

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 11,328

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served May 8, 2008

Application of ROYAL USA TOURS & ) Case No. AP-2008-051  
TRANSPORTATION, INC., to Acquire )  
Certificate No. 743 from HAZEM EL )  
SAMAHY, TRADING AS ROYAL USA TOURS )  
AND TRANSPORTATION )

By application accepted for filing March 10, 2008, applicant, Royal USA Tours & Transportation, Inc., a Maryland entity, seeks Commission approval to acquire Certificate No. 743 from Hazem El Samahy, trading as Royal USA Tours and Transportation. El Samahy has agreed to transfer Certificate No. 743 and other assets in exchange for a controlling interest in Royal USA Tours & Transportation, Inc., a new carrier. The application is unopposed.

Under Article XI, Section 11(a), of the Compact, a person may not transfer a certificate of authority unless the Commission approves the transfer as consistent with the public interest. The public interest analysis focuses on the acquiring party's fitness.<sup>1</sup>

Applicant proposes commencing operations with two vans, one motorcoach, and two other buses. Applicant proposes operating under a tariff containing charter rates, individual and/or group sightseeing rates, and airport shuttle rates.

Applicant verifies that: (1) applicant owns or leases, or has the means to acquire through ownership or lease, one or more motor 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 applicant to be fit, willing, and able to perform the proposed transportation properly and to conform with applicable regulatory requirements and, therefore, that the transfer of Certificate No. 743 to applicant is consistent with the public interest.

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<sup>1</sup> *In re Quality Med. Supplies LLC, t/a F & J Healthcare Servs., & Tingem Health Care Servs. Inc.*, No. AP-04-25, Order No. 8033 (May 27, 2004).

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That upon applicant's timely compliance with the requirements of this order, Certificate of Authority No. 743 shall be reissued to Royal USA Tours & Transportation, Inc., 14625 Baltimore Avenue, #466, Laurel, MD 20707.

2. That applicant may not transport passengers for hire between points in the Metropolitan District pursuant to this order unless and until Certificate of Authority No. 743 has been reissued 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 transfer of authority granted 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