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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On August 4, 2016, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of P.A.M. Transportation Services, Inc. (the “Company”) approved a short-term cash incentive plan (the “Plan”) for certain employees, including the Company’s named executive officers, providing for cash bonus awards to be determined based on the achievement of certain operating ratio and revenue growth performance targets for the year ended December 31, 2016. The amount of the bonus can vary from zero to 100% of base salary for our Chief Executive Officer, Daniel H. Cushman, and from zero to 60% of base salary for our Chief Financial Officer, Allen W. West. Under the Plan, if the Company’s revenue growth for 2016 is greater than 8.0% and the Company’s operating ratio for 2016 is less than 95%, Mr. Cushman will receive a bonus ranging from 40% to 80% of base salary. If the Company’s revenue growth for 2016 is greater than 8.0% and the Company’s operating ratio for 2016 is less than 94%, Mr. West will receive a bonus ranging from 10% to 40% of base salary. If the Company’s revenue growth for 2016 is greater 11.0% and the Company’s operating ratio for 2016 is less than 95%, Mr. Cushman will receive a bonus ranging from 60% to 100% of base salary and Mr. West will receive a bonus ranging from 20% to 60% of base salary. The bonus amounts increase incrementally based on each lower operating ratio percentage, assuming the revenue growth targets described above are met. The maximum bonus under the Plan is earned if the Company’s revenue growth for 2016 is greater than 11.0% and the Company’s operating ratio for 2016 is less than 91%. If either of the revenue growth targets are achieved but the Company’s operating ratio for 2016 is 95% or above, the Board will have discretion to award a bonus to the named executive officer.

For purposes of the Plan, the applicable base salary will be the officer’s base salary in effect as of December 31, 2016. Operating ratio will be determined by dividing the Company’s operating expenses for the year ended December 31, 2016, by the Company’s operating revenues for the year ended December 31, 2016, as each is determined in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, except that operating revenues will include revenue from trucking operations only, excluding fuel surcharge revenue and brokerage revenue, and fuel surcharge revenue will be netted against fuel expense. Operating expenses will also exclude the expense associated with this bonus. Bonuses earned will be payable in five installments with 50% of the bonus amount payable in 2017 and the remaining amount to be payable in four equal annual installments.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

P.A.M. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: August 9, 2016 By: /s/ Allen W. West  
Allen W. West

Vice President of Finance, Chief Financial Officer,

Secretary and Treasurer