

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 2847

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served April 15, 1986

Application of ALL ABOUT TOWN,)
INC., for Temporary Authority to)
Conduct Special Operations,)
Sightseeing)

Case No. AP-86-12

By application filed March 31, 1986, as amended April 8 and 14, 1986, All About Town, Inc. ("applicant"), seeks temporary authority pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 4(d)(3), to transport passengers over irregular routes in special operations, conducting individually-ticketed sightseeing tours. Applicant proposes to conduct such operations between points in the District of Columbia; Prince George's County, Md., south of Route 214 (Central Avenue); and points within Virginia and the Metropolitan District south of Interstate Route 66. */

Applicant has submitted a tariff showing the tours it proposes to offer. The adult per capita prices range from \$12 for the half-day tours to \$59.50 for the 2-1/2 day tour. Children 11 years of age and younger would be charged half the adult fare when accompanied by an adult paying full fare. There would be no charge for infants in arms.

The equipment applicant proposes to use includes (but is said not to be limited to) one 1968 coach and two 1974 coaches, all air-conditioned. These vehicles are currently leased to another WMATC carrier, Blue Lines, Inc., and it would be necessary for applicant to terminate these leases in order to use this equipment in its own operations.

Applicant has submitted certain financial data including an operating statement for the period June 1 through December 31, 1985, and a statement of estimated cash flow projected for calendar years 1986 through 1988.

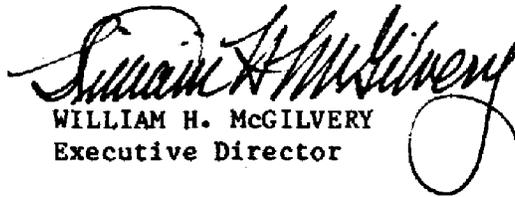
*/ To the extent this application could be construed to seek authority for transportation solely within the Commonwealth of Virginia, the same is hereby dismissed pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 1(b).

Applicant has never held authority from this Commission. It has presented a statement indicating that its owners and officers have many years of prior experience with a number of WMATC certificated carriers and that they are familiar with the Compact and the Commission's rules and regulations.

The standards for temporary authority are set forth in the Compact at Title II, Article XII, Section 4(d)(3). The essential elements are (1) an immediate and urgent need for service, (2) no carrier service capable of meeting such need, and (3) fitness of the applicant. In view of the allegation of immediate and urgent need, this order will provide notice of this application and a brief time will be provided for the filing of protests, if any. No extension of time will be granted. The application is available for inspection at the office of the Commission during its regular business hours.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that any person desiring to protest this application shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule No. 14, at the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, no later than Monday, April 28, 1986, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on All About Town, Inc., 519 - 6th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


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