

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2281

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served November 20, 1981

Application of CALL-A-MESSENGER,)
INC., for Special Authorization to)
Perform Charter Operations Pursuant)
to Contract -- British Airways)

Case No. CP-81-16

By application filed November 20, 1981, Call-A-Messenger, Inc., seeks authorization to operate pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 under a contract with British Airways, transporting flight attendants and flight deck crews as follows:

1. Between Dulles International Airport, Herndon, Va., and Washington National Airport, Gravelly Point, Va., on the one hand, and, on the other, points in Washington, D. C.,
2. Between Dulles International Airport, Herndon, Va., and Washington National Airport, Gravelly Point, Va., via a route traversing the District of Columbia, and
3. Between Andrews Air Force Base, Md., on the one hand, and, on the other, Washington National Airport, Gravelly Point, Va.; Dulles International Airport, Herndon, Va.; and Washington, D. C.

The contract is for a term of 12 months and is automatically renewable thereafter for 12-month periods absent 30-days notice prior to an annual expiration. The schedule of rates attached to the contract, shows, as pertinent:

National Airport to Downtown	\$ 7.50
National Airport to Dulles	32.50
Dulles Airport to National Airport	32.50
Dulles Airport to Downtown	32.50
National Airport to Andrews AFB	22.50
Dulles Airport to Andrews AFB	37.50
Andrews AFB to Downtown Washington	22.50

Waiting time - first 30 minutes no charge. Then the charge is \$3, per 15 minutes.

Other rates in applicant's schedule refer to service beyond the scope of the application and outside of this Commission's territorial jurisdiction. Accordingly, they will be disregarded.

CAM's balance sheet as of August 31, 1981, shows current assets of \$236,654, total assets of \$488,925, current liabilities of \$88,318, long-term liabilities of \$767,151, including inter-company loans and negative stockholders equity of \$366,544. An income statement for the year ending September 30, 1981, shows revenue of \$1,682,528, cost of operations \$1,179,909 and marketing and administrative expenses of \$286,202 for an operating ratio of 87.14 percent. A projection of annual income from the British Airways contract indicates income of \$33,280, operating costs of \$21,765 and general and administrative expenses of \$10,783 yielding a net operating income of \$732 and a projected operating ratio of 97.8 percent.

Applicant lists 23 vehicles available for use in performing the proposed service and states that a grant of authority would allow it to use the same vehicles, facilities and personnel now providing service for other airlines pursuant to special certificate authority. A notarized letter from British Airways states that it requires ground transportation for flight personnel between airports in the greater Washington area and hotels in Washington, D. C. The number of crew members on each flight is normally 18 although this may vary to some extent, according to British Airway's airport manager. In the past, service has been provided by Executive Limousine Service, Inc.

Inasmuch as the application proposes the irregular-route transportation of airline employees as contracted for by their employer, it appears generally to be amenable to processing under Commission Regulation No. 70. Pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 70-06, notice of this application must be published and opportunity given for the filing of protests. Protests, if any, must be written, sworn and notarized, and must contain all evidence and argument upon which protestant would rely. */

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

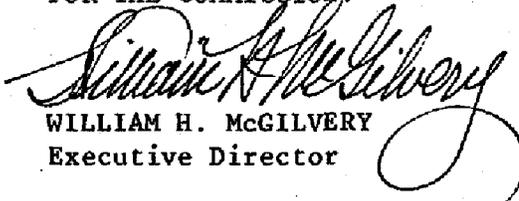
1. That Call-A-Messenger, Inc., publish once, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, notice of this application in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission no later than Friday, November 27, 1981.

*/ See Order No. 2004, adopting Regulation No. 70, served June 20, 1979, and effective July 21, 1979.

2. That applicant shall file an affidavit of said publication no later than Friday, December 4, 1981.

3. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a notarized protest in conformance with Commission Regulation No. 70-06 at the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006, no later than Monday, December 7, 1981, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on counsel for applicant, John M. Ballenger, Esquire, 6121 Lincolnia Road, Suite 304, Alexandria, Va. 22312.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


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Executive Director