

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1760

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served October 20, 1977

Application of BANNISTER ENTERPRISES,) Application No. 1015
INC., for Temporary Authority to)
Conduct Charter Operations Pursuant to)
Contract - Amtrak)

By application filed October 11, 1977, Bannister Enterprises, Inc. (Bannister), seeks temporary authority pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 4 (d) (3) of the Compact to transport passengers, in charter operations, over irregular routes, between 955 L'Enfant Plaza North, S.W., Washington, D. C., and 400 North Capitol Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., pursuant to a contract with National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak). Bannister now serves Amtrak pursuant to Certificate No. 32 between 400 North Capitol Street and Union Station, Washington, D. C.

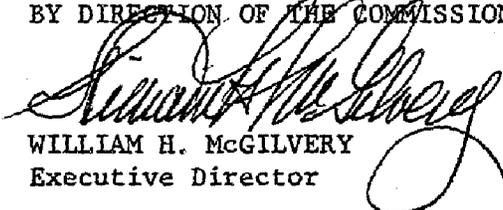
Bannister proposes an hourly shuttle between the sought termini to operate during regular business hours, Monday through Friday. Applicant would utilize either a 19-passenger or a 14-passenger minibus and its proposed charge is \$88 a day. In support of the application, Bannister asserts (a) that it can provide service at a lower price than other carriers, (b) that it is experienced in serving Amtrak and knows Amtrak's requirements, and (c) that its drivers and vehicles have previously been approved by Amtrak. A letter from Amtrak was submitted indicating that a contract would be entered into with Bannister should this application be granted. In the interim, Amtrak will contract with another carrier.

Also on October 11, 1977, Beltway Limousine Service, Inc. (Beltway), filed a complaint which shall be considered as a protest to this application. Beltway holds appropriate authority to perform the proposed service pursuant to Certificate No. 25.

Title II, Article XII, Section 4 (d) (3) of the Compact provides that the Commission may grant temporary authority where it appears that there is an immediate and urgent need for transportation service and there exists no carrier service capable of meeting such need. It is apparent from Beltway's existing authority and its interest in this proceeding that the second criteria has not been met and Application No. 1015 must, perforce, be denied.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Application No. 1015 of Bannister Enterprises, Inc., be, and it is hereby, denied.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:



WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director