

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2185

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served January 16, 1981

Application of INTERNATIONAL)
LIMOUSINE SERVICE, INC., for)
Temporary Authority -- Charter)
Operations)

Case No. AP-81-02

By application filed January 16, 1981, International Limousine Service, Inc., seeks temporary authority to engage in charter operations from January 17 through January 24, 1981, transporting passengers and their baggage in the same vehicle with passengers between points in the Metropolitan District, restricted to transportation in vehicles having a seating capacity from 16 to 21 passengers including the driver. Applicant also seeks similar authority to provide such transportation in vehicles with a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 15 passengers. The proposed charge for the vehicles seating 16 to 21 passengers is \$300 per day for a ten-hour day. The proposed charge for the 15-passenger vehicles is \$250 per day for a ten-hour day. Applicant operates four 21-passenger minibuses and 14 vehicles with a 15-passenger seating capacity. Applicant has on file a current certificate of insurance.

In support of the application, International points to the enormous need for service during the week of Inaugural activities as expressed by government and inaugural officials responsible for making transportation arrangements as well as private organizations and members of the diplomatic corps.

Title II, Article XII, Section 4(d)(3) of the Compact provides that the Commission has discretion to grant temporary authority where there exists an immediate and urgent need for service which existing carriers are not capable of meeting.

Inasmuch as there is a need for additional service during Inauguration week and no carrier is authorized to operate vehicles with a seating capacity of from 16 to 21 passengers, authority will be granted to provide service between points in the Metropolitan District restricted to transportation in applicant's 21-passenger vehicles (including the driver). However, to the extent applicant seeks to provide service in 15-passenger vehicles, the application will be denied for the reason that there is no showing that other certificated carriers are incapable of providing such service. With respect to transportation from and to National or Dulles Airports, any operations must be related to a prearranged charter movement by the same party between at least two other points within the Metropolitan District.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That International Limousine Service, Inc., is hereby granted temporary authority to conduct charter operations transporting passengers and their baggage in the same vehicle with passengers, between points in the Metropolitan District, restricted (1) to the performance of such operations in vehicles with a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of twenty-one passengers including the driver and (2) against operations solely between points in Virginia, all on the condition that any operations from or to Dulles International Airport or Washington National Airport must be related to a prearranged charter movement by the same party between at least two other points within the Metropolitan District.

2. That the above-described application, except to the extent granted herein, is hereby denied.

3. That said temporary authority will be effective from 6:00 a.m. January 17, 1981, to 12 noon, January 24, 1981, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION, COMMISSIONER SCHIFTER, SHANNON AND CLEMENT. Commissioner Schifter did not participate in the consideration or disposition of this case.


WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director