

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 1390

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of IRONSIDES )	Served December 23, 1974
MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION CO.)	Application No. 817
for Temporary Authority )	Docket No. 280

BY THE COMMISSION:

By Application No. 817, filed August 31, 1973, Ironsides Medical Transportation Co. (IRONSIDES) seeks temporary authority to engage in the "transportation of non-emergency invalid and wheelchair-confined patients to and from hospitals, clinics, doctors' office, social functions, etc." Ironsides proposes to provide this service in three specially equipped vans which include hydraulic lift and air conditioning. The proposed tariff provides for a one way fare of \$20.00, a round trip fare of \$35.00, a \$5.00 charge for an extra attendant, waiting time at \$5.00 per fifteen minutes, and a charge of \$10.00 for a cancelled call.

The application includes a letter from the D.C. Department of Human Resources, Payments Assistance Administration to the effect that there is a need for the service and existing service is not adequate. The application includes four letters of reference from persons in Hartford, Connecticut.

The application of Ironsides fails to specify the point or points or territory within which it proposes to provide service and where there is no carrier service capable of

meeting the alleged immediate and urgent need. The Commission believes in this instance the application merits giving Ironsides the opportunity, at a public hearing, to further develop its assertions with regard to the elements <sup>1/</sup>required for a grant of temporary authority, particularly in view of the apparent uniqueness of the proposed service.

In addition, Ironsides will be required to submit and be prepared to support with competent witnesses the following exhibits:

- (a) A detailed balance sheet as of September 30, 1974;
- (b) A detailed income statement for the 12 month period ended September 30, 1974, and
- (c) A projected statement of revenues and expenses, including taxes, for a one-year period, together with supporting details, including operating ratio.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Application No. 817 of Ironsides Medical Transportation Co. be, and it is hereby, scheduled for public hearing to commence Tuesday, February 4, 1975, 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 six (6) copies, the original to be submitted at the hearing, of the statements and exhibits required hereinbefore be submitted by Ironsides Medical Transportation Company to the Commission and one copy served on each party of record on or before Friday, January 24, 1975.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:



HYMAN J. BLOND  
Executive Director

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<sup>1/</sup> See Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 4(d) (3).