

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2333

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served May 6, 1982

Application of AIRPORT LIMO, INC., )  
for Temporary Authority to Conduct )  
Special Operations -- Mayflower )  
and Shoreham Hotels )

Case No. AP-82-06

Application of AIRPORT LIMO, INC., )  
for a Certificate of Public )  
Convenience and Necessity to )  
Conduct Special Operations -- )  
Mayflower and Shoreham Hotels )

Case No. AP-82-07

By application tendered on April 9, and supplemented and accepted for filing on April 27, 1982, in Case No. AP-82-06, Airport Limo, Inc., seeks temporary authority to transport passengers, in special operations, between Dulles International Airport, Herndon, Va., on the one hand, and, on the other, the Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., and the Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, N. W., both in the District of Columbia. By application filed April 9, 1982, in Case No. AP-82-07, applicant seeks a corresponding certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Airport Limo proposes to charge \$7.75 a person for service to or from the Mayflower and \$8 a person for service to or from the Shoreham. Vehicles would depart the airport hourly between 5:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., and would depart the hotels hourly between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Applicant has a fleet of 15 buses and 35 vans from which vehicles for this service would be drawn.

Airport Limo's operating statement for the 8-month period ending February 28, 1982, shows revenues of \$1.59 million, operating expenses of \$1.60 million and a net loss (including interest expenses) of \$31,471. Applicant's balance sheet for that date shows total assets of \$191,972, liabilities of \$641,791 and a stockholder's deficit of \$449,819. Currently, Airport Limo conducts both special and charter operations between Dulles International Airport and Washington National Airport, on the one hand, and, on the other, various points in the Metropolitan district. Applicant also is certificated to transport hotel guests between the Springfield Hilton and Capitol Hilton hotels.

Affidavits supporting the temporary authority application were received from representatives of the Mayflower and Shoreham Hotels. Both state that they are pleased with the service recently instituted by Airport Limo between their respective hotels and National Airport, that neither hotel has scheduled service connecting with Dulles Airport, and that they desire similar service to and from Dulles Airport in addition to the existing National Airport service. Taxicab service, the only form of public transportation now available to these hotels, is said to be too expensive and unreliable. As stated by the general manager of the Shoreham Hotel, "[m]ost major convention attendees rely on the airport limousine to get them to their hotel destination and we cannot fulfill that expectation."

Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b) of the Compact requires that Case No. AP-82-07 be scheduled for a public hearing. Airport Limo will be assessed an amount preliminarily estimated to cover the expenses which Title II, Article XII, Section 19 of the Compact require an applicant to bear.

With respect to Case No. AP-82-06, 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 other carrier is capable of meeting. We find that these criteria are met in this case. There is an immediate and urgent need for service which existing carrier's are incapable of meeting, especially as regards major meeting and convention groups seeking transportation between the named hotels, on the one hand, and, on the other, Dulles International Airport.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Case No. AP-82-07 is hereby scheduled for public hearing to commence at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 22, 1982, in the Hearing Room of the Commission, Room 314, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006.
2. That applicant publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District notice of the application and hearing Case No. AP-82-07, in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Tuesday, May 18, 1982.
3. That applicant post in each of its vehicles, continuously through the date of public hearing, notice of these applications and hearing, in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Tuesday, May 18, 1982.

4. That applicant produce at the public hearing an affidavit of said publication and posting.

5. That any person desiring to protest the application in Case No. AP-82-07 shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule 14, or any person desiring to be heard on this matter shall notify the Commission, in writing, not later than Monday, June 7, 1982, and shall mail a copy of such protest or notification to counsel for applicant, Lawrence D. Levien, Esquire, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, 1333 New Hampshire Avenue, N. W., Suite 400, Washington, D. C. 20036.

6. That applicant in Case No. AP-82-07 is hereby assessed \$300 pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 19 of the Compact and directed to deliver said sum to the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006, no later than 12 noon, Monday, June 14, 1982.

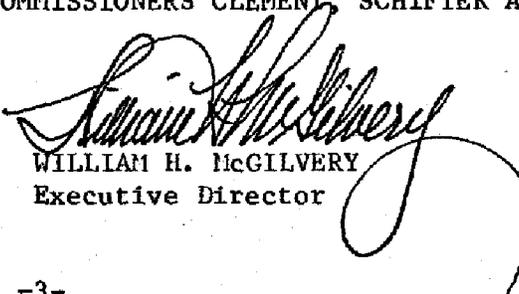
7. That applicant file with the Commission six copies of a projected annual revenue and revenue deductions operating statement no later than 12 noon, Monday, June 14, 1982, serve one copy thereof on each party of record as of Monday, June 7, 1982, and produce the original at the public hearing.

8. That Airport Limo, Inc., is hereby granted temporary authority to transport passengers, in special operations, between Dulles International Airport, Herndon, Va., on the one hand, and, on the other, the Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., and the Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

9. That the said temporary authority shall be effective on Wednesday, May 12, 1982, and shall remain in effect for 180 days through Sunday, November 7, 1982, at 11:59 p.m., unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

10. That Airport Limo, Inc., shall file two copies of WMATC Temporary Authority Tariff No. AP-82-06 setting forth the tariff rates proposed herein no later than Tuesday, May 11, 1982.

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

  
WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY  
Executive Director

