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More Carriers to Boost Capacity In Next 12 Months, Survey Finds

Nearly two-thirds of motor carriers plan to increase capacity in the next 12 months, according to a second-quarter survey of trucking companies by Transport Capital Partners.

The survey's findings — which matched TCP's first-quarter results — showed that 65% of carriers indicated they plan to increase capacity.

About 41% of carriers said

their capacity additions will be 5% or less, while about 24% said they planned capacity increases of more than 5%.

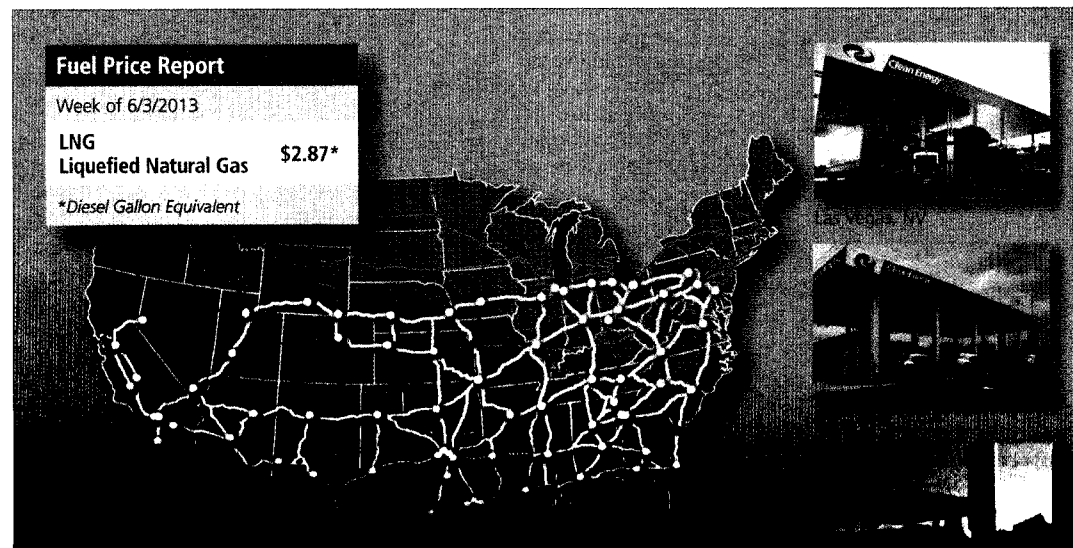
"Carriers continue to voice concerns about the 'headwinds' impacting operations and returns, but aging fleets and still relatively low interest rates are clearly offsetting factors," TCP Partner Richard Mikes said in a statement.

"Very modest" optimism on rate and volume expectations continues to influence whether carriers will add capacity, and, if so, to what degree, TCP said.

Larger carriers are more cautious than smaller carriers in their buying plans, with 19% planning to add more than 5% capacity, compared with 36% among smaller carriers, the study said. — *Transport Topics*

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A driver uses an MCP50 unit from Omnitrac Inc., which is part of Qualcomm's Wireless & Internet segment.

Qualcomm's Profit Grows, But Truck Tech Unit Slips

Wireless technology firm Qualcomm Inc.'s profit in its fiscal third quarter jumped 31% from a year earlier, but the business segment that includes its trucking technology offerings posted a loss.

Qualcomm's net income for the quarter ended June 30 climbed to \$1.58 billion, or 90 cents per share, from \$1.21 billion, or 69 cents. Revenue rose 35% to \$6.24 billion.

Omnitrac Inc., the Qualcomm subsidiary that provides technologies for the trucking industry, is part of Qualcomm's Wireless & Internet segment, or QWI.

The QWI segment posted a quarterly loss of \$16 million before taxes, compared with a loss of \$6 million in the same

Mobile Computing Platform 50 and its Trailer Tracks 210 system.

The company said its vehicle maintenance application now is available on the MCP50. The app, first launched in 2008 and also available on Omnitrac's MCP200 and MCP110 systems, captures engine and vehicle diagnostic information and sends it to drivers and fleet managers to proactively schedule maintenance and repairs.

Omnitrac also recently announced new trailer specifications and fleet mapping features for fleets equipped with Trailer Tracks 210 and the MCP200 or MCP110.

When integrated with the MCP, the TT210 will automatically transmit trailer connect and