

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 2943

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served December 4, 1986

Application of OLD TOWN TROLLEY)
TOURS OF WASHINGTON, INC., to) Case No. AP-86-42
Amend Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity No. 124)

By application filed November 18, 1986, as amended November 21, 1986, Old Town Trolley Tours of Washington, Inc. ("Town Trolley" or "applicant"), seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to transport passengers in special operations over irregular routes between points in the District of Columbia; and in charter operations from points in the Metropolitan District to points in Arlington County, Va., and from points in Arlington County, Va., to points in the Metropolitan District. 1/ Through the instant application, Town Trolley seeks to expand its existing authority.

Applicant presently holds WMATC Certificate No. 124 which authorizes the following transportation:

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Restricted to lectured sightseeing tours over a loop serving hotels in Washington, D.C., located on Sixteenth Street, N.W.; Calvert Street, N.W.; New Jersey Avenue, N.W.; Woodley Road, N.W.; Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.; Connecticut Avenue, N.W.; and K Street, N.W.; and the Old Post Office-Pavilion, Steven Decatur House, National Zoological Park, Woodrow Wilson House, Georgetown Park, and the Convention Center.

CHARTER OPERATIONS

Between points in the District of Columbia, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, Md., Fairfax County and Alexandria, Va., except between points located solely within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

1/ To the extent this application could be construed to seek authority to transport passengers within the Commonwealth of Virginia, it is hereby dismissed for want of jurisdiction pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 1(b) of the Compact.

RESTRICTED, in A and B above, to transportation performed in vehicles configured as trackless trolleys and constructed on truck chassis.

Applicant presently conducts its operations in 10 vehicles configured as trackless trolleys constructed on truck chassis. Applicant would use these vehicles in its proposed operations. Town Trolley's special operations service is offered at intervals of 15 and 30 minutes depending on the season and day of the week. Applicant states that the proposed operations would not alter this schedule.

The proposed tariff for this service is \$8 for adults, \$3 for children under 12, and \$6 for military personnel, senior citizens and members of groups with 20 or more persons. Charter operations will be billed at \$160 for a minimum of two hours and \$60 each additional hour. The proposed tariff is identical to applicant's existing WMATC Tariff No. 1.

With its application Town Trolley submitted a balance sheet dated September 30, 1986, indicating assets of \$140,334, liabilities of \$15,816, and equity of \$124,518. Applicant submitted a projection of revenues and revenue deductions for an unspecified period which estimates revenues from special operations of \$887,100, from charter operations of \$99,000, and from trolley rentals of \$16,000. Revenue deductions are estimated at \$865,100.

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 to perform properly the proposed service and to abide by pertinent regulatory requirements and to determine whether the public convenience and necessity require the proposed service.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

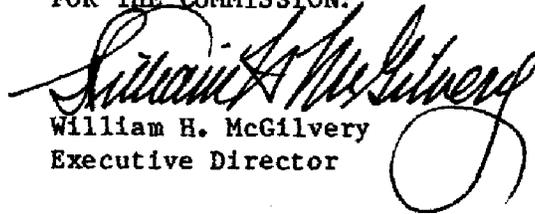
1. That a public hearing in Case No. AP-86-42 is hereby scheduled to commence Thursday, January 15, 1987, at 9:30 a.m. in the hearing room of the Commission, 1625 I Street, N.W., Room 314, Washington, D.C. 20006.

2. That the applicant shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, and shall post continuously and conspicuously in each of its vehicles through the date of public hearing, notice of this application and the hearing thereon in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Thursday, December 11, 1986, 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 No. 14, or any person desiring to be heard on this matter shall so notify the Commission, in writing, no later than Monday, January 5, 1987, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or notice on applicant's attorney, Joel C. Weingarten, 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 514, Bethesda, Md. 20814.

4. That applicant is hereby assessed \$300 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., Suite 316, Washington, D.C. 20006, no later than Monday, January 5, 1987.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


William H. McGilvery
Executive Director