

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 10,399

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served April 10, 2007

Application of AMERICA )  
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC., for ) Case No. AP-2007-022  
a Certificate of Authority -- )  
Irregular Route Operations )

Applicant seeks a certificate of authority to transport passengers in irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District. The application is unopposed.

This is the third application filed by this applicant. Applicant originally applied for operating authority in 2005, but that application was denied without prejudice for failure to establish regulatory compliance fitness when it became clear that applicant's then vice-president had paid the application fee with a check drawn on the account of another employer.<sup>1</sup> Applicant filed a second application in 2005 and was granted operating authority last year, but the issuance of a certificate of authority was expressly made contingent on applicant filing additional documents.<sup>2</sup> Applicant failed to file the necessary documents in a timely manner, thereby voiding the Commission's approval.<sup>3</sup>

The Compact, Title II, Article XI, Section 7(a), authorizes the Commission to issue a certificate of authority if it finds that the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest and that the applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the proposed transportation properly, conform to the provisions of the Compact, and conform to the rules, regulations, and requirements of the Commission.

Applicant proposes commencing operations with one van and two minibuses. Applicant proposes operating under a tariff containing mileage and/or hourly rates, individual and/or group sightseeing rates, airport shuttle rates, and rates for transportation under contracts with government agencies and private entities.

Applicant verifies that: (1) applicant owns or leases, or has the means to acquire through ownership or lease, one or more motor

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<sup>1</sup> *In re America Transp. Servs., Inc.*, No. AP-05-066, Order No. 8919 (Aug. 18, 2005).

<sup>2</sup> *See In re America Transp. Servs., Inc.*, No. AP-05-191, Order No. 9556 (May 12, 2006) (conditionally granting Certificate No. 1216).

<sup>3</sup> *See id.* (grant of authority void upon applicant's failure to timely satisfy conditions of issuance); Commission Regulation No. 66 (failure to comply with conditions of grant within 180 days voids approval).

vehicles meeting the Commission's safety requirements and suitable for the transportation proposed in this application; (2) applicant owns, or has the means to acquire, a motor vehicle liability insurance policy that provides the minimum amount of coverage required by Commission regulations; and (3) applicant has access to, is familiar with and will comply with the Compact, the Commission's rules, regulations and orders, and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations as they pertain to transportation of passengers for hire.

Based on the evidence in this record, the Commission finds that the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest and that applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the proposed transportation properly, conform to the provisions of the Compact, and conform to the rules, regulations, and requirements of the Commission.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

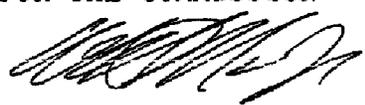
1. That upon applicant's timely compliance with the requirements of this order, Certificate of Authority No. 1216 shall be issued to America Transportation Services, Inc., 9419 Georgia Avenue, #200, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

2. That applicant may not transport passengers for hire between points in the Metropolitan District pursuant to this order unless and until a certificate of authority has been issued in accordance with the preceding paragraph.

3. That applicant is hereby directed to present its revenue vehicle(s) for inspection and file the following documents within the 180-day maximum permitted in Commission Regulation No. 66: (a) evidence of insurance pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 58 and Order No. 4203; (b) an original and four copies of a tariff or tariffs in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 55; (c) a vehicle list stating the year, make, model, serial number, fleet number, license plate number (with jurisdiction) and seating capacity of each vehicle to be used in revenue operations; (d) a copy of the for-hire vehicle registration card, and a lease as required by Commission Regulation No. 62 if applicant is not the registered owner, for each vehicle to be used in revenue operations; and (e) proof of current safety inspection of said vehicle(s) by or on behalf of the United States Department of Transportation, the State of Maryland, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Virginia.

4. That the grant of authority herein shall be void and the application shall stand denied upon applicant's failure to timely satisfy the conditions of issuance prescribed herein.

FOR THE COMMISSION

  
William S. Morrow, Jr.  
Executive Director