

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

ORDER NO. 16,792

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served January 10, 2017

Application of FREEDOM II LIMOUSINE)
SERVICES LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)
to Acquire Certificate No. 2183)
from FREEDOM II LIMOUSINE SERVICE,)
INC.)

Case No. AP-2016-204

This matter is before the Commission on applicant's response to Order No. 16,769, served December 28, 2016, which dismissed this proceeding for applicant's failure to comply with the Commission's application requirements. Applicant has filed a request to reopen this proceeding.

I. CAUSE FOR DISMISSAL AND GROUNDS FOR REOPENING

Under the Compact, an application to obtain a certificate of authority shall be made in writing, verified, and shall contain the information required by the application form and accompanying instructions.¹ An applicant may be required to furnish any supplemental information necessary for a full and fair examination of the application.² Failure to comply with the Commission's application requirements warrants dismissal.³

By email sent December 12, 2016, applicant was required to furnish supplemental information on or before December 27, 2016, pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 54-04(b). Applicant failed to respond. Accordingly, the application was dismissed December 28, 2016.

On December 30, 2016, applicant filed a request to reopen this proceeding. The request is accompanied by the required information. For good cause shown, this proceeding shall be reopened under Commission Rule No 26.⁴

II. APPLICATION

By application accepted for filing December 1, 2016, applicant, Freedom II Limousine Services Limited Liability Company, a District of

¹ Compact, tit. II, art. XI, § 8; Regulation No. 54-02.

² Regulation No. 54-04(b).

³ *In re One, LLC, t/a Bon Voyage*, No. AP-04-103, Order No. 8212 (Aug. 5, 2004).

⁴ *See In re Abdelrazig Hassan Shawkat*, No. AP-13-076, Order No. 13,865 (Apr. 12, 2013) (same).

Columbia entity, seeks Commission approval to acquire Certificate No. 2183 from Freedom II Limousine Service, Inc.. Freedom II Limousine Service, Inc. has agreed to transfer Certificate No. 2183 and other assets in exchange for a controlling interest in Freedom II Limousine Services Limited Liability Company, 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.⁵

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. 2183 to applicant is consistent with the public interest.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That this proceeding is hereby reopened under Commission Rule No 26.

2. That upon applicant's timely compliance with the requirements of this order, Certificate of Authority No. 2183 shall be reissued to Freedom II Limousine Services Limited Liability Company, 2409 Naylor Road, S.E., Washington, DC 20020-4534.

3. 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. 2183 has been reissued in accordance with the preceding paragraph.

4. That applicant is hereby directed to file the following documents and present its revenue vehicle(s) for inspection 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

⁵ *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).

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.

5. That the transfer of authority herein shall be void and the application shall stand denied upon applicant's failure to timely satisfy the conditions of reissuance prescribed herein.

FOR THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. S. Morrow, Jr.', written in a cursive style.

William S. Morrow, Jr.
Executive Director