial condition.

In addition to the EPA regulations on exhaust emissions with which we must comply, there is an increased regulatory focus on climate change and greenhouse gas emissions in the United States. We are also subject to increasing sensitivity to sustainability issues. This increased focus on sustainability may result in new regulations and/or customer requirements that could adversely impact our business. Any future limitations on the emission of greenhouse gases, other environmental legislation or customer sustainability requirements could increase our future capital expenditures and have an adverse impact on our financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

We are subject to the risks of litigation and governmental proceedings, which could adversely affect our business.

The nature of our business exposes us to the potential for various claims and litigation related to labor and employment, personal injury, property damage, cargo claims, safety and contract compliance, environmental liability

and other matters. Accordingly, we are, and in the future may be, subject to legal proceedings and claims that have arisen in the ordinary course of our business, and may include class-action allegations. We are also subject to potential governmental proceedings and claims. The parties in such legal actions may seek amounts from us that may not be covered in whole or in part by insurance. Defending ourselves against such legal actions could result in significant costs and could require a substantial amount of time and effort by our management team. We cannot predict the outcome of litigation or governmental proceedings to which we are a party or whether we will be subject to future legal actions. As a result, the potential costs associated with legal actions against us could adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

We are subject to various risks arising from our international business operations and relationships, which could adversely affect our business.

We arrange for transportation and logistics services to and from various international locations and are subject to both the risks of conducting international business and the requirements of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 (the "FCPA"). Failure to comply with the FCPA may result in legal claims against us. In addition, we face other risks associated with international operations and relationships, which may include restrictive trade policies, imposition of duties, taxes or government royalties imposed by foreign governments.

We operate in a highly regulated industry, and increased costs of compliance with, or liability for violation of, existing or future regulations could have a material adverse effect on our business.

We are regulated by the DOT and by various state agencies. These regulatory authorities have broad powers, generally governing matters such as authority to engage in motor carrier operations, as well as motor carrier registration, driver hours of service, safety and fitness of transportation equipment and drivers, transportation of hazardous materials, certain mergers and acquisitions and periodic financial reporting. The trucking industry is also subject to regulatory and legislative changes from a variety of other governmental authorities, which address matters such as: increasingly stringent environmental, occupational safety and health regulations, limits on vehicle weight and size, ergonomics, port security, and hours of service. In addition, we are subject to compliance with cargo-security and transportation regulations issued by the TSA and CBP within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Regulatory requirements, and changes in regulatory requirements, may affect our business or the economics of the industry by requiring changes in operating practices or by influencing the demand for and increasing the costs of providing transportation services.

Our results of operations may be affected by seasonal factors, harsh weather conditions and disasters.

Our operations are subject to seasonal trends common in our industry. Our operating margins in the first and fourth quarters are typically lower than those during the second and third quarters due to reduced shipments during the winter months. Harsh weather and disaster, whether natural or man-made, can also adversely affect our performance by reducing demand and reducing our ability to transport freight, which could result in decreased revenue and increased operating expenses.

If we are unable to retain our key employees, or if we do not effectively execute our succession plan, our financial condition, results of operations and liquidity could be adversely affected.

Our success will continue to depend upon the experience and leadership of our key employees and executive officers. In that regard, the loss of the services of any of our key personnel could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and liquidity if we are unable to secure replacement personnel that have sufficient experience in our industry and in the management of our business. If we are unable to continue to develop and retain a core group of management personnel and execute succession planning strategies, or we encounter any unforeseen difficulties associated with the recent transition of members of our management team, our business could be negatively impacted in the future.

Our principal shareholders control a large portion of our outstanding common stock.

Earl E. Congdon, David S. Congdon, John R. Congdon, Jr. and members of their respective families beneficially own an aggregate of approximately 25% of the outstanding shares of our common stock. As long as the Congdon family controls a large portion of our voting stock, they may be able to significantly influence the election of the entire Board of Directors and the outcome of all matters involving a shareholder vote. The Congdon family's interests may differ

from the interests of other shareholders and the status of their ownership could change at their discretion.

Our financial results may be adversely impacted by potential future changes in accounting practices.

Future changes in accounting standards or practices, and related legal and regulatory interpretations of those changes, may adversely impact public companies in general, the transportation industry or our operations specifically. New accounting standards or requirements could change the way we record revenues, expenses, assets and/or liabilities or could be costly to implement. These types of regulations could have a negative impact on our financial position, liquidity, results of operations and/or access to capital.

Our information technology systems are subject to cyber and other risks, some of which are beyond our control, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial position.

We are reliant on the proper functioning and availability of our information systems for our operations as well as providing a value-added service to our customers. Our information systems, including our accounting, communications and data processing systems, are integral to the efficient operation of our business. It is critical that the data processed by these systems remain confidential, as it often includes competitive customer information, confidential customer credit card and transaction data, employee records and key financial and operational results and statistics. Cyber incidents that impact the security, availability, reliability, speed, accuracy or other proper functioning of these systems and measures, including outages, computer viruses, break-ins and similar disruptions, could have a significant impact on our operations. We utilize third-party service providers who have access to our systems and certain sensitive data, which exposes us to additional security risks. Although our information systems are protected through physical and software safeguards as well as redundant systems, network security measures and backup systems, it is not practicable to protect against the possibility of power loss, telecommunications failures, cybersecurity attacks, and other cyber incidents in every potential circumstance that may arise. A significant cyber incident, including system failure, security breach, disruption by malware, or other damage, could interrupt or delay our operations, damage our reputation, cause a loss of customers, expose us to a risk of loss or litigation, and/or cause us to incur significant time and expense to remedy such an event, any of which could have a material adverse impact on our results of operations and financial position.

We rely heavily on information technology systems and any disruption to our technology infrastructure or failures of essential services upon which our information technology platforms rely could cause us to incur costs or result in a loss of business, which may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

Our information technology systems are complex and require ongoing investments and enhancements to meet both internal requirements and the requirements of our customers. Our information technology systems also depend upon the Internet, third-party service providers, global communications providers, satellite-based communications systems, the electric utilities grid, electric utility providers and telecommunications providers. We have no control over the operation, quality, or maintenance of these services or whether vendors will improve their services or continue to provide services that are essential to our business. Disruptions due to transitional challenges in upgrading or enhancing our technology systems or failures in the services upon which our information technology platforms rely, which may arise from adverse weather conditions or natural calamities, such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes or tornadoes; illegal acts, including terrorist attacks; human error or systems modernization initiatives; and/or other disruptions, may adversely affect the services we provide, which could increase our costs or result in a loss of customers that could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial position.

Damage to our reputation through unfavorable publicity could adversely affect our financial condition.

In the current environment of instantaneous communication and social media outlets, the quick and broad dissemination of information through media sources could cause damaging information about us, whether accurate or not, to be broadly publicized. Unfavorable publicity about the Company or our employees could damage our reputation and may result in a reduction in demand for our services or the loss of customers that could have a negative impact on our financial condition, results of operations and liquidity. This unfavorable publicity could also require the need to allocate significant resources to the rebuilding of our reputation.

Anti-terrorism measures may disrupt our business.

Federal, state and municipal authorities have implemented and are continuing to implement various anti-terrorism measures, including checkpoints and travel restrictions on large trucks. If additional security measures disrupt or

impede the timing of our deliveries, we may fail to meet the requirements of our customers or incur increased expenses to do so. There can be no assurance that new anti-terrorism measures will not be implemented and that such measures will not have a material adverse effect on our operations.

A decrease in the demand and value of used equipment may impact our results of operations.

As we purchase new tractors and trailers as part of our normal replacement cycle each year, we rely on the used equipment market to dispose of our older equipment. Oversupply in the transportation industry as well as adverse domestic and foreign economic conditions can negatively impact the demand for used equipment and, therefore, reduce the value we can obtain on our used equipment. If we are unable to sell our older equipment at or above our salvage value, the resulting losses could have a significant impact on our results of operations.

If we raise additional capital in the future, your ownership in us could be diluted.

Any issuance of equity we may undertake in the future to raise additional capital could cause the price of our common stock to decline, or require us to issue shares at a price that is lower than that paid by holders of our common stock in the past, which would result in those newly issued shares being dilutive. If we obtain funds through a credit facility or through the issuance of debt or preferred securities, these obligations and securities would likely have rights senior to your rights as a common shareholder, which could impair the value of our common stock.

The market value of our common stock may fluctuate and could be substantially affected by various factors.

The price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market constantly changes. We expect that the market price of our common stock will continue to fluctuate as a result of a variety of factors, many of which are beyond our control. These factors include, among others:

actual or anticipated variations in earnings, financial or operating performance or liquidity;

changes in analysts' recommendations or projections;

failure to meet analysts' projections;

general economic and capital market conditions;

announcements of developments related to our business;

operating and stock performance of other companies deemed to be peers;

actions by government regulators; and

news reports of trends, concerns and other issues related to us or our industry, including changes in regulations.

Our common stock price may fluctuate significantly in the future, and these fluctuations may be unrelated to our performance. General market price declines or market volatility in the future could adversely affect the price of our common stock, and the current market price of our common stock may not be indicative of future market prices.

Our articles of incorporation, our bylaws and Virginia law contain provisions that could discourage, delay or prevent a change in our control or our management.

Provisions of our articles of incorporation, bylaws and the laws of Virginia, the state in which we are incorporated, may discourage, delay or prevent a change in control of us or a change in management that shareholders may consider favorable. These provisions:

4imit who may call a special meeting of shareholders;

require shareholder action by written consent to be unanimous;

establish advance notice requirements for nominations for election to our Board of Directors or for proposing matters that can be acted upon at shareholder meetings;

may make it difficult to merge with or otherwise absorb a Virginia corporation acquired in a tender offer for the three years after the acquisition; and

may make an unsolicited attempt to gain control of us more difficult by restricting the right of specified shareholders to vote newly acquired large blocks of stock.

These provisions could discourage proxy contests and make it more difficult for you and other shareholders to take certain corporate actions. These provisions could also limit the price that investors might be willing to pay in the future for shares of our common stock.

# ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

### **ITEM 2. PROPERTIES**

We own our principal executive office located in Thomasville, North Carolina, consisting of a two-story office building of approximately 168,000 square feet on 31.8 acres of land. At December 31, 2015, we operated 225 service centers, of which 180 were owned and 45 were leased. Our owned service centers include most of our larger facilities and account for approximately 90% of the total door capacity in our network. We own each of our major breakbulk facilities listed below and have provided the number of doors as of December 31, 2015.

Doors
347
318
300
267
265
234
227
219
211
181

Our 225 facilities are strategically dispersed over the states in which we operate. At December 31, 2015, the terms of our leased properties ranged from month-to-month to a lease that expires in 2039. We believe that as current leases expire, we will be able to renew them or find comparable facilities without incurring any material negative impact on service to our customers or our operating results.

We also own eight non-operating service center properties. Three of these properties are leased to third parties with lease terms that range from month-to-month to a lease that expires in 2036.

We believe that all of our properties are in good repair and are capable of providing the level of service required by current business levels and customer demands. In addition, we believe we have sufficient capacity in our service center network to accommodate increased demand for our services.

# ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are involved in various legal proceedings and claims that have arisen in the ordinary course of our business and have not been fully adjudicated, some of which are covered in whole or in part by insurance. Certain of these claims include class-action allegations. We do not believe that the resolution of any of these legal proceedings or claims will have a material adverse effect upon our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

# ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

#### PART II

# ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

#### Common Stock and Dividend Information

Our common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market ("Nasdaq") under the symbol ODFL. At February 23, 2016, there were 37,871 holders of our common stock, including 121 shareholders of record. We did not pay any dividends on our common stock during fiscal year 2015 or 2014, and we have no current plans to declare or pay any dividends on our common stock during fiscal year 2016.

Our senior unsecured credit agreement includes a provision limiting our ability to make restricted payments, including dividends and payments for share repurchases, unless, among other conditions, no defaults or events of default under the credit agreement are ongoing (or would be caused by such restricted payment).

The following table sets forth the high and low sales price of our common stock for the periods indicated, as reported by Nasdaq:

	2015			
	First	Second	Third	Fourth
	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
High	\$80.96	\$76.98	\$74.86	\$65.78
Low	\$69.50	\$67.25	\$60.40	\$56.80
	2014			
	First	Second	Third	Fourth
	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
High	\$57.48	\$65.35	\$72.63	\$81.48
Low	\$49.76	\$53.63	\$61.17	\$62.17

The following table provides information regarding our repurchases of our common stock during the fourth quarter of 2015.

#### ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased
		•	Programs	Under the Programs
October 1-31, 2015	302,758	\$62.67	302,758	\$96,378,316
November 1-30, 2015	252,677	\$63.43	252,677	\$80,350,794
December 1-31, 2015	_	<b>\$</b> —		\$80,350,794
Total	555,435	\$63.01	555,435	

On November 10, 2014, we announced that our Board of Directors had approved a stock repurchase program authorizing us to repurchase up to an aggregate of \$200.0 million of our outstanding common stock. We may repurchase shares from time-to-time in open market purchases or through privately negotiated transactions. The program expires on November 6, 2016. Shares of our common stock repurchased by us under the repurchase program are canceled at the time of repurchase and are authorized but unissued shares of our common stock.

# Performance Graph

The following graph compares the total shareholder cumulative returns, assuming the reinvestment of all dividends, of \$100 invested on December 31, 2010, in (i) our common stock, (ii) the S&P 500 Total Return Index, and (iii) the NASDAQ Industrial Transportation Index, for the five-year period ended December 31, 2015.

# Cumulative Total Return

	12/31/10	12/31/11	12/31/12	12/31/13	12/31/14	12/31/15
Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc.	\$100	\$127	\$161	\$249	\$364	\$277
S&P 500 Total Return Index	\$100	\$102	\$118	\$157	\$178	\$181
NASDAQ Industrial Transportation Index	\$100	\$104	\$111	\$158	\$191	\$147

ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

	Year Ended December 31,					
(In thousands, except per share						
amounts)						
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	
Operating Data:						
Revenue from operations	\$2,972,442	\$2,787,897	\$2,337,648	\$2,134,579	\$1,903,800	
Depreciation and amortization expense	165,343	146,466	127,072	110,743	90,820	
Total operating expenses	2,474,202	2,346,590	1,999,210	1,849,325	1,669,728	
Operating income	498,240	441,307	338,438	285,254	234,072	
Interest expense, net (1)	5,001	6,502	9,473	11,428	13,887	
Provision for income taxes	185,327	165,000	122,573	103,646	80,614	
Net income	304,690	267,514	206,113	169,452	139,470	
Per Share Data:						
Diluted earnings per share	\$3.57	\$3.10	\$2.39	\$1.97	\$1.63	
Balance Sheet Data:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$11,472	\$34,787	\$30,174	\$12,857	\$75,850	
Current assets (2)	381,730	403,772	309,730	254,974	312,386	
Total assets (2)	2,466,504	2,206,866	1,908,840	1,692,460	1,493,608	
Current liabilities	285,402	255,638	232,122	225,139	204,810	
Long-term debt (including current maturities)	133,805	155,714	191,429	240,407	269,185	
Shareholders' equity	1,684,637	1,494,064	1,232,082	1,025,969	856,519	

<sup>(1)</sup> For the purpose of this table, interest expense is presented net of interest income.

Prior-year balance sheets have been adjusted to reflect the adoption of Accounting Standards Update ("ASU")

<sup>(2) 2015-17</sup> in order to conform to the current period presentation. For additional information regarding ASU 2015-17, please refer to "Recent Accounting Pronouncements" included in Note 1 of Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" in this report.

## ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

### Overview

We are a leading, less-than-truckload ("LTL"), union-free motor carrier providing regional, inter-regional and national LTL services, which include ground and air expedited transportation and consumer household pickup and delivery, through a single integrated organization. In addition to our core LTL services, we offer a broad range of value-added services including container drayage, truckload brokerage, supply chain consulting and warehousing. More than 95% of our revenue has historically been derived from transporting LTL shipments for our customers, whose demand for our services is generally tied to industrial production and the overall health of the U.S. domestic economy.

In analyzing the components of our revenue, we monitor changes and trends in our LTL services using the following key metrics, which exclude certain transportation and logistics services where pricing is generally not determined by weight, commodity or distance:

LTL Revenue Per Hundredweight – This measurement reflects the application of our pricing policies to the services we provide, which are influenced by competitive market conditions and our growth objectives. Generally, freight is rated by a class system, which is established by the National Motor Freight Traffic Association, Inc. Light, bulky freight typically has a higher class and is priced at higher revenue per hundredweight than dense, heavy freight. Fuel surcharges, accessorial charges, revenue adjustments and revenue for undelivered freight are included in this measurement. Revenue for undelivered freight is deferred for financial statement purposes in accordance with our revenue recognition policy; however, we believe including it in our revenue per hundredweight metrics results in a better indicator of changes in our yields by matching total billed revenue with the corresponding weight of those shipments.

Revenue per hundredweight is a commonly-used indicator of pricing trends, but this metric can be influenced by other factors, such as changes in fuel surcharges, weight per shipment, length of haul and the class, or mix, of our freight. As a result, changes in revenue per hundredweight do not necessarily indicate actual changes in underlying base rates.

LTL Weight Per Shipment – Fluctuations in weight per shipment can indicate changes in the mix of freight we receive from our customers, as well as changes in the number of units included in a shipment. Generally, increases in weight per shipment indicate higher demand for our customers' products and overall increased economic activity. Changes in weight per shipment can also be influenced by shifts between LTL and other modes of transportation, such as truckload and intermodal, in response to capacity, service and pricing issues. Fluctuations in weight per shipment generally have an inverse effect on our revenue per hundredweight, as a decrease in weight per shipment will typically cause an increase in revenue per hundredweight.

Average Length of Haul – We consider lengths of haul less than 500 miles to be regional traffic, lengths of haul between 500 miles and 1,000 miles to be inter-regional traffic, and lengths of haul in excess of 1,000 miles to be national traffic. This metric is used to analyze our tonnage and pricing trends for shipments with similar characteristics, and also allows for comparison with other transportation providers serving specific markets. By analyzing this metric, we can determine the success and growth potential of our service products in these markets. Changes in length of haul generally have a direct effect on our revenue per hundredweight, as an increase in length of haul will typically cause an increase in revenue per hundredweight.

Our primary revenue focus is to increase "density," which is shipment and tonnage growth within our existing infrastructure. Increases in density allow us to maximize our asset utilization and labor productivity, which we measure over many different functional areas of our operations including linehaul load factor, pickup and delivery

("P&D") stops per hour, P&D shipments per hour, platform pounds handled per hour and platform shipments per hour. In addition to our focus on density and operating efficiencies, it is critical for us to obtain an appropriate yield on the shipments we handle. We manage our yields by focusing on individual account profitability. We believe yield management and improvements in efficiency are key components in our ability to produce profitable growth.

Our primary cost elements are direct wages and benefits associated with the movement of freight, operating supplies and expenses, which include diesel fuel, and depreciation of our equipment fleet and service center facilities. We gauge our overall success in managing costs by monitoring our operating ratio, a measure of profitability calculated by dividing total operating expenses by revenue, which also allows for industry-wide comparisons with our competitors.

We continually upgrade our technological capabilities to improve our customer service and lower our operating costs. Our technology provides our customers with visibility of their shipments throughout our network, increases the productivity of our workforce and provides key metrics that we use to monitor and enhance our processes.

### **Results of Operations**

The following table sets forth, for the years indicated, expenses and other items as a percentage of revenue from operations:

	2015	2014	2013	
Revenue from operations	100.0	% 100.0	% 100.0	%
Operating expenses:				
Salaries, wages and benefits	52.8	49.6	50.1	
Operating supplies and expenses	11.9	15.5	16.5	
General supplies and expenses	3.0	3.0	3.0	
Operating taxes and licenses	3.1	3.0	3.1	
Insurance and claims	1.3	1.3	1.3	
Communication and utilities	0.9	0.9	1.0	
Depreciation and amortization	5.6	5.3	5.4	
Purchased transportation	3.9	4.6	4.5	
Building and office equipment rents	0.3	0.4	0.5	
Miscellaneous expenses, net	0.4	0.6	0.1	
Total operating expenses	83.2	84.2	85.5	
Operating income	16.8	15.8	14.5	
Interest expense, net (1)	0.2	0.2	0.4	
Other expense, net	0.1	0.1	_	
Income before income taxes	16.5	15.5	14.1	
Provision for income taxes	6.2	5.9	5.3	
Net income	10.3	% 9.6	% 8.8	%

<sup>(1)</sup> For the purpose of this table, interest expense is presented net of interest income.

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### 2015 Compared to 2014

Key financial and operating metrics for 2015 and 2014 are presented below:

	2015		2014		Change		% Change	
Work days	254		254		_			
Revenue (in thousands)	\$2,972,442		\$2,787,897		\$184,545		6.6	
Operating ratio	83.2	%	84.2	%				
Net income (in thousands)	\$304,690		\$267,514		\$37,176		13.9	
Diluted earnings per share	\$3.57		\$3.10		\$0.47		15.2	
LTL tons (in thousands)	7,938		7,391		547		7.4	
LTL shipments (in thousands)	10,129		9,073		1,056		11.6	
LTL weight per shipment (lbs.)	1,567		1,629		(62	)	(3.8	)
LTL revenue per hundredweight	\$18.23		\$18.33		\$(0.10	)	(0.5	)
LTL revenue per shipment	\$285.67		\$298.65		\$(12.98	)	(4.3	)
LTL revenue per intercity mile	5.11		5.38		(0.27	)	(5.0	)
LTL intercity miles (in thousands)	566,210		503,923		62,287		12.4	
Average length of haul (miles)	928		928					

In 2015, we produced revenue growth of 6.6%, increased net income by 13.9% and increased diluted earnings per diluted share by 15.2%. These results were achieved during a period of general softening in the domestic economic environment. We believe our revenue growth was primarily driven by an increase in tonnage attributable to winning additional market share, as our new and existing customers increasingly respond to the value of our premium service. Our tonnage growth resulted from an increase in shipments, which was partially offset by the decline in weight per shipment. We believe our long-term strategy of providing industry-leading service continues to drive our market share growth, while also allowing us to remain committed to our disciplined yield management process.

Our tonnage growth during 2015 led to increased density within our freight movement operations and service center network. The additional freight density and our focus on operational efficiency led to productivity improvements in both of our platform and P&D operations. These improvements, when combined with our disciplined yield management process, generated a 100 basis-point improvement in our operating ratio in 2015, which represents the sixth consecutive year that our operating ratio has improved at least 100 basis points. As a result, our net income and earnings per diluted share in 2015 were \$304.7 million and \$3.57, respectively.

### Revenue

Our revenue in 2015 increased \$184.5 million, or 6.6% as compared to 2014. LTL tonnage increased 7.4% primarily due to the 11.6% increase in LTL shipments, although our tonnage growth was affected by a 3.8% decrease in weight per shipment. We attribute the decline in weight per shipment in 2015 to softening economic conditions and changes in the mix of our freight.

LTL revenue per hundredweight, excluding fuel surcharges, increased 5.7% in 2015 as compared to 2014, which includes the positive effect on this metric from a decrease in weight per shipment. We believe the increase in revenue per hundredweight, excluding fuel surcharges, reflects our continued commitment to a disciplined yield management process and a relatively stable pricing environment.

Most of our tariffs and contracts provide for a fuel surcharge that is generally indexed to the U.S. Department of Energy's ("DOE") published diesel fuel prices that reset each week. Our fuel surcharges are designed to offset fluctuations in the cost of petroleum-based products and are one of the many components included in the overall

negotiated price we charge for our services. Fuel surcharge revenue decreased to 10.4% of revenue in 2015 from 15.5% in 2014, primarily due to a decrease in the average price per gallon for diesel fuel for those comparative periods. We regularly monitor the components of our pricing, including base freight rates and fuel surcharges, and our costs at the customer level. We address individual customer profitability issues to minimize the negative impact on our profitability that would likely result from a rapid and significant change in any of our operating expenses.

### **Operating Costs and Other Expenses**

Salaries, wages and benefits increased \$188.5 million, or 13.6% in 2015 due to a \$143.6 million increase in salaries and wages and a \$44.9 million increase in benefit costs. The increase in salaries and wages, excluding benefits, was primarily due to an increase in the average number of full-time employees of 2,063, or 13.5%, over 2014, as well as annual wage increases provided to our employees in September of 2014 and 2015. The increase in full-time employees was necessary to provide capacity for the increase in shipments during the year. We also implemented certain operational initiatives that decreased our reliance on purchased transportation providers and increased our utilization of Company employees and equipment. The additional freight density contributed to a slight improvement in our P&D and platform shipments per hour, which improved 1.1% and 1.8%, respectively from 2014. Our aggregate productive labor costs increased to 27.9% of revenue in 2015 as compared to 25.8% in 2014, while our other salaries and wages increased to 11.9% of revenue in 2015 as compared to 11.5% in 2014.

Employee benefit costs increased \$44.9 million, or 13.2% primarily due to an increase in the number of full-time employees eligible for benefits, certain enhancements to paid-time-off benefits and an increase in our workers compensation expense. These increases were partially offset by a reduction in expense for certain retirement benefit plans directly linked to the share price of our common stock. In the fourth quarter of 2015 our group health costs increased and we anticipate this trend to continue into 2016. Employee benefit costs in 2015 were 32.6% of salaries and wages as compared to 32.8% in 2014.

Operating supplies and expenses decreased \$78.8 million in 2015 as compared to 2014. The cost of diesel fuel, excluding fuel taxes, represents the largest component of operating supplies and expenses, and can vary based on both average price per gallon and consumption. Our diesel fuel costs decreased primarily due to a 33.7% decrease in our average cost per gallon during 2015 as compared to the prior year. This decrease was partially offset by an increase in fuel consumption of 9.1%, primarily due to an 11.6% increase in linehaul and P&D miles driven. Our fuel consumption benefited from an overall improvement in miles per gallon, which continues to improve as we add newer, more fuel-efficient equipment to our operations. The additional fuel consumption resulted in an increase in fuel taxes, which increased our operating taxes and licenses. We do not use diesel fuel hedging instruments and are therefore subject to market price fluctuations. Other operating supplies and expenses, excluding diesel fuel, remained relatively consistent as a percent of revenue between the periods compared.

Depreciation and amortization expenses increased \$18.9 million primarily due to the assets acquired through our 2015 and 2014 capital expenditures. As a percent of revenue, our depreciation and amortization expense increased to 5.6% in 2015 compared to 5.3% in 2014. While our investments in real estate, equipment and technology can increase our costs, we believe these investments are necessary to support our continued growth and strategic initiatives.

Purchased transportation expense decreased \$13.0 million, or 10.1% in 2015 as compared to 2014. We primarily utilized purchased transportation services from third-party providers to support our container drayage, international freight-forwarding and truckload brokerage services. We also utilized purchased transportation to perform limited P&D services in our LTL operations. The decrease in purchased transportation was primarily due to operational improvement initiatives to reduce our use of third-party providers for the movement of our customers' shipments.

Our effective tax rate in 2015 was 37.8% as compared to 38.1% in 2014. Our effective tax rates in 2015 and 2014 were favorably impacted by various tax credits, including credits for the use of alternative fuel in our operations. Our effective tax rate generally exceeds the federal statutory rate of 35% due to the impact of state taxes, and to a lesser extent, certain other non-deductible items.

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### 2014 Compared to 2013

Key financial and operating metrics for 2014 and 2013 are presented below:

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Our 2014 financial results reflected strong increases in revenue, net income and earnings per diluted share. Our revenue increased 19.3% to \$2.79 billion and our operating ratio improved by 130 basis points to 84.2%, which represented the fifth consecutive year that our operating ratio has improved by more than 100 basis points. As a result, our net income increased 29.8% from the prior-year period to \$267.5 million in 2014.

Our revenue growth in 2014 was driven by a 16.9% increase in LTL tons combined with a 2.1% increase in revenue per hundredweight. Our tonnage growth was primarily the result of market share gains from new and existing customers that desire the value of superior service at a fair price. This growth increased density throughout our operations, which contributed to our improved profitability for the year. Our growth has required continuous and significant investments in our service center network, equipment, technology and employees. As a result, our capital expenditures were \$367.7 million in 2014 and were even higher in 2015. In addition, we added 2,370 full-time employees in 2014, which included an increase in our total number of drivers of 1,253, or 16.8%. We believe these investments provided the additional capacity needed to meet demand, and positioned us well for anticipated future growth.

### Revenue

Our revenue increased \$450.2 million, or 19.3% during 2014, which was a result of increases in both LTL tonnage and yield. LTL tonnage increased 16.9% primarily due to the 14.2% increase in LTL shipments and a 2.3% increase in weight per shipment. We believe that our tonnage growth in 2014 was primarily due to further market share gains from our existing customers, the addition of new customers and the general improvement in the domestic economy.

LTL revenue per hundredweight increased 2.1% to \$18.33 in 2014, despite declines in fuel surcharge rates, the decrease in length of haul and the increase in weight per shipment, each of which generally has the effect of lowering this metric. LTL revenue per hundredweight, excluding fuel surcharges, increased 2.8% in 2014 as compared to 2013. We believe the increase in revenue per hundredweight reflected our disciplined yield management process and a favorable pricing environment that resulted from general capacity constraints in the LTL industry.

Our fuel surcharges are designed to offset fluctuations in the cost of petroleum-based products and are one of the many components included in the overall negotiated price we charge for our services. Fuel surcharge revenue decreased to 15.5% of revenue in 2014 from 16.1% in 2013, primarily due to a decrease in the average price per

gallon for diesel fuel for those comparative periods. Most of our tariffs and contracts provide for a fuel surcharge that is generally indexed to the DOE's published diesel fuel prices that reset each week. Fluctuations in fuel surcharges between the periods are primarily the result of changes in the underlying price of diesel fuel. We regularly monitor the components of our pricing, including base freight rates and fuel surcharges. We also address any individual account profitability issues with our customers as part of our effort to minimize the negative impact on our profitability that would likely result from a rapid and significant change in any of our operating expenses.

### **Operating Costs and Other Expenses**

Salaries, wages and benefits increased \$210.5 million, or 18.0% in 2014 due to a \$170.4 million increase in salaries and wages and a \$40.1 million increase in benefit costs. The increases in salaries and wages, excluding benefits, were primarily due to the 13.5% increase in the average number of full-time employees over 2013 and the annual wage increases in 2013 and 2014. The increase in employees primarily related to our productive labor workforce, which was necessary to keep pace with our increased volumes during the year. In addition to the increase in employees, our costs were also impacted by a productivity decline in our platform operations that increased these costs as a percent of revenue. Our aggregate productive labor costs increased to 25.8% of revenue in 2014 as compared to 25.5% in 2013, while our other salaries and wages improved to 11.5% of revenue in 2014 as compared to 11.7% in 2013.

Employee benefit costs increased \$40.1 million primarily due to the increase in the number of full-time employees eligible for benefits, which led to higher payroll-related taxes and paid time off benefits. Our employee benefit costs also increased for certain retirement benefit plans directly linked to the improvement in our net income and the share price of our common stock. The cost for our health and dental benefit plans increased over 2013, primarily due to an increase in the total number of eligible employees in the plans. This increase was partially offset by a reduction in the average cost per employee for these benefits in 2014 as compared to 2013. As a result, health and dental benefit expenses decreased as a percent of salaries and wages, which contributed to the overall improvement in total employee benefit costs as a percent of salaries and wages to 32.8% for 2014 from 34.6% for 2013.

Operating supplies and expenses increased \$47.5 million in 2014 as compared to 2013, although these costs as a percent of revenue improved to 15.5% of revenue in 2014 from 16.5% in 2013. The cost of diesel fuel, excluding fuel taxes, represents the largest component of operating supplies and expenses, and can vary based on both consumption and average price per gallon. Our total miles driven in 2014 increased 16.4% as compared to 2013, which compared favorably to our diesel fuel consumption, which increased only 13.0% during the same period. Our consumption trends continued to improve due to certain operational initiatives to increase our average miles per gallon and the increased use of new fuel-efficient equipment. Our cost of diesel fuel, excluding fuel taxes, also benefited from a decrease in our average cost per gallon of 4.3% for 2014 from 2013. We do not use diesel fuel hedging instruments and are therefore subject to market price fluctuations. Other operating supplies and expenses, excluding diesel fuel, remained relatively consistent as a percent of revenue between the periods compared.

Depreciation and amortization expense increased \$19.4 million primarily due to the increase in depreciable assets acquired through our 2014 and 2013 capital expenditure plans. As a percent of revenue, our depreciation and amortization expense decreased to 5.3% in 2014 as compared to 5.4% in 2013.

Purchased transportation expense increased \$22.9 million, or 21.5%, in 2014 as compared to 2013. These costs, however, were relatively consistent as a percent of revenue between the periods compared. We primarily utilized purchased transportation services from third-party providers in 2014 to support our container drayage, truckload brokerage and international freight-forwarding services. To a lesser extent, we also utilized purchased transportation in our LTL operations to maximize the efficient movement of freight.

Miscellaneous expenses, net, increased \$15.6 million in 2014 due to changes in our gains and losses recognized on the sale of operating assets, increased consulting costs associated with our ongoing technology enhancement efforts and increased legal costs. Net gains on the sales of operating assets in 2014 were \$0.7 million as compared to net gains of \$5.7 million in 2013.

Our effective tax rate for 2014 was 38.1% as compared to 37.3% in 2013. Our effective tax rates in 2014 and 2013 were favorably impacted by various tax credits, including credits for the use of alternative fuel in operations. Our effective tax rate generally exceeded the federal statutory rate of 35% due to the impact of state taxes, and to a lesser

extent, certain other non-deductible items.

### Liquidity and Capital Resources

A summary of our cash flows is presented below:				
(In thousands)	2015	2014	2013	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	\$34,787	\$30,174	\$12,857	
Cash flows provided by (used in):				
Operating activities	553,880	391,674	350,666	
Investing activities	(437,617	(345,814	) (284,371	)
Financing activities	(139,578	(41,247	) (48,978	)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(23,315	4,613	17,317	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$11,472	\$34,787	\$30,174	

The change in our cash flows provided by operating activities in 2015 from 2014 was due primarily to fluctuations within our working capital accounts, which include changes in income taxes, customer receivables and certain accrued liabilities. In addition, an increase in our net income and higher depreciation and amortization expenses in 2015 as compared to 2014, as described above in "Results of Operations," also resulted in increased cash flows provided by operating activities.

The change in our cash flows provided by operating activities in 2014 from 2013 was due primarily to the significant improvement in our net income and higher depreciation and amortization expenses in 2014 as compared to 2013, which is more fully described above in "Results of Operations." Other changes in our cash flows provided by operating activities are related to various fluctuations within our working capital accounts.

The changes in our cash flows used in investing activities were primarily due to increases in our capital expenditure plan each year. The changes in our capital expenditure plan are more fully described below in "Capital Expenditures."

The changes in our cash flows used in financing activities were primarily due to repurchases of our common stock, which is more fully described below in "Stock Repurchase Program." In addition, scheduled principal payments under our long-term debt agreements and fluctuations in our senior unsecured revolving line of credit also impacted our cash flows used in financing activities in each of the years compared.

We have three primary sources of available liquidity: cash and cash equivalents, cash flows from operations and available borrowings under our senior unsecured revolving credit agreement, which is described below. We believe we also have sufficient access to debt and equity markets to provide other sources of liquidity.

### Capital Expenditures

The table below sets forth our net capital expenditures for property and equipment, including those obtained through capital leases and nonmonetary exchanges, for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013:

	Year Ended December 31,					
(In thousands)	2015	2014	2013			
Land and structures	\$153,460	\$117,487	\$126,424			
Tractors	128,911	91,750	59,317			
Trailers	114,209	80,853	70,042			
Technology	32,044	38,264	15,032			
Other equipment and assets	36,987	39,326	31,391			
Less: Proceeds from sales	(24,442	(21,866	) (11,235 )			
Total	\$441,169	\$345,814	\$290,971			

Our capital expenditure requirements are generally based upon the projected increase in the number and size of our service center facilities to support our plan for long-term growth, our planned tractor and trailer replacement cycle and forecasted tonnage and shipment growth. Expenditures for land and structures can be dependent upon the availability of land in the areas we are looking to expand. Our capital expenditures for tractors and trailers were higher in each of 2015 and 2014 as compared to the previous year due to the volume of equipment scheduled for replacement in those years as well as the

equipment needs for anticipated growth. We expect to continue to maintain a high level of capital expenditures in order to support our long-term plan for market share growth.

We currently estimate capital expenditures will be approximately \$440 million for the year ending December 31, 2016. Approximately \$180 million is allocated for the purchase of service center facilities, construction of new service center facilities or expansion of existing service center facilities, subject to the availability of suitable real estate and the timing of construction projects; approximately \$220 million is allocated for the purchase of tractors and trailers; and approximately \$40 million is allocated for investments in technology and other assets. We expect to fund these capital expenditures primarily through cash flows from operations, our existing cash and cash equivalents and the use of our senior unsecured revolving credit facility. We believe our current sources of liquidity will be sufficient to satisfy our expected capital expenditures.

### Stock Repurchase Program

On November 10, 2014, we announced that our Board of Directors had approved a stock repurchase program authorizing us to repurchase up to an aggregate of \$200.0 million of our outstanding common stock. We may repurchase shares from time-to-time in open market purchases or through privately negotiated transactions. The program expires on November 6, 2016. Shares of our common stock repurchased by us under the repurchase program are canceled at the time of repurchase and are authorized but unissued shares of our common stock. During the twelve months ended December 31, 2015, we repurchased 1,682,419 shares for \$114.1 million. During the twelve months ended December 31, 2014, we repurchased 70,620 shares for \$5.5 million. As of December 31, 2015, we had repurchased a total of 1,753,039 shares for \$119.6 million, and \$80.4 million remained authorized under the program.

### Financing Agreements

On December 15, 2015, we entered into an amended and restated credit agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association ("Wells Fargo") serving as administrative agent for the lenders (the "2015 Credit Agreement"). The 2015 Credit Agreement provides for a five-year, \$250.0 million senior unsecured revolving line of credit. We may also request an increase in the line of credit commitments up to an aggregate of \$350.0 million, which may include Term Loan Commitments, in minimum increments of \$25.0 million. Of the \$250.0 million line of credit commitments, up to \$100.0 million may be used for letters of credit and \$30.0 million may be used for borrowings under the Wells Fargo Sweep Plus Loan Program (the "Sweep Program"). We utilize the Sweep Program to manage our daily cash needs, as it automatically initiates borrowings to cover overnight cash requirements primarily for working capital needs.

The amounts outstanding and remaining borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facilities are presented below:

December 31

	December 51,		
(In thousands)	2015	2014	
Facility limit	\$250,000	\$200,000	
Line of credit borrowings	(12,317	· —	
Outstanding letters of credit	(67,719	(63,192	)
Available borrowing capacity	\$169,964	\$136,808	

At our option, borrowings under the 2015 Credit Agreement bear interest at either: (i) LIBOR plus an applicable margin (based on our ratio of debt-to-total capitalization) that ranges from 1.0% to 1.50%; or (ii) a Base Rate plus an applicable margin (based on our ratio of debt-to-total capitalization) that ranges from 0.0% to 0.5%. Loans under the Sweep Program bear interest at the LIBOR plus applicable margin rate. Letter of credit fees equal to the applicable margin for LIBOR and Base Rate loans are charged quarterly in arrears on the daily average aggregate stated amount of all letters of credit outstanding during the quarter. Commitment fees ranging from 0.125% to 0.2% (based upon the ratio of debt-to-total capitalization) are charged quarterly in arrears on the aggregate unutilized portion of the 2015

Credit Agreement. Wells Fargo, as administrative agent, also receives an annual fee for providing administrative services.

For the periods covered under the 2015 Credit Agreement, the applicable margin and letter of credit fees were 1.0% and commitment fees were 0.125%.

The 2015 Credit Agreement superseded and replaced our previous five-year, \$200.0 million senior unsecured revolving credit facility dated August 10, 2011, as amended on November 7, 2014 (the "2011 Credit Agreement"). For periods in 2015 and 2014 under the 2011 Credit Agreement, the applicable margin and letter of credit fees were 1.0%, and commitment fees were 0.175%.

The 2015 Credit Agreement contains customary covenants, including financial covenants that require us to observe a maximum ratio of debt to total capital and a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio. Any future wholly-owned material domestic subsidiaries of Old Dominion would be required to guarantee payment of all of our obligations under the 2015 Credit Agreement.

The 2015 Credit Agreement also includes a provision limiting our ability to make restricted payments, including dividends and payments for share repurchases, unless, among other conditions, no defaults or events of default under the 2015 Credit Agreement are ongoing (or would be caused by such restricted payment). We did not declare or pay a cash dividend on our common stock in 2015 or 2014, and we have no plans to declare or pay a cash dividend in 2016. Our share repurchases are described above in "Stock Repurchase Program."

We had two outstanding unsecured senior note agreements with an aggregate amount outstanding of \$120.0 million at December 31, 2015. At December 31, 2014, we had three outstanding unsecured senior note agreements with an aggregate amount outstanding of \$155.7 million. These notes include scheduled principal payments with maturities that range from 2016 to 2021, of which \$25.0 million is due in the next twelve months. Interest rates on these notes are fixed and range from 4.00% to 5.85%. The effective average interest rate on our outstanding senior note agreements was 4.68% and 4.87% at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

With the exception of borrowings pursuant to the 2015 Credit Agreement, interest rates are fixed on all of our debt instruments. Therefore, short-term exposure to fluctuations in interest rates is limited to our revolving credit facility. We do not currently use interest rate derivative instruments to manage exposure to interest rate changes.

A significant decrease in demand for our services could limit our ability to generate cash flow and affect profitability. Most of our debt agreements have covenants that require stated levels of financial performance, which if not achieved could cause acceleration of the payment schedules. As of December 31, 2015, we were in compliance with these covenants. We do not anticipate a significant decline in business levels or financial performance that would cause us to violate any such covenants in the future, and we believe the combination of our 2015 Credit Agreement along with our additional borrowing capacity will be sufficient to meet foreseeable seasonal and long-term capital needs.

### **Contractual Obligations**

The following table summarizes our significant contractual obligations as of December 31, 2015:

	Payments due	by period			
Contractual Obligations (1)		Less than			More than
(In thousands)	Total	1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	5 years
Senior Notes	\$137,587	\$29,887	\$57,311	\$4,311	\$46,078
Revolving credit facility	12,317	_	_	12,317	_
Capital lease obligations	1,492	1,492	_	_	
Operating lease obligations	65,906	13,761	17,176	8,101	26,868
Purchase obligations	57,812	57,812	_		
Total	\$275,114	\$102,952	\$74,487	\$24,729	\$72,946

Contractual obligations include principal and interest on our senior notes; borrowings under our 2015 Credit Agreement; capital lease obligations for computer equipment; operating leases consisting primarily of real estate (1)leases; and purchase obligations relating to non-cancellable purchase orders for equipment scheduled for delivery in 2016. Please refer to the information regarding interest rates and the balance on our revolving credit facility in this section above and also in Note 2 of the Notes to the Financial Statements included in Item 8 of this report.

### **Critical Accounting Policies**

In preparing our financial statements, we apply the following critical accounting policies that we believe affect our judgments and estimates of amounts recorded in certain assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses. These critical accounting policies are further described in Note 1 of the Notes to the Financial Statements included in Item 8 of this report.

### Revenue Recognition

We recognize revenue based upon when our transportation services have been completed in accordance with the bill of lading contract, our general tariff provisions or contractual agreements with our customers. Generally, this occurs when we complete the delivery of a shipment. For transportation services not completed at the end of a reporting period, we use a percentage of completion method to allocate the appropriate revenue to each separate reporting period. Under this method, we develop a factor for each uncompleted shipment by dividing the actual number of days in transit at the end of a reporting period by that shipment's standard delivery time schedule. This factor is applied to the total revenue for that shipment and revenue is allocated between reporting periods accordingly.

### Allowances for Uncollectible Accounts and Revenue Adjustments

We maintain an allowance for uncollectible accounts for estimated losses resulting from the failure of our customers to make required payments. We estimate this allowance by analyzing the aging of our customer receivables, our historical loss experience and other trends and factors affecting the credit risk of our customers. We determine customer receivables to be past due when payment has not been received by the invoice due date. Write-offs occur when we determine an account to be uncollectible and could differ from our allowance estimate as a result of factors such as changes in the overall economic environment or risks surrounding our customers. Additional allowances may be required if the financial condition of our customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments. We periodically review the underlying assumptions in our estimate of the allowance for uncollectible accounts to ensure that the allowance reflects the most recent trends and factors.

We also maintain an allowance for estimated revenue adjustments resulting from future billing corrections, customer allowances, money-back service guarantees and other miscellaneous revenue adjustments. These revenue adjustments are recorded in our revenue from operations. We use historical experience, trends and current information to update and evaluate these estimates.

### Claims and Insurance Accruals

Claims and insurance accruals reflect the estimated cost of claims not covered by insurance for cargo loss and damage, BIPD, workers' compensation, group health and dental. The related costs are charged to insurance and claims expense except for workers' compensation, group health and dental, which are charged to employee benefits expense.

Insurers providing excess coverage above a company's self-insured retention ("SIR") or deductible levels typically adjust their premiums to cover insured losses and for other market factors. As a result, we periodically evaluate our SIR and deductible levels to determine the most cost-efficient balance between our exposure and excess coverage.

In establishing accruals for claims and expenses, we evaluate and monitor each claim individually, and we use factors such as historical claims development experience, known trends and third-party estimates to determine the appropriate reserves for potential liability. We believe the assumptions and methods used to estimate these liabilities are reasonable; however, any changes in the severity of previously-reported claims, significant changes in medical costs and regulatory changes affecting the administration of our plans could significantly impact the determination of appropriate reserves in future periods.

### Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost and depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated economic lives. We use historical experience, certain assumptions and estimates in determining the economic life of each asset. When indicators of impairment exist, we review property and equipment for impairment due to changes in operational

and market conditions, and we adjust the carrying value and economic life of any impaired asset as appropriate.

Estimated economic lives for structures are 7 to 30 years; revenue equipment is 4 to 15 years; other equipment is 2 to 20 years; and leasehold improvements are the lesser of the economic life of the leasehold improvement or the remaining life of the lease. The use of different assumptions, estimates or significant changes in the resale market for our equipment could result in material changes in the carrying value and related depreciation of our assets.

### Inflation

Most of our expenses are affected by inflation, which typically results in increased operating costs. In response to fluctuations in the cost of petroleum products, particularly diesel fuel, we generally include a fuel surcharge in our tariffs and contractual agreements. The fuel surcharge is designed to offset the cost of diesel fuel above a base price and fluctuates as diesel fuel prices change from the base, which is generally indexed to the DOE's published fuel prices that reset each week. Volatility in the price of diesel fuel, independent of inflation, has impacted our business, as described in this report. However, we do not believe inflation has had a material effect on our results of operations for each of the past three years.

### **Related Party Transactions**

### Family Relationships

Each of Earl E. Congdon, David S. Congdon and John R. Congdon, Jr. are related to one another and served in various management positions and/or on our Board of Directors during 2015. Our employment agreements with Earl E. Congdon and David S. Congdon are incorporated by reference as exhibits to this report. We regularly disclose the amount of compensation that we pay to these individuals, as well as any of their family members employed by us and whose compensation from time to time may require disclosure, in the proxy statement for our Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Transactions with Old Dominion Truck Leasing, Inc.

Old Dominion Truck Leasing, Inc. ("Leasing") is a North Carolina corporation whose voting stock is beneficially owned by members of the Congdon family. Leasing is primarily engaged in the business of leasing tractors, trailers and other vehicles as well as providing contract dedicated fleet services. John R. Congdon, Jr. serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Leasing. Earl E. Congdon and David S. Congdon currently serve as members of Leasing's Board of Directors. We have historically collaborated with Leasing for the purchase of certain equipment and fuel. Our collaboration with Leasing for the purchase of fuel ended in the fourth quarter of 2015. We do not believe that the termination of this arrangement, or any other arrangement with Leasing, will have a material adverse impact on our financial results.

We purchased \$313,000, \$298,000 and \$299,000 of maintenance and other services from Leasing in 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. We intend to continue to purchase maintenance and other services from Leasing, provided that Leasing's prices continue to be favorable to us. We received \$12,000, \$17,500 and \$18,000 from Leasing for the rental of property in 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

### **Audit Committee Approval**

The Audit Committee of our Board of Directors reviewed and approved all of the related person transactions described above in accordance with our Related Person Transactions Policy.

### ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Market risk represents the risk of loss that may impact our financial position, results of operations and cash flows due to adverse changes in financial market prices and rates.

We are exposed to interest rate risk directly related to loans, if any, under our 2015 Credit Agreement, which have variable interest rates. A 100 basis point increase in the average interest rate on this agreement would have no material

effect on our operating results. We have established policies and procedures to manage exposure to market risks and use major institutions that we believe are creditworthy to minimize credit risk.

We are exposed to market risk for equity investments relating to Company-owned life insurance contracts on certain employees. At December 31, 2015, the cash value for variable life insurance contracts was \$35.6 million of the \$37.8 million of aggregate cash values for all life insurance contracts included on our Balance Sheets. Variable life insurance contracts expose us to fluctuations in equity markets; however, we utilize a third-party to manage these assets and minimize that exposure. A 10% change in market value in those investments would have a \$3.6 million impact on our pre-tax income.

We are exposed to market risk for awards granted under our employee and director phantom stock plans. The liability for the unsettled outstanding awards is remeasured at the end of each reporting period based on the closing price of our common stock at that date. At December 31, 2015, the total liability for unsettled awards granted under our employee and director

phantom stock plans totaled \$25.3 million. A 10% change in the price of our common stock at December 31, 2015 would have had a \$2.5 million impact on our operating income in 2015 with respect to these plans.

We are also exposed to commodity price risk related to diesel fuel prices and manage our exposure to that risk primarily through the application of fuel surcharges to our customers.

For further discussion related to these risks, see Notes 2 and 7 of the Notes to the Financial Statements included in Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" and Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

### ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

# OLD DOMINION FREIGHT LINE, INC. BALANCE SHEETS

DALANCE SHEETS			
	December 31,		
(In thousands, except share and per share data)	2015	2014	
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$11,472	\$34,787	
Customer receivables, less allowances of \$8,976 and \$9,069, respectively	310,501	303,170	
Other receivables	34,547	44,730	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	25,210	21,085	
Total current assets	381,730	403,772	
Property and equipment:			
Revenue equipment	1,358,317	1,158,108	
Land and structures	1,221,250	1,088,372	
Other fixed assets	365,673	321,310	
Leasehold improvements	7,585	6,982	
Total property and equipment	2,952,825	2,574,772	
Less: Accumulated depreciation		(831,527	)
Net property and equipment	2,023,448	1,743,245	
Goodwill	19,463	19,463	
Other assets	41,863	40,386	
Total assets	\$2,466,504	\$2,206,866	
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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$66,774	\$45,314	
Compensation and benefits	124,589	106,200	
Claims and insurance accruals	44,917	42,271	
Other accrued liabilities	22,634	26,139	
Current maturities of long-term debt	26,488	35,714	
Total current liabilities	285,402	255,638	
Long-term debt	107,317	120,000	
Other non-current liabilities	154,094	145,752	
Deferred income taxes	235,054	191,412	
Total long-term liabilities	496,465	457,164	
Total liabilities	781,867	712,802	
Commitments and contingent liabilities			
Shareholders' equity			
Common stock - \$0.10 par value, 140,000,000 shares authorized, 84,411,878 and	0.441	0.600	
86,094,297 shares outstanding at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively	8,441	8,609	
Capital in excess of par value	134,401	134,401	
Retained earnings	1,541,795	1,351,054	
Total shareholders' equity	1,684,637	1,494,064	
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$2,466,504	\$2,206,866	
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# OLD DOMINION FREIGHT LINE, INC. STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	Year Ended December 31,		
(In thousands, except share and per share data)	2015	2014	2013
Revenue from operations	\$2,972,442	\$2,787,897	\$2,337,648
Operating expenses:	1.560.501	1 201 277	1 170 772
Salaries, wages and benefits	1,569,791	1,381,277	1,170,773
Operating supplies and expenses	353,889	432,675	385,201
General supplies and expenses	89,308	83,165	69,765
Operating taxes and licenses	93,292	83,417	71,599
Insurance and claims	37,368	36,145	30,910
Communications and utilities	26,913	25,507	23,142
Depreciation and amortization	165,343	146,466	127,072
Purchased transportation	116,300	129,312	106,435
Building and office equipment rents	9,620	10,679	11,920
Miscellaneous expenses, net	12,378	17,947	2,393
Total operating expenses	2,474,202	2,346,590	1,999,210
Operating income	498,240	441,307	338,438
Non-operating expense (income):			
Interest expense	5,210	6,610	9,620
Interest income	(209	(108)	(147)
Other expense, net	3,222	2,291	279
Total non-operating expense	8,223	8,793	9,752
Income before income taxes	490,017	432,514	328,686
Provision for income taxes	185,327	165,000	122,573
Net income	\$304,690	\$267,514	\$206,113
Earnings per share:			
Basic	\$3.57	\$3.10	\$2.39
Diluted	\$3.57	\$3.10	\$2.39
Weighted average shares outstanding:			
Basic	85,378,480	86,162,137	86,164,917
Diluted	85,378,480	86,162,137	86,164,917

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# OLD DOMINION FREIGHT LINE, INC. STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

			Capital in		
	Common St	ock	Excess of	Retained	
(In thousands)	Shares	Amount	Par Value	Earnings	Total
Balance as of December 31, 2012	86,165	\$8,616	\$134,401	\$882,952	\$1,025,969
Net income			_	206,113	206,113
Balance as of December 31, 2013	86,165	\$8,616	\$134,401	\$1,089,065	\$1,232,082
Net income			_	267,514	267,514
Share repurchases	(71	) (7	) —	(5,525)	(5,532)
Balance as of December 31, 2014	86,094	\$8,609	\$134,401	\$1,351,054	\$1,494,064
Net income			_	304,690	304,690
Share repurchases	(1,682	(168	) —	(113,949)	(114,117)
Balance as of December 31, 2015	84,412	\$8,441	\$134,401	\$1,541,795	\$1,684,637

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# OLD DOMINION FREIGHT LINE, INC. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

		December 31,	
(In thousands)	2015	2014	2013
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$304,690	\$267,514	\$206,113
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by			
operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	165,343	146,466	127,072
Gain on sale of property and equipment	(3,592	) (716	) (5,743
Deferred income taxes	43,642	25,544	32,736
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Customer and other receivables, net	(8,672	) (54,443	) (30,063
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(6,097	) (4,316	) 1,910
Accounts payable	21,460	8,526	(8,103)
Compensation, benefits and other accrued liabilities	14,699	13,672	17,714
Claims and insurance accruals	11,549	7,225	6,952
Income taxes, net	11,511	(36,758	) (12,027 )
Other liabilities	(653	) 18,960	14,105
Net cash provided by operating activities	553,880	391,674	350,666
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of property and equipment	(462,059	) (367,680	) (295,606 )
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	24,442	21,866	11,235
Net cash used in investing activities	(437,617	) (345,814	) (284,371 )
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Principal payments under long-term debt agreements	(37,778	) (35,715	) (38,978
Net proceeds (payments) on revolving line of credit	12,317		(10,000)
Payments for share repurchases	(114,117	) (5,532	) —
Net cash used in financing activities	(139,578	) (41,247	) (48,978 )
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(23,315	) 4,613	17,317
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	34,787	30,174	12,857
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$11,472	\$34,787	\$30,174
Income taxes paid	\$130,058	\$176,221	\$102,448
Interest paid	\$8,414	\$9,710	\$102,448
Capitalized interest	\$2,526	\$2,884	\$1,731
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## OLD DOMINION FREIGHT LINE, INC. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Business**

We are a leading, less-than-truckload ("LTL"), union-free motor carrier providing regional, inter-regional and national LTL services, which include ground and air expedited transportation and consumer household pickup and delivery, through a single integrated organization. More than 97% of our revenue is derived from these services. In addition to our core LTL services, we offer a broad range of value-added services including container drayage, truckload brokerage, supply chain consulting and warehousing.

We have one operating segment, and no single customer exceeds 10% of our revenue.

### **Basis of Presentation**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Certain amounts in prior years have been reclassified to conform prior years' financial statements to the current presentation.

Unless the context requires otherwise, references in these Notes to "Old Dominion," the "Company," "we," "us" and "our" refet to Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc.

### Revenue and Expense Recognition

We recognize revenue based upon when our transportation services have been completed in accordance with the bill of lading contract, our general tariff provisions or contractual agreements with our customers. Generally, this occurs when we complete the delivery of a shipment. For transportation services not completed at the end of a reporting period, we use a percentage of completion method to allocate the appropriate revenue to each separate reporting period. Under this method, we develop a factor for each uncompleted shipment by dividing the actual number of days in transit at the end of a reporting period by that shipment's standard delivery time schedule. This factor is applied to the total revenue for that shipment and revenue is allocated between reporting periods accordingly.

Expenses are recognized when incurred.

Allowances for Uncollectible Accounts and Revenue Adjustments

We maintain an allowance for uncollectible accounts for estimated losses resulting from the inability of our customers to make required payments. We estimate this allowance by analyzing the aging of our customer receivables, our historical loss experience and other trends and factors affecting the credit risk of our customers. Write-offs occur when we determine an account to be uncollectible and could differ from our allowance estimate as a result of factors such as changes in the overall economic environment or risks surrounding our customers. Additional allowances may be required if the financial condition of our customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments. We periodically review the underlying assumptions in our estimate of the allowance for uncollectible accounts to ensure that the allowance reflects the most recent trends and factors.

We also maintain an allowance for estimated revenue adjustments resulting from future billing corrections, customer allowances, money-back service guarantees and other miscellaneous revenue adjustments. These revenue adjustments are recorded in our revenue from operations. We use historical experience, trends and current information to update and evaluate these estimates.

# OLD DOMINION FREIGHT LINE, INC. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject us to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of customer receivables. We perform initial and ongoing credit evaluations of our customers to minimize credit risk. We generally do not require collateral but may require prepayment of our services under certain circumstances. Credit risk is generally diversified due to the large number of entities comprising our customer base and their dispersion across many different industries and geographic regions.

### Cash and Cash Equivalents

We consider cash on hand and deposits in banks along with certificates of deposit and short-term marketable securities with original maturities of three months or less as cash and cash equivalents.

### Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost. Major additions and improvements are capitalized, while maintenance and repairs that do not improve or extend the lives of the respective assets are charged to expense as incurred. We capitalize the cost of tires mounted on purchased revenue equipment as a part of the total equipment cost. Subsequent replacement tires are expensed at the time those tires are placed in service. We assess the realizable value of our long-lived assets and evaluate such assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable.

Depreciation of property and equipment is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. The following table provides the estimated useful lives by asset type:

Structures 7 to 30 years
Revenue equipment 4 to 15 years
Other equipment 2 to 20 years

Leasehold improvements Lesser of economic life or life of lease

Depreciation expense, which includes the amortization of capital leases, was \$164.8 million, \$145.8 million and \$126.4 million for 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

### Goodwill

Intangible assets have been acquired in connection with business combinations and are comprised of goodwill. Goodwill is calculated as the excess cost over the fair value of assets acquired and is not subject to amortization. We review goodwill annually for impairment as a single reporting unit, unless circumstances dictate more frequent assessments, in accordance with Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2011-08, Testing Goodwill for Impairment. ASU 2011-08 permits an initial assessment, commonly referred to as "step zero", of qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount and also provides a basis for determining whether it is necessary to perform the two-step goodwill impairment test required by Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 350.

We performed the qualitative assessment of goodwill on our annual measurement date of October 1, 2015 and determined that it was more likely than not that the fair value of our reporting unit would be greater than its carrying amount. Therefore, we determined it was not necessary to perform the two-step goodwill impairment test. Furthermore, there has been no historical impairment of our goodwill.

### Claims and Insurance Accruals

As of December 31, 2015, we maintained a self-insured retention ("SIR") of \$2.75 million per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage ("BIPD") claims; a deductible of \$100,000 per claim for cargo loss and damage; and a deductible of \$1.0 million per occurrence for workers' compensation claims. We also had an SIR of \$500,000 per occurrence (with a \$400,000 aggregate over our retention level) for group health claims.

# OLD DOMINION FREIGHT LINE, INC. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Claims and insurance accruals reflect the estimated cost of claims for cargo loss and damage, BIPD, workers' compensation, group health and group dental not covered by insurance. These accruals include amounts for future claims development and claims incurred but not reported, which are primarily based on historical claims development experience. The related costs for cargo loss and damage and BIPD are charged to "Insurance and claims" on our Statements of Operations, while the related costs for workers' compensation, group health and group dental are charged to "Salaries, wages and benefits" on our Statements of Operations.

Our liability for claims and insurance totaled \$119.2 million and \$107.7 million at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The long-term portions of those reserves were \$74.3 million and \$65.4 million for 2015 and 2014, respectively, which were included in "Other non-current liabilities" on our Balance Sheets.

### **Share-Based Compensation**

Awards of phantom stock to employees and directors are accounted for as a liability under ASC topic 718, Compensation - Stock Compensation. ASC topic 718 requires changes in the fair value of our liability to be recognized as compensation cost over the requisite service period for the percentage of requisite service rendered each period. Changes in the fair value of the liability that occur after the requisite service period are recognized as compensation cost during the period in which the changes occur. We remeasure the liability for the outstanding awards at the end of each reporting period based on the closing price of our common stock at that date, and the compensation cost is based on the change in fair value for each reporting period.

### Advertising

The costs of advertising our services are expensed as incurred and are included in "General supplies and expenses" on our Statements of Operations. Advertising costs charged to expense totaled \$22.9 million, \$19.3 million and \$16.7 million for 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

### Fair Values of Financial Instruments

The carrying values of financial instruments in current assets and current liabilities approximate their fair value due to the short maturities of these instruments. The carrying value of our total long-term debt, including current maturities, and capital lease obligations was \$133.8 million and \$155.7 million at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The estimated fair value of our total long-term debt and capital lease obligations was \$139.1 million and \$165.5 million at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The fair value measurement of our senior notes was determined using a discounted cash flow analysis that factors in current market yields for comparable borrowing arrangements under our credit profile. Since this methodology is based upon market yields for comparable arrangements, the measurement is categorized as Level 2 under the three-level fair value hierarchy as established by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB").

### Stock Repurchase Program

On November 10, 2014, we announced that our Board of Directors had approved a stock repurchase program authorizing us to repurchase up to an aggregate of \$200.0 million of our outstanding common stock. We may repurchase shares from time-to-time in open market purchases or through privately negotiated transactions. The program expires on November 6, 2016. Shares of our common stock repurchased by us under the repurchase program are canceled at the time of repurchase and are authorized but unissued shares of our common stock. As of December 31, 2015, we had repurchased 1,753,039 shares for \$119.6 million, and \$80.4 million remained authorized

under the program.

### Comprehensive Income

The Company has no components of other comprehensive income. Accordingly, net income equals comprehensive income for all periods presented in this report.

### Earnings Per Share

Earnings per common share is computed using the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. There were no potentially dilutive shares outstanding at the end of each period presented in this report.

# OLD DOMINION FREIGHT LINE, INC. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Supplemental Disclosure of Noncash Investing and Financing Activities

Investing and financing activities that are not reported in the Statements of Cash Flows due to their non-cash nature are summarized below:

Year Ended December 31,
(In thousands)

Acquisition of property and equipment by capital lease

Year Ended December 31,
2015
2014
2013
\$—
\$—

In addition, during 2013, we completed a nonmonetary exchange of property. We acquired a service center with a fair value of \$6.6 million, which resulted in a gain of \$3.4 million. The resulting gain was recorded in "Miscellaneous expenses, net" on our Statements of Operations.

### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" (Topic 606). This ASU supersedes the previous revenue recognition requirements in ASC Topic 605—Revenue Recognition and most industry-specific guidance throughout the ASC. The core principle within this ASU is to recognize revenues when promised goods or services are transferred to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration expected to be received for those goods or services. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-14, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers", which deferred the effective date for ASU 2014-09 by one year to fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, while providing the option to early adopt for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016. Transition methods under ASU 2014-09 must be through either (i) retrospective application to each prior reporting periods presented, or (ii) retrospective application with a cumulative effect adjustment at the date of initial application. We continue to assess the method of application and impact, if any, of the adoption of ASU 2014-09 on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-05, "Customer's Accounting for Fees Paid in a Cloud Computing Arrangement" (Topic 350). This ASU provides additional guidance to customers about whether a cloud computing arrangement includes a software license. Under ASU 2015-05, if a cloud computing arrangement contains a software license, customers should account for the license element of the arrangement in a manner consistent with the acquisition of other software licenses. If the arrangement does not contain a software license, customers should account for the arrangement as a service contract. The Company will adopt the provisions of ASU 2015-05 in the first quarter of fiscal 2016, and is currently evaluating the impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03, "Interest - Imputation of Interest: Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs" (Topic 835-30). This ASU requires debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the related debt's carrying value, which is consistent with the presentation of debt discounts. This ASU is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015. The Company does not believe the adoption of ASU 2015-03 will have a material impact on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In November 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-17, "Balance Sheet Classification of Deferred Taxes" (Topic 740). This ASU requires that deferred tax assets and liabilities be classified as noncurrent on the balance sheet rather than being separated into current and noncurrent. The ASU is effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2016, and early adoption is permitted. We early adopted this ASU on a retrospective basis during the fourth quarter of 2015. Accordingly, deferred income tax assets in the amount of \$29.4 million that were formerly classified as current assets at December 31, 2014, have been reclassified to non-current deferred income tax liabilities

in our balance sheet.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, "Leases" (Topic 842). This ASU requires a lessee to recognize a right-of-use asset and a lease liability under most operating leases in its balance sheet. The ASU is effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the effects that the adoption of ASU 2016-02 will have on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

## OLD DOMINION FREIGHT LINE, INC. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Note 2. Long-term Debt

Long-term debt consisted of the following:

	December 31,		
(In thousands)	2015	2014	
Senior notes	\$120,000	\$155,714	
Revolving credit facility	12,317	_	
Capitalized lease obligations	1,488	_	
Total long-term debt	133,805	155,714	
Less: Current maturities	(26,488	) (35,714	)
Total maturities due after one year	\$107,317	\$120,000	

We had two outstanding unsecured senior note agreements with an aggregate amount outstanding of \$120.0 million at December 31, 2015. At December 31, 2014, we had three outstanding unsecured senior note agreements with an aggregate amount outstanding of \$155.7 million. These notes include scheduled principal payments with maturities that range from 2016 to 2021, of which \$25.0 million is due in the next twelve months. Interest rates on these notes are fixed and range from 4.00% to 5.85%. The effective average interest rate on our outstanding senior note agreements was 4.68% and 4.87% at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

On December 15, 2015, we entered into an amended and restated credit agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association ("Wells Fargo") serving as administrative agent for the lenders (the "2015 Credit Agreement"). The 2015 Credit Agreement provides for a five-year, \$250.0 million senior unsecured revolving line of credit. We may also request an increase in the line of credit commitments up to an aggregate of \$350.0 million, which may include Term Loan Commitments, in minimum increments of \$25.0 million. Of the \$250.0 million line of credit commitments, up to \$100.0 million may be used for letters of credit and \$30.0 million may be used for borrowings under the Wells Fargo Sweep Plus Loan Program (the "Sweep Program"). We utilize the Sweep Program to manage our daily cash needs, as it automatically initiates borrowings to cover overnight cash requirements primarily for working capital needs.

At our option, borrowings under the 2015 Credit Agreement bear interest at either: (i) LIBOR plus an applicable margin (based on our ratio of debt-to-total capitalization) that ranges from 1.0% to 1.50%; or (ii) a Base Rate plus an applicable margin (based on our ratio of debt-to-total capitalization) that ranges from 0.0% to 0.5%. Loans under the Sweep Program bear interest at the LIBOR plus applicable margin rate. Letter of credit fees equal to the applicable margin for LIBOR and Base Rate loans are charged quarterly in arrears on the daily average aggregate stated amount of all letters of credit outstanding during the quarter. Commitment fees ranging from 0.125% to 0.2% (based upon the ratio of debt-to-total capitalization) are charged quarterly in arrears on the aggregate unutilized portion of the 2015 Credit Agreement. Wells Fargo, as administrative agent, also receives an annual fee for providing administrative services.

For the periods covered under the 2015 Credit Agreement, the applicable margin and letter of credit fees were 1.0% and commitment fees were 0.125%.

The 2015 Credit Agreement superseded and replaced our previous five-year, \$200.0 million senior unsecured revolving credit facility dated August 10, 2011, as amended on November 7, 2014 (the "2011 Credit Agreement"). For periods in 2015 and 2014 under the 2011 Credit Agreement, the applicable margin and letter of credit fees were 1.0%, and commitment fees were 0.175%.

There were \$67.7 million and \$63.2 million of outstanding letters of credit at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The 2015 Credit Agreement includes a provision limiting our ability to make restricted payments, including dividends and payments for share repurchases, unless, among other conditions, no defaults or events of default under the 2015 Credit Agreement are ongoing (or would be caused by such restricted payment). We did not declare or pay a cash dividend on our common stock in 2015 or 2014, and we have no plans to declare or pay a cash dividend in 2016. Our share repurchases are described above in "Stock Repurchase Program."

# OLD DOMINION FREIGHT LINE, INC. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Our two outstanding senior note agreements and 2015 Credit Agreement contain customary covenants, including financial covenants that require us to observe a maximum ratio of debt to total capital and a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio. Any future wholly-owned material domestic subsidiaries of the Company would be required to guarantee payment of all of our obligations under these agreements. We were in compliance with all covenants in our outstanding debt instruments for the period ended December 31, 2015.

As of December 31, 2015, aggregate maturities of long-term debt are as follows: (In thousands)

(in thousands)	
2016	\$26,488
2017	<del>-</del>
2018	50,000
2019	<del>-</del>
2020	12,317
Thereafter	45,000
	\$133,805

### Note 3. Leases

We lease certain assets under operating leases, which primarily consist of real estate leases for 45 of our 225 service center locations at December 31, 2015. Certain operating leases provide for renewal options, which can vary by lease and are typically offered at their fair rental value. We have not made any residual value guarantees related to our operating leases; therefore, we have no corresponding liability recorded on our Balance Sheets.

Future minimum annual lease payments for assets under operating leases as of December 31, 2015 are as follows:

(In thousands)	Total
2016	\$13,761
2017	10,239
2018	6,937
2019	4,424
2020	3,677
Thereafter	26,868
	\$65,906

Aggregate expense under operating leases was \$15.2 million, \$16.5 million and \$17.9 million for 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Certain operating leases include rent escalation provisions, which we recognize as expense on a straight-line basis.

At December 31, 2015, we leased certain information systems under capital leases with a gross carrying value of \$3.6 million and accumulated amortization of \$0.4 million. We did not have any assets under capital leases at December 31, 2014.

### OLD DOMINION FREIGHT LINE, INC. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### Note 4. Income Taxes

The components of the provision for income taxes are as follows:

(In thousands)	Year Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
Current:			
Federal	\$120,437	\$123,598	\$74,202
State	21,248	15,858	15,635
	141,685	139,456	