

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2005

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served June 26, 1979

Application of HISTORICAL TOURS)
& CHARTER SERVICE, INC., for)
Temporary Authority to Perform)
Special Operations--Sightseeing)

Case No. AP-79-07

By application filed June 5, 1979, Historical Tours & Charter Service, Inc. (Historical Tours), seeks temporary authority pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 4(d)(3) of the Compact to transport passengers in special-operation sightseeing tours over irregular routes, from the Sheraton International Conference Center, 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Va., the Dulles Marriott Hotel, Dulles International Airport, Herndon, Va., and the Holiday Inn, 1000 Sully Road, Sterling, Va., to points in the Metropolitan District and return. Inasmuch as the Holiday Inn is located in Loudoun County, Va., it is not within the scope of the Commission's jurisdiction. */ To that extent, the application will be dismissed.

Applicant proposes to provide service in a 1976 van with a seating capacity of 15 passengers. Historical Tours plans to offer three different trips. The first is an eight-hour tour to major points of interest at a cost of \$22 to adults and \$11 to children. The second tour lasts about 4-1/2 hours, features a viewing of those points of interest in the evening, and costs \$17 for adults and \$8.50 for children. The last includes a scenic tour plus a boat trip to Mount Vernon, Va., at a total cost of \$32 for adults and \$16 for children. The excursions are scheduled to permit the use of a single vehicle for all proposed service.

In support of the application, the Sheraton and Marriott hotels state that availability of sightseeing service from their hotels would provide guests with the opportunity to see the historical sites in the

*/ The Commission's territorial jurisdiction extends only to that portion of Loudoun County occupied by Dulles International Airport. Title I, Article I of the Compact.

metropolitan area. The Marriott expresses an immediate need for the service inasmuch as there is no similar service operating at the hotel. In addition, Senator Charles L. Waddell of the Virginia Senate and Delegate Earl E. Bell of the Virginia House of Delegates advocate issuance of authority because of the lack of existing service and the fuel savings that would result from non-use of private vehicles for sightseeing tours.

Greyhound Airport Service, Inc., Atwood's Transport Lines, Inc., and White House Sightseeing Corporation hold appropriate authority to provide all or part of the proposed service. These carriers have informed the Commission that they do not oppose the application.

Title II, Article XII, Section 4(d)(3) of the Compact provides that temporary authority may be granted where there is an immediate and urgent need for the proposed service and there is no carrier service capable of meeting that need. The Commission concludes that Historical Tours has established that there is an immediate and urgent need for the proposed service. Although several carriers hold the requisite authority, apparently they are not now capable of meeting that need. Accordingly, the application will be granted subject to the filing of a valid certificate of insurance, proof of proper vehicle identification and two copies of applicant's tariff. Applicant must also submit proof of the appropriate licensing of tour guides (or drivers giving lectures) as required by the District of Columbia Code (1973 Edition), Title 47, Section 2338, and Metropolitan Police Department Regulations, Article 2, Section 4.

Finally, should applicant file an application for a certificate to perform this service, it shall be required to do so by Friday, September 14, 1979, to allow sufficient time to process that application prior to expiration of temporary authority.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the application of Historical Tours & Charter Service, Inc., in Case No. AP-79-07 to the extent it seeks authority to originate service at the Holiday Inn located at 1000 Sully Road, Sterling, Va., is hereby dismissed.

2. That Historical Tours & Charter Service, Inc., is hereby granted temporary authority to perform special operations over irregular routes, transporting passengers from the Sheraton International Conference Center, 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Va., and the Dulles Marriott Hotel at Dulles International Airport, to points in the Metropolitan District and return, restricted to sightseeing tours only.

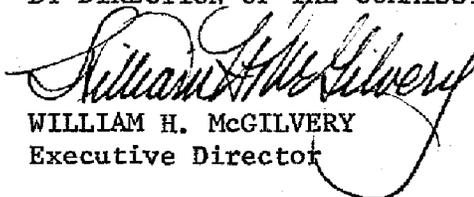
3. That the temporary authority granted herein shall be effective on July 3, 1979, and shall continue in effect for a period of 180 days until December 29, 1979, at 11:59 p.m., unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

4. That Historical Tours & Charter Service, Inc., is hereby directed to file with the Commission, within six days from the date of service hereof (a) an appropriate certificate of insurance pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 62, (b) two copies of its WMATC Temporary Authority Tariff No. 1, (c) an affidavit manifesting compliance with Commission Regulation No. 68 governing identification of motor vehicles, and (d) an affidavit manifesting compliance with the District of Columbia Code (1973 Edition), Title 47, Section 2338 and Metropolitan Police Department Regulations, Article 2, Section 4, governing licensing of tour guides in the District of Columbia.

5. That unless Historical Tours & Charter Service, Inc., timely complies with the mandates of the next preceding paragraph, the grant of temporary authority made herein shall be considered null and void, and Case No. AP-79-07 shall stand denied in its entirety effective upon the expiration of the said compliance time or such additional time as may be authorized by the Commission.

6. That, if applicant decides to file an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for this service, such application must be filed not later than Friday, September 14, 1979.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:



WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director

