

U.S. Department of Transportation
Bureau of Transportation Statistics**Class I — Motor Carriers of
Property and Household Goods****2003
Quarterly Report**

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IDENTIFICATION

MOTOR CARRIER NO.

029910

U.S. DOT NO.

082866

Name of Company

ABF Freight System, Inc.

Trade or Doing Business As:

Street Address

3801 Old Greenwood Road

City

Fort Smith

State

AR

ZIP Code

72903

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72917-0048AFFILIATED
COMPANIES:

Name

MC number

U.S. DOT number

Parent **Arkansas Best Corporation**Affiliates **ABF Freight System (B.C.) Ltd.****FreightValue, Inc.****ABF Aviation, LLC**

—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	\$	341,589,971
2. Household goods carrier operating revenue	\$	0
3. Other operating revenue	\$	35,559
4. Total Operating Revenue (Sum of lines 1 through 3) ..	\$	341,625,530

Operating Expenses

5. Freight operating expenses	\$	319,102,243
6. Household goods carrier operating expenses	\$	0
7. Total Operating Expenses (Sum of lines 5 and 6).	\$	319,102,243

Net Income (Loss) Calculation

8. Net Operating Income (Loss) (Line 4 minus line 7) ..	\$	22,523,287
9. Net Non-operating Income (Loss).	\$	(215,077)
10. Interest expenses - show as a positive number	\$	1,258,530
11. Ordinary income (loss) before taxes (Sum of lines 8 and 9 minus line 10).	\$	21,049,680
12. Total provision for income taxes, extraordinary items, effect of accounting changes, and other items	\$	8,204,750
13. Net Income (Loss) (Line 11 minus line 12)	\$	12,844,930

Operating Statistics (all carriers)

14. Miles – intercity: highway	70,300,072
15. Miles – intercity: rail, water, and air	16,229,286
16. Tons – intercity	834,287
17. Total freight bills (shipments and/or loads) – intercity ...	1,344,989

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 Robert A. Davidson	Signature
Title President, Chief Executive Officer	Date 1-26-04

Return the
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