

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2574

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served June 29, 1984

Application of EDWARDS TRUCKING )  
COMPANY, INC., for Special )  
Authorization to Perform Charter )  
Operations Pursuant to Contract — )  
U.S. Geological Survey Employees )

Case No. CP-84-03

By application filed June 26, 1984, Edwards Trucking Company, Inc., seeks authorization to conduct charter operations pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 under a contract with the Department of Interior, U.S. Geological Survey (Geological Survey), transporting Geological Survey employees, over irregular routes, between the Geological Survey's National Center Building in Reston, Va., the E-2 Building in Newton Square, Reston, Va., and the Department of Interior, Washington, D.C. 1/

The contract runs from the date of award, June 21, 1984, until 12 months thereafter. It provides a fixed price of \$8,002 per month for regularly scheduled passenger shuttle service, as well as daily, hourly and mileage rates for extra on-call passenger shuttle services that apply according to various circumstances. The contract requires applicant to furnish 3 vehicles capable of seating at least 13 passengers, and to operate 8 regularly scheduled runs each government work day transporting employees between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6:10 p.m. Applicant operates sufficient suitable equipment to provide the proposed service.

Applicant is experienced in providing employee shuttle transportation. Its vice-president certifies that applicant is familiar with the Commission's rules and regulations and will comply therewith, that applicant has not been found unfit by any regulatory agency, and that it is not under any fitness investigation.

Edwards' balance sheet for the year ending September 30, 1983, shows current assets of \$684,725, fixed and other assets (net) of \$108,866, current liabilities of \$553,545, long term liabilities of

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1/ To the extent this application proposes transportation between points solely within Virginia, it is hereby dismissed pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 1(b).

\$136,231, and stockholders' equity of \$103,815. The carrier projects a cost factor of \$200 per day with revenue of \$266 per day for a projected operating ratio of approximately 75 percent.

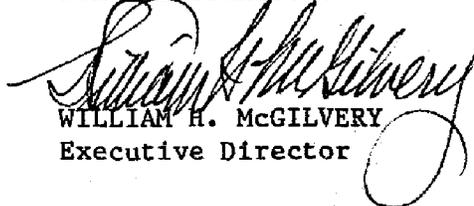
The Geological Survey's contracting officer submitted an affidavit in support of the application, stating that the agency requires a shuttle operation transporting approximately 95 Geological Survey employees a day on a continuing basis and that it is, after thorough investigation, satisfied with the applicant's ability properly to perform the service. A certificate of insurance consistent with Commission Regulation No. 62 is on file.

Inasmuch as there is a contract for the transportation of government employees by their employer for a period in excess of 181 days, this application appears generally to be amenable to processing under Commission Regulation No. 70. <sup>2/</sup> Pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 60-70, 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 the protestant would rely.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Edwards Trucking Company, 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, July 6, 1984.
2. That applicant shall file an affidavit of such publication with the Commission no later than Friday, July 13, 1984.
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, July 16, 1984, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on counsel for applicant, Donald L. Noble, Esquire, 9015 Woodyard Road, Clinton, Md. 20735.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

  
WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY  
Executive Director

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<sup>2/</sup> See Order No. 2004, served June 20, 1979, and effective July 21, 1979.