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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

/X/ ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15d OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF
1934

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

/ / TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM _____ TO _____

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 0-11757

A. FULL TITLE OF THE PLAN AND THE ADDRESS OF THE PLAN, IF DIFFERENT FROM
THAT OF THE ISSUER NAMED BELOW:

J.B. HUNT TRANSPORT SERVICES, INC.
EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN
615 J.B. HUNT CORPORATE DRIVE
LOWELL, ARKANSAS 72745

B. NAMED OF ISSUER OF THE SECURITIES HELD PURSUANT TO THE PLAN AND THE
ADDRESS OF ITS PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

J.B. HUNT TRANSPORT SERVICES, INC.
615 J.B. HUNT CORPORATE DRIVE
LOWELL, ARKANSAS 72745

(501) 820-0000

REQUIRED INFORMATION

The following financial statements prepared in accordance with the
financial reporting requirements of ERISA and exhibits are filed for the J.B.
Hunt Transport Services, Inc. Employee Retirement Plan:

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES

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Independent Auditors' Report

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits, December 31, 2000, and 1999

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits, Years Ended
December 31, 2000, and 1999

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Schedule H, line 4; - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year), December 31,
2000

EXHIBIT

23 - Independent Auditors' Consent

SIGNATURES

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

J.B. HUNT TRANSPORT SERVICES, INC.
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DATE: JUNE 28, 2001

BY: /s/ Jerry W. Walton

Jerry W. Walton
Executive Vice President Finance &
Administration
Chief Financial Officer of J.B.
Hunt Transport Services, Inc.
Administrator of the Retirement
Plan and member of Retirement Plan
Investment Committee

J.B. HUNT TRANSPORT SERVICES, INC.
EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN

Financial Statements and Schedules

December 31, 2000 and 1999

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)

J.B. HUNT TRANSPORT SERVICES, INC.
EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Trustees
J.B. Hunt Transport Services, Inc.
Employee Retirement Plan:

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of J.B. Hunt Transport Services, Inc. Employee Retirement Plan ("Plan") as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of J.B. Hunt Transport Services, Inc. Employee Retirement Plan as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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/s/ KPMG LLP

Tulsa, Oklahoma
May 25, 2001

J.B. HUNT TRANSPORT SERVICES, INC. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2000 and 1999

	2000	1999
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ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value (note 3):		
Guaranteed interest account	\$ 45,768,946	42,507,864
Mutual funds	111,209,367	104,159,338
Common stock - J.B. Hunt Transport Services, Inc.	24,603,873	18,676,591
Participant notes receivable	16,973,728	14,980,629
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Total investments	198,555,914	180,324,422
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Receivables:		
Contributions:		
Employer	159,765	108,012
Employee	544,227	398,584
Accrued investment income	23,710	16,123
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Total receivables	727,702	522,719
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Total assets	199,283,616	180,847,141
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LIABILITIES		
Corrective distributions payable to participants (note 6)	-	46,020
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Net assets available for benefits	\$199,283,616	180,801,121
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999

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	2000	
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Additions to net assets attributed to:		
Investment income:		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments		
(note 3)	\$ (2,593,450)	
Interest and dividends	5,181,750	
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	2,588,300	
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Contributions:		
Employer, net of forfeitures	6,661,101	
Participants	31,032,687	
Transfers from other plans	2,118,006	
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	39,811,794	
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Total additions	42,400,094	
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Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefits paid to participants	15,302,315	
Administrative expenses	20,605	
Transfers to other plans	8,594,679	
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Total deductions	23,917,599	
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Increase in net assets available for benefits	18,482,495	
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	180,801,121	
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End of year	\$ 199,283,616	
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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J.B. HUNT TRANSPORT SERVICES, INC.
EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2000 and 1999

(1) DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following brief description of the J.B. Hunt Transport Services, Inc. (the "Company" or "Employer") Employee Retirement Plan (the "Plan") is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

(a) GENERAL

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The purpose of the Plan is to provide additional incentive and retirement security for eligible employees of the Company by permitting contributions to the Plan that are tax deferred under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan covers all participants from a prior plan as of December 31, 1994, and each current employee of the Company as of the first day of the payroll period coincident with or immediately following the date of employment. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). At December 31, 2000, the Plan had 15,923 eligible participants, of which 8,421 were active.

(b) CONTRIBUTIONS

Each year, participants may defer up to 16% of pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan agreement (not to exceed limits determined under Section 415(c) of the Internal Revenue Code). Employer matching contributions are as follows:

PARTICIPANTS' SALARY REDUCTION CONTRIBUTION -----	EMPLOYER MATCHING -----
1%	.5%
2%	1%
3%	1.5%
4%	2%
5%	2.5%
6% - 16%	3%

Additional amounts may be contributed at the option of the Company's Board of Directors. No such additional amounts were contributed in 2000 or 1999.

(c) PARTICIPANT'S ACCOUNTS

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Company's contribution and (b) Plan earnings. Forfeited balances of terminated participants' nonvested accounts are used to reduce future Company contributions. Forfeitures for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, amounted to approximately \$1,964,000 and \$459,000, respectively.

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(d) VESTING

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's matching and discretionary contribution portion of their accounts plus actual earnings thereon is based on years of service. Upon a participant's normal retirement, disability or death, he or she

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becomes fully vested in the Plan. If a participant terminates employment for any other reason on or after being credited with at least five years of vesting service, he or she becomes fully vested in the Plan. Prior to the completion of five years of vesting service, the vesting percentages are as follows: 0 - 3 years - 0%; 3 - 4 years - 50%; 4 - 5 years - 75%.

(e) INVESTMENT OPTIONS

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct employee contributions in any of the following investment options:

- Guaranteed Interest Account - A group annuity insurance product issued by Prudential Insurance Company of America ("Prudential"). Contributions are invested in fixed income securities having short to intermediate maturities with the objective of providing stable, competitive interest rates based on current market conditions. A current interest rate is declared on each successive calendar quarter. That announced rate stays in effect through the end of the following calendar year for contributions received during that calendar quarter. The guaranteed rates for 2000 ranged from 6.1% to 6.5%.
- J.B. Hunt Company Stock Fund - Contributions are invested exclusively in Company common stock.
- Mutual Funds
 - a. Longleaf Partners Fund - Southeastern Asset Management ("SAM") is the fund manager and invests in common stocks of a limited number of companies which SAM believes to have unrecognized intrinsic value with the objective of providing long-term capital appreciation.
 - b. Prudential Active Balanced Fund - Jennison Associates Capital Corp. ("Jennison") is the fund manager and invests in a mix of equity securities, investment grade income securities and money market instruments with the objective of providing total returns approaching those of an equity portfolio but with less risk.
 - c. Prudential International Stock Fund - Mercator Asset Management, L.P. ("Mercator") is the fund manager and invests in equity securities of companies that are incorporated, organized, or that do business outside of the United States with the objective of providing long-term growth of capital.

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- d. Prudential Money Mart Assets - Prudential Management Fund, Inc. ("PMF") is the fund manager and invests in U.S. Government and agency obligations, bank

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certificates of deposit and commercial paper with the objective of providing maximum current income consistent with stability of capital and the maintenance of liquidity.

- e. Prudential Government Income Fund - PMF is the fund manager and invests in intermediate and long-term U.S. Government and agency obligations with the objective of providing high current income.
- f. Prudential Jennison Growth Fund - PMF is the fund manager and invests in equity securities of companies that exceed \$1 billion in market capitalization with the objective of providing long-term growth of capital. Jennison furnishes investment advisory services under a Subadvisory Agreement with PMF.
- g. Putnam New Opportunities Fund - Putman Investment Management, Inc. is the fund manager and invests in debt and equity securities with the objective of providing long-term capital appreciation.
- h. Prudential Stock Index Fund - Prudential Diversified Investment Strategies ("PDIS") is the fund manager and invests in a broad mix of equity securities that provide investment results that correspond to the price and yield performance of the Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Price Index.

(f) PARTICIPANT NOTES RECEIVABLE

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50 percent of their vested account balance. Loan terms range from 1 - 5 years or up to 20 years for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at the prime rate, as shown in the Wall Street Journal, plus one percent, (10.5% at December 31, 2000). Principal and interest is paid ratably through monthly payroll deductions.

(g) TRANSFERS TO AND FROM OTHER PLANS

During the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, respectively, the Plan transferred certain net assets to other plans in connection with participants who have terminated employment and began participating in other employer plans. Such transfers are recorded at the fair value of the assets on the date transferred. Similarly, the Plan allows new employees to rollover or transfer-in assets held in other qualified plans. Such transfers are also recorded at fair value.

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(h) PAYMENT OF BENEFITS

On termination of service due to normal retirement, disability or

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death, a participant will receive a lump-sum amount in cash equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account.

At December 31, 2000 and 1999, approximately \$23,239,000 and \$22,519,000, respectively, of the net assets available for benefits as shown on the statements of net assets available for benefits are allocated to accounts of terminated employees who have withdrawn from participation in the Plan.

(i) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

The Company may elect to pay all administrative expenses of the Plan. Administrative expenses not paid by the Company are paid from Plan assets. All administrative expenses were paid by the Company in 1999 except for the 1999 audit fees which were paid by the plan in 2000.

(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual method of accounting.

(b) INVESTMENT VALUATION

The Plan's investments are valued at fair value on December 31, 2000 and 1999. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. The fair value for shares of the Guaranteed Interest Account is determined based on a comparison of the quarterly guaranteed interest rates to the interest rate being offered in the current quarter. Shares of mutual funds are valued at quoted market prices which represent the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year-end. Shares of Company common stock are valued at quoted market prices. Net appreciation in fair value of investments represents increases or decreases in value resulting from realized and unrealized gains and losses. Participant notes receivable are carried at the unpaid principal balance which approximates fair value. The cost of securities sold is determined by the weighted average cost method.

(c) PAYMENT OF BENEFITS

Benefits are recorded when paid. Defaults on participant notes receivable are recorded as benefits paid.

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(d) USE OF ESTIMATES

Management of the Plan has made and used estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets and liabilities and additions and deductions to prepare these financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(e) CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Plan to concentrations of credit risk consist of cash, participant loans,

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corporate bonds, commercial paper, government bonds and fixed income securities. Such credit risk is considered by management to be limited due to the diversity of investments and the financial stability of the institutions. Generally, the Plan does not require collateral with respect to its investments.

(f) NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In June 1998, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" ("SFAS No. 133"). SFAS No. 133 requires that an entity recognize all derivatives and measure those instruments at fair value.

SFAS No. 133 is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2000. Pursuant to SFAS No. 137, the Plan is required to adopt SFAS No. 133 effective January 1, 2001. Management has determined that the impact of SFAS No. 133 on the Plan financial statements would be immaterial.

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(3) INVESTMENTS

The following table presents the fair value of investments. Investments representing 5% or more of the Plan's net assets are separately identified:

	DECEMBER 31		
	2000		1999
	NUMBER OF SHARES OR UNITS	FAIR VALUE	NUMBER OF SHARES OR UNITS
Guaranteed Interest Account	45,768,946	\$ 45,768,946	42,507,864
Mutual funds:			
Putnam New Opportunities	185,843	10,894,096	93,042
Longleaf Partners Fund	1,061,650	24,110,075	1,063,185
Jennison Growth Fund	1,574,710	28,691,220	1,273,543
Active Balanced Fund	928,902	11,685,588	836,424
International Stock Fund	571,329	12,826,326	505,485
Other	7,588,205	23,002,062	5,763,822
		111,209,367	

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Common stock - J.B. Hunt			
Transport Services, Inc.	1,463,471	24,603,873	1,349,172
Participant notes receivable	-	16,973,728	-
	=====	-----	=====
Total		\$198,555,914	
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During 2000 and 1999, the Plan's investments (including investments bought, sold, and held during the year) appreciated (depreciated) in value as follows:

	DECEMBER 31	
	2000	1999
	-----	-----
Mutual funds	\$ (7,464,326)	16,926,003
Common stock	4,870,876	(7,469,836)
	-----	-----
	\$ (2,593,450)	9,456,167
	=====	=====

(4) PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100 percent vested in their accounts.

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(5) RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Plan's guaranteed interest account is issued by Prudential. Additionally, certain plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by Prudential affiliates, PMF and PDIS. Prudential Defined Contribution Services, Inc. performs recordkeeping responsibilities for the Plan and Prudential Trust Company is the Plan trustee.

(6) FEDERAL INCOME TAXES

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company by letter dated December 4, 1995, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The Plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

The Plan qualifies as a salary reduction plan under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, employer contributions and

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allocations to participants' accounts of investment earnings are not taxable to participants when made or when credited to the participants' accounts. However, participant distributions are subject to ordinary income taxes and may be subject to an additional 10% penalty tax.

Discrimination tests for Plan year 2000, as described in Treasury Regulations Section 1.401, have been completed subsequent to December 31, 2000. As a result, no corrective distributions are required to be made to maintain the Plan's qualification under Section 401(a) and exemption from Federal income taxes under Section 501(a).

Discrimination tests for Plan year 1999, as previously described, were completed subsequent to December 31, 1999. As a result, approximately \$46,000 of corrective distributions were made to maintain the Plan's qualification under Section 401(a) and exemption from Federal income taxes under Section 501(a).

(7) SUBSEQUENT EVENT

Effective July 1, 2001, Merrill Lynch will be providing recordkeeping and investment services for the Plan. With this change the following new investment options will be available for participants:

MERRILL LYNCH RETIREMENT PRESERVATION TRUST which seeks to provide preservation of participants' investments, liquidity and current income that is typically higher than money market funds.

MERRILL LYNCH U. S. GOVERNMENT MORTGAGE FUND (CLASS A) seeks a current return through investments in obligations of the U. S. government and government agencies, including Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA) mortgage-backed certificates and other mortgage-backed government securities. The Fund may seek to enhance its return through the use of certain portfolio strategies involving options, and to hedge its portfolio through the use of options and futures transactions.

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MERRILL LYNCH FUNDAMENTAL GROWTH FUND, INC. (CLASS A) seeks long-term growth of capital by investing in a diversified portfolio of equity securities, placing particular emphasis on companies that have exhibited above-average growth rates in earnings resulting from a variety of factors including, but not limited to, above-average growth rates in sales, profit-margin improvement, proprietary or niche products or services, leading market shares and underlying strong industry growth. The Fund may invest in the securities of foreign issuers, including American Depositary Receipts (ADRs), European Depositary Receipts (EDRs) or others that can be converted to foreign-issued securities.

VAN KAMPEN GROWTH AND INCOME FUND (CLASS A) seeks income and long-term growth of capital by investing principally in income-producing equity securities, including common stocks, convertible securities, preferred stocks and debt securities rated at the time of purchase investment grade.

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ING PILGRIM INTERNATIONAL VALUE FUND (CLASS A) seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing at least 65% of its assets in equity securities of companies located in at least three foreign countries. The Fund may invest up to 25% of its assets in foreign small-capitalization companies, and up to 25% of its assets in issuers located in emerging-market countries. The advisor selects stocks that it judges to be selling at prices below the company's intrinsic value.

MERRILL LYNCH S&P 500 INDEX FUND (CLASS A) seeks to provide investment results that, before expenses, replicate the total return of the Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Stock Price Index. The Index is composed of the common stocks of 500 large-capitalization companies within various industrial sectors, most of which are listed on the New York stock Exchange.

J. B. HUNT TRANSPORT SERVICES, INC. - Contributions are invested exclusively in Company common stock.

FRANKLIN BALANCE SHEET INVESTMENT FUND (CLASS A) seeks high total return, of which capital appreciation and income are components by investing primarily in equity and debt securities which, in the opinion of Fund management, are undervalued in the marketplace and are trading at low price to book value.

ING PILGRIM SMALL CAP OPPORTUNITIES FUND (CLASS A) seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation by investing in equity securities of primarily smaller, lesser known U. S. companies that the Fund manager feels have above-average prospects for growth.

PIMCO TOTAL RETURN FUND (CLASS A) seeks to maximize total return, consistent with preservation of capital and prudent investment management.

Also effective July 1, 2001, the number of loans a participant may have outstanding at one time is increasing from one to two.

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SCHEDULE 1

J.B. HUNT TRANSPORT SERVICES, INC. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN

Schedule H, line 4; - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2000

ISSUER OR BORROWER	DESCRIPTION	UNITS OR NUMBER OF SHARES	COST
* The Prudential Insurance Company of America	Guaranteed Interest Account	45,768,946	\$ 45,768,9
	Mutual funds:		
Longleaf Partners Funds	Longleaf Partners Fund	1,061,650	23,673,5

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	Putnam Investment Management Inc.	Putnam New Opportunities Fund	185,843	14,129,9
*	Prudential Mutual Funds	Stock Index Fund	336,667	10,637,9
		Jennison Growth Fund	1,574,710	29,196,5
		Active Balanced Fund	928,902	12,013,0
		International Stock Fund	571,329	11,297,7
		Money Mart Assets	6,504,458	6,504,4
		Government Income Fund	747,080	6,507,2
*	J.B. Hunt Transport Services, Inc.	Common stock - J.B. Hunt Transport Services, Inc.	1,463,471	23,627,7
		Participant notes receivable 8.75%- 10.50%		

				\$183,357,3
				=====
*	Parties-in-interest			

See accompanying independent auditors' report.