

# Class I — Motor Carriers of Property and Household Goods

## 2004 Quarterly Report

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IDENTIFICATION

MOTOR CARRIER NO. <b>029910</b>		U.S. DOT NO. <b>082866</b>	
Name of Company <b>ABF Freight System, Inc.</b>			
Trade or Doing Business As:			
Street Address <b>3801 Old Greenwood Road</b>			
City <b>Fort Smith</b>	State <b>AR</b>	ZIP Code <b>72903</b>	Telephone No. (Include Area code) <b>(479)785-6000</b>

CONTACT (for purposes of this report)

Contact name <b>Frank H. Ward</b>	Title <b>Controller</b>	Telephone No. (Include Area code) <b>(479)785-6355</b>
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Mailing Address <b>Post Office Box 10048</b>		
City <b>Fort Smith</b>	State <b>AR</b>	ZIP Code <b>72917-0048</b>

AFFILIATED COMPANIES:

Name	MC number	U.S. DOT number
Parent <b>Arkansas Best Corporation</b>		
Affiliates		

—GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS—

- Use Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)
- Report dollar values in whole dollars.
- Respond to each item. Use "0," "none," or "not applicable" as appropriate.
- Explain any unusual items, such as large differences between figures reported in the current report and those for the preceding report.
- Use parentheses to indicate negative numbers.

Operating Revenues

1. Freight operating revenue – intercity .....	\$	<b>420,081,836</b>
2. Household goods carrier operating revenue .....	\$	<b>0</b>
3. Other operating revenue .....	\$	<b>61,361</b>
4. <b>Total Operating Revenue</b> (Sum of lines 1 through 3) ..	\$	<b>420,143,197</b>

Operating Expenses

5. Freight operating expenses .....	\$	<b>374,672,049</b>
6. Household goods carrier operating expenses .....	\$	<b>0</b>
7. <b>Total Operating Expenses</b> (Sum of lines 5 and 6) .....	\$	<b>374,672,049</b>

Net Income (Loss) Calculation

8. <b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b> (Line 4 minus line 7) ..	\$	<b>45,471,148</b>
9. Net Non-operating Income (Loss) .....	\$	<b>569,244</b>
10. Interest expenses - show as a positive number .....	\$	<b>917,412</b>
11. <b>Ordinary income (loss) before taxes</b> (Sum of lines 8 and 9 minus line 10) .....	\$	<b>45,122,980</b>
12. Total provision for income taxes, extraordinary items, effect of accounting changes, and other items .....	\$	<b>17,872,317</b>
13. <b>Net Income (Loss)</b> (Line 11 minus line 12) .....	\$	<b>27,250,663</b>

Operating Statistics (all carriers)

14. Miles – intercity: highway .....	<b>74,850,893</b>
15. Miles – intercity: rail, water, and air .....	<b>20,606,913</b>
16. Tons – intercity .....	<b>935,950</b>
17. Total freight bills (shipments and/or loads) – intercity ...	<b>1,525,873</b>

**Certification** – I hereby certify that this report was prepared by me or under my supervision, that I have examined it, and that the items herein reported on the basis of my knowledge are correctly shown.

Name <b>Robert A. Davidson</b>	Signature
Title <b>President, Chief Executive Officer</b>	Date <b>10-21-04</b>

Return the completed form to:

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
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