

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 2638

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served December 11, 1984

Application of WEBB TOURS, INC.,)
 for a Certificate of Public)
 Convenience and Necessity to Con-)
 duct General Charter and Special)
 Operations Between Points in the)
 Metropolitan District)

Case No. AP-84-44

By application filed December 10, 1984, Webb Tours, Inc., seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to transport passengers and their baggage, over irregular routes, in special and charter operations, between points in the Metropolitan District. 1/ Webb now holds similar authority which is restricted to service provided in double-deck buses as well as more limited authority restricted to transportation in vans. The main purpose of this application is to allow Webb to utilize any type of passenger vehicle in its charter and special operations.

Webb proposes the following basic rates for special operations sightseeing tours:

<u>TOUR</u>	<u>ADULT FARE</u>	<u>CHILDREN UNDER 12</u>
Building	\$14.00	\$7.00
D.C. and Arlington, Va.	14.00	7.00
Night City	14.00	7.00
Dinner Tour	14.00 <u>2/</u>	7.00 <u>2/</u>
Combination of Two Tours	25.00	12.50

1/ To the extent that this application could be construed as seeking authority to transport passengers solely between points in Virginia, it is hereby dismissed. See Title II, Article XII, Section 1(b) of the Compact.

2/ Plus the actual cost of the dinner. The cost of a dinner would also be additional when a dinner tour is included in a combination of two tours.

No other special operations rates are proposed. Basic rates for charter service would be \$44.50 an hour for service in a double-deck bus, \$75.00 an hour if a Neoplan double-deck bus is used, and \$35.00 an hour for service in conventional coaches. No rate is specified for service in vans. All charter trips have a minimum charge for three hours of service time and one hour of deadhead time.

Webb's balance sheet, dated December 31, 1983, shows current assets of \$3,252, total assets of \$50,171, short-term liabilities of \$21,750, long-term liabilities of \$22,936 and equity of \$5,485. For calendar year 1983, Webb shows WMATC operating income of \$309,344, total income of \$696,426, total expenses of \$692,859 and an overall operating ratio of 99.31 percent (excluding \$1,221 in interest expenses).

Webb's equipment list includes two Neoplan double-deck buses, three MCI coaches, 11 double-deck buses and one 17-passenger van.

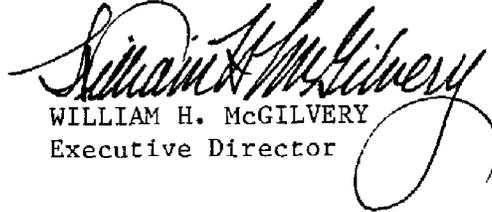
Pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b) of the Compact, this application must be scheduled for public hearing to determine if the applicant is fit, willing and able properly to perform the proposed service and to abide by pertinent regulatory requirements, and to determine if the public convenience and necessity require the proposed service.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That a public hearing in Case No. AP-84-44 of Webb Tours, Inc., is hereby scheduled to commence Wednesday, January 23, 1985, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Commission, Room 314, 1625 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, and to continue from day to day thereafter.
2. That applicant publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, and post continuously and conspicuously in its vehicles through the date of public hearing, notice of this application and hearing, in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Wednesday December 26, 1984 and present at the hearing affidavits of said publication and posting.
3. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule 14, or any person desiring to be heard on this matter shall so notify the Commission, in writing, no later than January 8, 1985, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or notice on counsel for applicant, Jere W. Glover, Esquire, 1725 K Street, N.W., #308, Washington, D.C. 20006.

4. That applicant is hereby assessed \$1,000 pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 19 of the Compact, and is directed to deliver said amount to the office of the Commission, 1625 I Street, N.W., Washington D.C. 20006, no later than Thursday January 17, 1985.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director