U.S. Xpress Enterprises, Inc. Commits to Adding Nikola’s Zero-Emission, Hydrogen-Electric Trucks to Fleet

U.S. Xpress Enterprises, Inc. announces today the company is one of the first and the largest truckload carrier to order the Nikola One™ and make this innovative zero-emission, hydrogen-electric semi-truck a part of its fleet once Nikola Motor Company starts production in 2020. This move is the latest example of how U.S. Xpress continues to raise the bar on how truck carriers can embrace green, sustainable solutions as a tool to benefit their drivers and help protect the environment.

Chattanooga, Tenn. (PRWEB) December 08, 2016 -- U.S. Xpress Enterprises, Inc., a leading provider of transportation services throughout North America, proudly announces today that the company is one of the first and the largest truckload carrier to order the Nikola One™. The company expects the innovative zero-emission, hydrogen-electric semi-truck will be a part of its fleet when the Nikola Motor Company starts production in 2020. This move is the latest example of how U.S. Xpress continues to raise the bar on how truck carriers can embrace green, sustainable solutions as a tool to benefit their drivers and help protect the environment.

“Much like our recent collaboration with Freightliner and its Next-Generation Cascadia semi-truck, the Nikola One is another example of how U.S. Xpress continues to work closely with its manufacturers to identify opportunities where cutting-edge technologies and the latest advancements in clean fuels can be used to conserve more energy, lower gas emissions and reduce the overall carbon footprint of our fleet,” said Max Fuller, chairman and CEO of U.S. Xpress.

Fuller continued, “From our very first day on the road, U.S. Xpress has been committed to being a leader in the trucking industry, and this mission starts with putting our drivers in semi-trucks equipped with the latest in high-tech safety features and driver comforts that will help protect them and everyone on the road around them.”

Nikola One

Unveiled to the public for the first time last week, the Nikola One utilizes a fully electric drivetrain powered by high-density lithium batteries. The electric semi-truck can generate additional energy on-the-go by its hydrogen fuel cell, which will give the Nikola One a total range of between 800 and 1,200 miles with the battery fully charged and the hydrogen storage tank filled. In addition, the peak output from the electric drive system will deliver more than 1,000 horsepower and 2,000 pound-feet of torque, which is enough to accelerate the Nikola One from 0-60 mph in 30 seconds or about twice as quick as a conventional diesel semi-truck found on the road today.

“U.S. Xpress drivers are going to have one of the most environmentally sound trucks on the road that they are going to love to drive,” said Trevor Milton, CEO and founder of Nikola Motor Company. “Each state-of-the-art cab comes complete with full-sized beds, large closet, full size refrigerator and freezer, microwave, television, Internet and electronic climate control.”

According to officials with Nikola Motor Company, the Nikola One is a production model, class-8 truck that achieves best-in-class fuel efficiency while also dramatically improving performance over its diesel competition – all with zero-emissions. For additional comparisons, please visit: https://nikolamotor.com/one#compare.
Fuller continued, “I am particularly excited about our partnership with Nikola Motor Company because it strongly positions U.S. Xpress at the forefront of the trucking industry and reinforces our commitment to having a bold sustainability program that helps preserve our valuable resources and create a better environment while still providing practical, cost-effective ways for our customers to ship their freight across the country.”

About U.S. Xpress Enterprises, Inc.:
Founded in 1985, U.S. Xpress Enterprises, Inc. is the nation’s second largest privately owned truckload carrier, providing a wide variety of transportation solutions throughout North America. We are committed to being at the forefront of safety compliance, using comprehensive training for our staff and drivers and ensuring our trucks feature the latest safety innovations. With a dedication to minimizing our impact on the environment, U.S. Xpress is a SmartWay Transport Partner. U.S. Xpress affiliates include Total Transportation of Mississippi and Xpress Internacional. For more information, please visit www.usxpress.com.
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