

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1855

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served June 1, 1978

Application of EXECUTIVE LIMOUSINE )  
SERVICE, INC., for Temporary )  
Authority to Perform Special )  
Operations )

Case No. AP-78-21

By application filed May 31, 1978, Executive Limousine Service, Inc. (Executive), seeks temporary authority to transport Trans World Airlines aircraft crews and their families, and baggage in the same vehicles with such passengers, in special operations, between Dulles International Airport, Gravelly Point, Va., on the one hand, and, on the other, hotels in the District of Columbia. Executive would charge one-way, per-capita fares of \$2 for service from or to National and \$3 for service from or to Dulles. Service would be on an on-call basis to coincide with airline arrival and departure schedules.

The Commission recently granted Executive similar authority to operate between the airports, on the one hand, and, on the other, the Gramercy Inn and the Shoreham Americana Hotel, restricted to the performance of such operations in vehicles with a seating capacity of 15 persons or less (including the driver). See Order No. 1765, served November 1, 1977.

Three letters (two of which have multiple signatures) from TWA personnel were submitted in support of this application. Generally, they assert that as of June 1, 1978, TWA crews will be accommodated at the Capitol Hilton, 16th and K Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., in lieu of the Shoreham Americana Hotel. The latter facility is no longer able to accommodate the crews because of other business. It is also stated that cockpit crews may use other hotels, but no specific data are provided concerning what hotels or the frequency of usage.

Greyhound Airport Service, Inc. (Greyhound), holds authority commensurate with that sought herein. However, counsel for that carrier has advised our staff that Greyhound is not interested in providing service to flight crews and will not protest this application.

Title II, Article XII, Section 4(d)(3) of the Compact provides that the Commission may grant temporary authority where there is an immediate and urgent need for service and where there is no carrier service capable of meeting such need. Considering the evidence summarized above, we find that the statutory criteria have been met with respect to transportation to and from the Capitol Hilton, and the application shall be granted to this extent. No vehicle restriction such as that contained in Order No. 1765 will be imposed inasmuch as TWA officials have indicated that a motor coach would adequately meet their needs for transportation from the Capitol Hilton to Dulles. Executive will be directed to file two copies of WMATC Temporary Authority Tariff No. 1 covering the operations authorized herein within five days. A certificate of insurance and a certificate of compliance with Commission Regulation No. 68 governing identification of motor vehicles have been filed.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

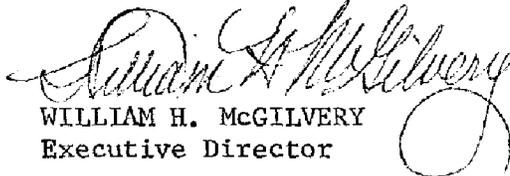
1. That Executive Limousine Service, Inc., is hereby granted temporary authority to transport Trans World Airlines aircraft crews and their families, together with their baggage in the same vehicles with said passengers, in special operations, over irregular routes, between Dulles International Airport, Chantilly, Va., and Washington National Airport, Gravelly Point, Va., on the one hand, and, on the other, the Capitol Hilton, 16th and K Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C.

2. That said temporary authority is effective June 1, 1978, and shall continue in effect until November 27, 1978, at 11:59 p.m., unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

3. That Executive Limousine Service, Inc., file two copies of WMATC Temporary Authority Tariff No. 1 covering the operations authorized herein no later than Tuesday, June 6, 1978.

4. That, except to the extent granted herein, the said application is hereby denied.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION :

  
WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY  
Executive Director