

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

ORDER NO. 15,424

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served March 3, 2015

AMARE GIRMA GOBENA, Trading as AG) Case No. MP-2014-169
TRANSPORTATION, Suspension and)
Investigation of Revocation of)
Certificate No. 2132)

This matter is before the Commission on respondent's failure to respond to Order No. 15,190, served November 10, 2014.

I. BACKGROUND

Certificate No. 2132 was automatically suspended on October 26, 2014, pursuant to Regulation No. 58-12, when the \$1.5 million primary WMATC Insurance Endorsement on file for respondent terminated without replacement. Order No. 15,153, served October 27, 2014, noted the automatic suspension of Certificate No. 2132, directed respondent to cease transporting passengers for hire under Certificate No. 2132, and gave respondent 30 days to replace the terminated endorsement and pay the \$100 late fee due under Regulation No. 67-03(c) or face revocation of Certificate No. 2132.

Respondent paid the late fee and submitted a \$1.5 million WMATC Insurance Endorsement, and the suspension was lifted in Order No. 15,190, but because the effective date of the new endorsement is November 7, 2014, instead of October 26, 2014, the order gave respondent 30 days to verify cessation of operations as of October 26, 2014, as corroborated by copies of respondent's pertinent business records, in accordance with Regulation No. 58-14.

Respondent has yet to respond.

II. ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Considering that respondent has not denied operating its vehicle(s) on and after the suspension date, and considering that respondent has failed to produce the required documents, respondent shall have 30 days to show cause why the Commission should not assess a civil forfeiture against respondent, and/or suspend or revoke Certificate No. 2132, for knowingly and willfully conducting operations under an invalid/suspended certificate of authority and failing to produce documents as directed.¹

¹ See *In re Olalekan Salami, t/a Startime Ventures*, No. MP-08-147, Order No. 11,690 (Nov. 19, 2008) (same).

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That respondent shall have 30 days to show cause why the Commission should not assess a civil forfeiture against respondent, and/or suspend or revoke Certificate No. 2132, for knowingly and willfully violating Article XI, Section 6(a), of the Compact, Regulation No. 58, and the orders issued in this proceeding.

2. That respondent may submit within 15 days from the date of this order a written request for oral hearing, specifying the grounds for the request, describing the evidence to be adduced and explaining why such evidence cannot be adduced without an oral hearing.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION; COMMISSIONERS BRENNER AND HOLCOMB:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. S. Morrow, Jr.', is positioned above the typed name.

William S. Morrow, Jr.
Executive Director