

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 2605

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served September 13, 1984

Application of SUGGS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC., for Special Authorization to Conduct Charter Operations Pursuant to Contract with U.S. Department of Agriculture)

Case No. CP-84-07

By application filed September 10, 1984, Suggs Transportation Service, Inc. ("Suggs" or "applicant"), seeks authority to conduct charter operations pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 under contract with the United States Department of Agriculture ("the Department" or "USDA") transporting employees of the Department, together with mail and baggage, over irregular routes, between the National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, Md., Agriculture Research Center, Building 005, Beltsville, Md., USDA South Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., and the Library of Congress, 1st Street, Washington, D.C.

The contract requires that a shuttle service be provided, Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays, as follows:

BELTSVILLE - D. C.

<u>Leave NAL Bldg.</u>	<u>Leave Bldg. 005</u>	<u>Arrive Library of Congress</u>	<u>Arrive South Building</u>
7:10	7:15		8:00
8:10	8:15		9:00
9:10	9:15	9:50	10:00
10:10	10:15		11:00
11:10	11:15		12:00
12:40	12:45		1:30
1:40	1:45		2:30
2:40	2:45		3:30
3:40	3:45		4:30

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<u>Leave South Building</u>	<u>Leave Library of Congress</u>	<u>Arrive NAL Bldg.</u>	<u>Arrive Bldg. 005</u>
8:10		8:55	9:00
9:10		9:55	10:00
10:10		10:55	11:00
11:10		11:55	12:00
12:40		1:25	1:30
1:40		2:25	2:30
2:40	2:50	3:25	3:30
3:40		4:25	4:30
4:40		5:25	5:30

The service will be provided using two 1984 vans each having a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 15 persons, including the driver.

Applicant is experienced in providing employee shuttle transportation. With its application, Suggs submitted a statement indicating that it is familiar with the Compact and 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.

Applicant's balance sheet, dated December 31, 1983, indicates current assets of \$326,056, plus fixed and other assets of \$240,173 and prepaid expenses of \$71,994. Current liabilities are listed at \$242,812, plus long-term and other liabilities of \$105,970. Equity and retained earnings are listed at \$307,441. Applicant projects revenues of \$96,733 from service provided under the contract with concomitant expenses of \$89,923, for an operating ratio of 93 percent.

J. R. Bishop, chief of the service contracts section, USDA Agricultural Research Service, Beltsville, Md., submitted a notarized letter in support of the application stating that ridership on the service for which it has contracted with applicant is estimated at 14 passengers per day. The letter further states that applicant's qualifications have been investigated and the Department is satisfied that applicant is capable to perform the proposed service properly.

Inasmuch as a contract has been executed for the transportation of employees pursuant to contract with an employer between points within the Metropolitan District for a period in excess of 181 days, the application appears amenable to processing under Commission

Regulation No. 70. 1/ Consequently, 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.

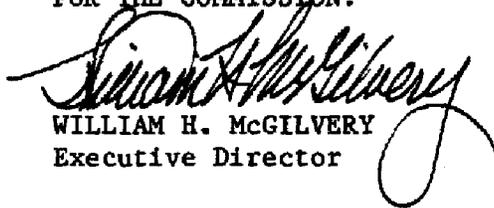
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Suggs Transportation Service, 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 Sunday, September 16, 1984.

2. That applicant shall file an affidavit of such publication with the Commission no later than Tuesday, September 25, 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 Wednesday, September 26, 1984, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on applicant, Harold Suggs, President, Suggs Transportation Service, Inc., 9015 Woodyard Road, Suite 207, Clinton, Md. 20735.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director

1/ See Order No. 2004, served June 20, 1979.

