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# American Commercial Lines

Transportation & Logistics · Public-to-Private Transaction · Acquired in December 2010

**Transports dry and liquid cargo by barge on the U.S. inland waterways, and provides shipbuilding and repair services.**



American Commercial Lines barges and tow boats ply America's intracoastal waterways. Barge shipping remains among the most efficient method of transporting goods: bulk items can be shipped at very low cost compared to rail or truck, while very heavy or large items can be shipped fully assembled, eliminating the expense of on-site assembly.

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## KEY FACTS

- Founded in 1915 as a coal-moving business on the Kentucky River.
- 4,000 barges and 150 tow boats working 12,000 miles of the U.S. inland waterways.
- Serves customers in minerals, grain, and petrochemicals.
- Major transporter of blades and towers for wind energy applications.
- In addition to marine transport, has a growing business in marine manufacturing services.
- Approximately 3,600 employees.
- Acquired AEP River Operations from American Electric Power (NYSE: AEP) in November 2015.

## TRANSACTION

Combining years of experience in transportation and logistics with expertise in public-to-private transactions, we overcame complex capital structure elements to acquire American Commercial Lines. The deal, which includes significant barge, tow

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boat, and shipbuilding assets, was valued at approximately \$800 million.

Our offer satisfied ACL's board of directors and shareholders, including a 25% shareholder who executed a support agreement in favor of the transaction. The transaction was our second acquisition of a company operating under the Jones Act.

#### NEWS

- [American Commercial Lines Acquires AEP River Operations »](#)
- [Platinum Equity Company American Commercial Lines Announces New Leadership »](#)
- [ACL Announces Hiring Plans in Strengthening Business Climate »](#)
- [ACL Awarded Membership in the Louisiana Environmental Leadership Program »](#)

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“With the full support of Platinum Equity, we are investing in our fleet and our people to position ACL on a course toward operational excellence and financial strength.”

—MARK KNOY, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AMERICAN COMMERCIAL LINES