

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2315

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served February 24, 1982

Application of BELTWAY LIMOUSINE)
SERVICE, INC., for Temporary)
Authority to Provide Commuter)
Service Between Laurel, Md., and)
Washington, D. C.)

Case No. AP-82-02

By application filed February 23, 1982, Beltway Limousine Service, Inc., seeks temporary authority to transport passengers, in special operations, from Laurel, Md., to the District of Columbia and return. Beltway would use a variety of vehicles including 14-passenger buses, and charge \$25 for a 10-ride commuter pass. 1/

Initially, service would depart Laurel at 6:45 and 7:00 a.m., with return trips leaving Farragut Square at 5:30, 5:45 and 6:00 p.m. This schedule would be adjusted as appropriate to meet the demands of Laurel commuters.

The proposed service had been provided by U. S. Bus Company until February 12, 1982. 2/ At that point, U. S. Bus ceased all operations and, after discussions between our staff and several carriers, we directed Beltway to provide service on an interim basis. 3/ No other carrier is willing and able to provide the proposed service.

1/ For weeks involving less than five work days, a pro-rated reduction would be made, e.g. \$20 for an eight-ride pass.

2/ Laurel was an intermediate point on a regular route extending between Washington, D. C., and Baltimore, Md. Service over that route was under the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

3/ See Order Nos. 2312 and 2313, served February 12 and 19, 1982.

Title II, Article XII, Section 4(d)(3) of the Compact authorizes the Commission to grant temporary authority for up to 180 days, without hearings or other proceedings, where there exists an immediate and urgent need for service which no existing carrier is capable of meeting. We find that these criteria are met in this case.

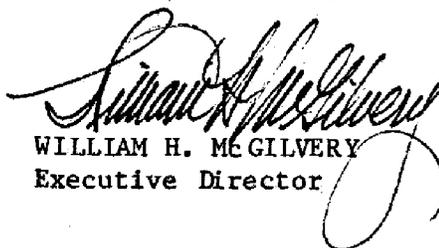
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the application of Beltway Limousine Service, Inc., is hereby granted.

2. That the said temporary authority shall be effective on Monday, March 1, 1982, and shall remain in effect for 180 days through August 27, 1982, at 11:59 p.m., unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

3. That Beltway Limousine Service, Inc., shall file two copies of WMATC Temporary Authority Tariff No. AP-82-02 setting forth the weekly rate approved herein no later than Friday, February 26, 1982.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION, COMMISSIONERS CLEMENT, SCHIFTER AND SHANNON:


WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director