

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 10,641

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served July 18, 2007

PRAISE TRANSPORTATION, INC.,)
Suspension and Investigation of)
Revocation of Certificate No. 1172)

Case No. MP-2007-122

This matter is before the Commission on respondent's response to Order No. 10,546, served June 11, 2007.

Under the Compact, a WMATC carrier may not engage in transportation subject to the Compact if the carrier's certificate of authority is not "in force."¹ A certificate of authority is not valid unless the holder is in compliance with the Commission's insurance requirements.²

Commission Regulation No. 58 requires respondent to insure the revenue vehicles operated under Certificate No. 1172 for a minimum of \$1.5 million in combined-single-limit liability coverage and maintain on file with the Commission at all times proof of coverage in the form of a WMATC Certificate of Insurance and Policy Endorsement (WMATC Insurance Endorsement) for each policy comprising the minimum.

Certificate No. 1172 was rendered invalid on June 11, 2007, when the \$1.5 million primary WMATC Insurance Endorsement on file for respondent terminated without replacement. Order No. 10,546 noted the automatic suspension of Certificate No. 1172 pursuant to Regulation No. 58-02, directed respondent to cease transporting passengers for hire under Certificate No. 1172, and gave respondent thirty days to replace the cancelled endorsement and pay the \$50 late fee due under Regulation No. 67-03(c) or face revocation of Certificate No. 1172.

Respondent paid the \$50 late fee on June 25, 2007, and submitted a \$1.5 million primary WMATC Insurance Endorsement on June 27, 2007. The effective date of the new endorsement is June 25, 2007. This means that respondent was without insurance coverage for fourteen days, from June 11, 2007, through June 24, 2007.

Under Commission Rule No. 28, respondent is required to verify that it ceased transporting passengers for hire under Certificate No. 1172 as directed by Order No. 10,546. Inasmuch as respondent's only tariff is for service rendered to clients of the District of Columbia Department of Health, Medical Assistance Administration, (DC

¹ Compact, tit. II, art. XI, § 6(a).

² Compact, tit. II, art. XI, § 7(g).

Medicaid), proof that respondent timely ceased operations would need to include confirmation from DC Medicaid.³

Respondent's president, June Spence, has filed an affidavit verifying respondent's timely cessation of operations. DC Medicaid states that respondent has yet to enroll as a DC Medicaid transportation provider.

Based on the evidence in the record, the suspension shall be lifted and this proceeding terminated.⁴

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION; COMMISSIONERS YATES AND CHRISTIE:



William S. Morrow, Jr.
Executive Director

³ *In re African Cultural Promoters Inc.*, MP-06-025, Order No. 9661 (June 16, 2006).

⁴ See *id.* (lifting suspension based on no operations while suspended and uninsured).