

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1344

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of GEORGE-)	Served: August 8, 1974
TOWN SIGHTSEEING)	
TOURS, INC., for a)	Application No. 842
Certificate of Public)	
Convenience and Necessity)		Docket No. 268

By Application No. 842, filed July 29, 1974, as supplemented, Georgetown Sightseeing Tours, Inc., seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b) of the Compact, to transport passengers over irregular routes in charter and special operations within that area of Washington, D. C., known as Georgetown.^{1/}

The tariff filed with Application No. 842, together with the statement of the proposed tour itinerary, anticipates that the rates for special operations^{2/} would be

^{1/} The service area proposed to be served by the applicant is depicted in a map drawing attached to the application. Generally, it embraces that portion of northwest Washington, D. C., located east of 37th Street and the campus of Georgetown University; south of R Street; north of the Potomac River; and west of 27th Street and the southernmost segments of the Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway system.

^{2/} The term special operation means the transportation of passengers for a special trip, for which the carrier contracts with each individual separately. See Regulation 51-07.

\$4.00 per adult, \$2.00 per child between the age of 10 years and 5 years, and no charge for children under the age of 5 years. The rates for charter operation^{3/} service is stated separately for regular charter and special charter. For regular charter, the fares would be \$4.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child between the age of 10 years and 5 years, with a minimum fee per tour of \$40.00. The special charter service would be limited to children between age of 10 years and 5 years at the rate of \$2.00 per child, with a minimum fee per tour of \$25.00.

Approximately 10 tours per day would be provided daily. Each tour would entail about one hour's time and would be continuous from start to completion. Each would feature approximately 32 historical sites. Trained guides would provide detailed information of historical significance on each site, as well as the general Georgetown area. The tours would be performed in maxi-vans having seating capacity for 15 passengers.

Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b) of the Compact provides as follows:

When an application is made under this section for a certificate, . . . , the Commission shall issue a certificate to any qualified applicant therefore, . . . , if it finds, after hearing held upon reasonable notice, that the applicant is fit, willing and able to perform such transportation properly and to conform to the provisions of this Act and the rules, regulations, and requirements of the Commission thereunder, and that such transportation is or will be required by the public convenience and necessity; otherwise such application shall be denied. (Emphasis added.)

3/ The term charter operation means the transportation of a group of passengers which, pursuant to a common purpose and under a single contract, has acquired the exclusive use of a vehicle or vehicles to travel together. See Regulation 51-06.

Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission shall schedule a hearing in order to develop an appropriate record.

In order to fully develop the basis for findings pertaining to the applicant's fitness to perform the proposed transportation service, and to the requirements of the public convenience and necessity for the proposed transportation service, the Commission shall require Georgetown to submit and be prepared to support with competent witnesses the following exhibits:

(A) A detailed balance sheet statement showing the financial condition of the applicant as of the latest date available;

(B) A schedule of the types of equipment to be used in the proposed service, and the plan for financing the purchase of such equipment; and

(C) A pro forma statement of revenues and expenses, including taxes, for a one-year period under the proposed tariff, together with supporting details, including operating ratio.

The Commission shall direct Georgetown to submit the statements and exhibits required hereinbefore on or before Thursday, September 5, 1974, in such manner that six copies shall be filed with the Commission, and one copy served on each party of record.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

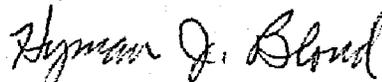
1. That Application No. 842 of Georgetown Sightseeing Tours, Inc., be, and it is hereby, scheduled for public hearing to commence Thursday, September 12, 1974, at 10:00 a.m., in the Hearing Room of the Commission, Room 314, 1625 Eye Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006.

2. That Georgetown Sightseeing Tours, Inc., publish notice in the form prescribed by the Staff of the Commission of such application and hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District no later than Friday, August 30, 1974.

3. That six copies each of the statements and exhibits hereinbefore required to be submitted by Georgetown Sightseeing Tours, Inc., be submitted to the Commission, and one copy of each shall be served upon each party of record on or before Thursday, September 5, 1974. The original of each statement and exhibit shall be presented at the hearing for filing in the official docket.

4. That any person desiring to protest or otherwise to be heard on this matter shall notify the Commission, in writing, on or before Tuesday, September 3, 1974, and mail a copy of such notification to the counsel of record for Georgetown Sightseeing Tours, Inc., Albert M. White, Esquire, 2214 Southgate Square, Reston, Virginia 22091.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



HYMAN J. BLOND
Executive Director