

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 2862

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served May 16, 1986

Application of MADHU SUDAN for a )  
Certificate of Public Convenience )  
and Necessity to Conduct Special )  
Operations -- Sightseeing Tours )

Case No. AP-86-17

By application filed May 14, 1986, Madhu Sudan seeks authority to transport passengers in special operations, over irregular routes, between points in the District of Columbia and Arlington National Cemetery and Mt. Vernon, Va., restricted to sightseeing tours. 1/

Mr. Sudan would conduct the proposed service as a sole proprietor using one 1986 15-passenger van. Applicant proposes to offer four tours. Applicant's basic tour includes "indoor and outdoor views" of attractions described as follows: the White House, Capitol, Smithsonian, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, National History Building, Ford's Theatre, Washington Monument, Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, and Viet Nam Memorial. The proposed rate for this tour is \$12.50 per person. For an additional \$6 per person any equal number of buildings may be substituted if located in "the central business district of Washington, D.C., or the area bounded by the Capitol Building on the East, the Jefferson Memorial on the South, the Lincoln Memorial on the West and the White House on the North." A third tour including all buildings on the basic tour plus Arlington National Cemetery is also proposed at a rate of \$12.50 per person. A separate tour of Mt. Vernon would be available at a proposed rate of \$15 per person.

With his application, Mr. Sudan submitted a balance sheet as of May 1, 1986, indicating current assets of \$25,500 and fixed assets after depreciation of \$33,300. Long-term liabilities of \$27,200 and capital stock of \$31,600 2/ are listed. The bulk of the current assets as well as long-term liabilities consists of a line of credit in the

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1/ To the extent that this application could be interpreted to include transportation between points located solely within the Commonwealth of Virginia, the application is dismissed for want of jurisdiction pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 1(b) of the Compact.

2/ We shall interpret this as proprietor's equity.

amount of \$20,000. 3/ A projected operating statement for the first 12 months of operations estimates WMATC operating revenues will be \$36,000 and total gross income will be \$49,000. Operating expenses for the same period are projected at \$35,400, with net income after allowance for depreciation and taxes projected at \$2,740.

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.

THREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That a public hearing in Case No. AP-86-17 is hereby scheduled to commence Tuesday, June 24, 1986, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Commission, 1625 I Street, N.W., Room 314, Washington, D.C. 20006.
2. That the applicant shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District notice of this application and the hearing thereon, in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Tuesday, May 27, 1986, and present at the hearing an affidavit of said publication.
3. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule No. 14, or any person desiring to be heard on this matter shall so notify the Commission, in writing, no later than Friday, June 13, 1986, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or notice on applicant's counsel, Herbert R. Rubenstein, Esq., 1150 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 1010, Washington, D.C. 20036.
4. That applicant is hereby assessed \$600 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., Room 316, Washington, D.C. 20006, no later than Friday, June 13, 1986.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

  
WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY  
Executive Director

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3/ A letter of credit was included in Mr. Sudan's application.