

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 9926

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served September 22, 2006

Application of WASHINGTON DC PARTY)
SHUTTLE, LLC, Trading as WASHINGTON) Case No. AP-2006-157
DC PARTY SHUTTLE TOURS, for a)
Certificate of Authority --)
Irregular Route Operations)

By application accepted for filing September 5, 2006, Washington DC Party Shuttle, LLC, a District of Columbia entity trading as Washington DC Party Shuttle Tours, seeks a certificate of authority for irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District.

Applicant proposes commencing operations with two minibuses. Applicant proposes operating under a tariff containing individual and/or group sightseeing rates.

Applicant failed to respond to a question on the application form inquiring whether applicant has a control relationship with one or more WMATC carriers. Applicant will be directed to file with the Commission a written response to that question, and if applicable: (1) identifying the existing WMATC carrier in common control with applicant; (2) describing the control relationship; and (3) explaining the anticipated effect on competition and employees if common control is approved.

Applicant claims to have federal passenger carrier authority, but the application shows that the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has issued authority in the name of Washington DC Party Shuttle Tours LLC, rather than in applicant's name. Applicant will be directed to explain this discrepancy.

Because applicant's principal place of business is in the District of Columbia, applicant will be directed to file proof of trade name registration with the District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs.

This proceeding is hereby initiated to determine whether applicant is fit and whether the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That applicant shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, no later than October 6, 2006, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.

2. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than October 20, 2006, an affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph.

3. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than October 20, 2006, a statement indicating whether applicant has a control relationship with one or more WMATC carriers, and if applicable: (1) identifying the existing WMATC carrier(s) in common control with applicant; (2) describing the control relationship(s); and (3) explaining the anticipated effect on competition and employees if common control is approved.

4. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than October 20, 2006, a written statement explaining why applicant's proof of federal passenger carrier authority displays the name Washington DC Party Shuttle Tours LLC.

5. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than October 20, 2006, proof of trade name registration with the District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs.

6. That the deadline for filing protests, comments, applications for intervention, and requests for formal hearing is October 20, 2006, and that copies must be served on applicant's vice-president, Levi June, 1101 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W., Washington, DC 20004.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



William S. Morrow, Jr.
Executive Director