

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

ORDER NO. 14,150

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served August 13, 2013

Application of USMA TRANSPORTATION)
INC. for a Certificate of Authority)
-- Irregular Route Operations)

Case No. AP-2013-083

USMA Transportation Inc. seeks a certificate of authority to transport passengers in irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District, restricted to transportation in vehicles with a seating capacity of less than 16 persons only, including the driver. The application is unopposed.

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.

USMA Transportation Inc.'s president, Abdelkrim Harir, applied for WMATC operating authority on his own behalf in 2012, but the Commission found that approving his application would not be consistent with the public interest because it appeared that he intended to operate through the instant corporation and not as a sole proprietor.¹ Mr. Harir's application was accordingly denied without prejudice to his option to submit an application in the name of and on behalf of USMA Transportation Inc.,² hence the instant application.

USMA Transportation Inc. proposes commencing operations with one sedan and operating under a tariff containing charter rates, individual and/or group sightseeing rates, rates for mileage and/or hourly priced transportation, and airport shuttle rates.

USMA Transportation Inc. 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

¹ *In re Abdelkrim Harir, t/a USMA Transp.*, No. AP-012-276, Order No. 13,697 (Jan. 23, 2013).

² *Id.*

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 USMA Transportation Inc. 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. 2276 shall be issued to USMA Transportation Inc., 8110 Kenova Lane, Springfield, VA 22153-2913.

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; (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