

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1800

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served January 31, 1978

Application of WEBB TOURS, INC.,)
for Temporary Authority to Perform)
Charter Operations Pursuant to)
Contract - Washington School for)
Secretaries)

Case No. AP-78-2

By the above-captioned application filed January 25, 1978, as supplemented, Webb Tours, Inc. (Webb Tours) seeks temporary authority pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 4(d)(3) of the Compact, to transport, in charter operations pursuant to contract, students and faculty of the Washington School for Secretaries from 4415 Briarwood Court, Annandale, Va., to the facilities of the School at 2020 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and return.

Webb Tours proposes originally to provide service in an English Double Deck bus, but Webb may purchase either a school bus or a transit bus in the near future. Pursuant to the terms of its contract with the Washington School for Secretaries, Webb Tours is scheduled to provide service for the period February 1, 1978, through March 17, 1978. Webb Tours alleges that the Washington School for Secretaries is without suitable mass transportation at present since Omnibus Corporation, the carrier that had been providing service for the School has ceased providing the service. Webb Tours has filed an appropriate tariff for the proposed service, and it also has on file evidence of compliance with Commission Regulations 62 and 68.

Title II, Article XII, Section 4(d)(3) of the Compact authorizes the Commission to grant temporary authority, with or without hearing and in its discretion, to enable the provision of a service for which there is an immediate and urgent need, and where there is no carrier service capable of meeting such need.

The Commission takes official notice of Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission v. Omnibus Corporation, Civil Action No. 78-0048 pending before the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. In that case, Omnibus Corporation, has been preliminarily

enjoined from providing for-hire transportation of passengers within the Metropolitan District unless there is in force a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the Commission. Presently, no carrier is providing service for the School. Accordingly, there is an immediate and urgent need for the proposed service.

The staff of the Commission has contacted Atwood's Transport Lines, Inc., The Gray Line, Inc., Executive Limousine Service, Inc., and Beltway Limousine Service, Inc., the only carriers appropriately certified to perform the service proposed herein. All of the above-mentioned carriers indicated that they would not protest this application and that they could not feasibly provide service to the Washington School for Secretaries. Accordingly, there is no carrier service capable of meeting the immediate and urgent needs of the Washington School for Secretaries.

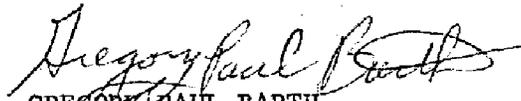
For the reasons set forth above, Webb Tours' application for temporary authority shall be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Webb Tours, Inc., be, and it is hereby granted temporary authority to transport passengers, over irregular routes, in charter operations pursuant to contract, from 4415 Briarwood Court, Annandale, Va., to Washington School for Secretaries, 2020 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and return, restricted to the transportation of students and faculty of the Washington School for Secretaries.

2. That the grant of temporary authority herein shall commence February 1, 1978, and remain effective through March 17, 1978, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION


GREGORY PAUL BARTH
Acting Executive Director