

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 2986

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served March 11, 1987

EUGENE GEORGE T/A SILVER STAR)
SIGHTSEEING TOURS for an Amended)
Certificate of Public Convenience)
and Necessity)

Case No. AP-87-02

By application filed February 18, 1987, Eugene George trading as Silver Star Sightseeing Tours seeks authority to transport passengers, together with mail, express, and baggage in the same vehicles with passengers, in special operations (round-trip sightseeing tours), from Econo Lodge (6800 Lee Highway, Arlington, Va.) and Comfort Inn (1211 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, Va.) to points in the District of Columbia and Arlington County, Va. and return, restricted to service in vehicles with a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 15 passengers or less (including the driver) and further restricted against transportation solely between points in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Applicant currently holds WMATC Certificate No. 108 which authorizes the following transportation:

IRREGULAR ROUTES:

SPECIAL OPERATIONS, transporting passengers and their baggage in the same vehicles with passengers, in round-trip sightseeing service, from Econo-Travel Motor Hotel, 3335 Lee Highway, Arlington, Va.; Quality Inn-Governor Motel, 6650 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax County, Va.; Econo Lodge, 421 West Broad Street, Falls Church, Va.; Stratford Motor Lodge, 300 West Broad Street, Falls Church, Va.; Travelodge Seven Corners, 6111 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax County, Va.; and Best Western Falls Church Inn, 6633 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax County, Va.; to points in the District of Columbia and Arlington County, Va. and return.

RESTRICTED to service in vehicles with a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 15 passengers or less (including the driver) and further restricted against transportation solely between points in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Applicant's proposed operations would be conducted in a 1979 10-passenger van. Mr. George would feature a five-hour sightseeing tour which includes stops at the United States Capitol, the White House, the Museum of American History, the Air and Space Museum, the Lincoln Memorial, the Viet Nam Memorial, and a riding tour of other points of interest, with substitutions made as necessary. Applicant submitted a proposed tariff which indicates an adult fare of \$20 and a reduced fare of \$10 for children under the age of 10 when accompanied by a parent. The proposed tour and tariff rate are identical to applicant's operations and rates under existing authority.

Applicant submitted a balance sheet dated December 31, 1985, which reflects \$500 cash and fixed assets, after depreciation, of \$2,266. Liabilities of \$1,600 and proprietor's equity of \$1,166 are shown. An operating statement for the 12-month period ending December 31, 1985, shows revenues of \$25,000 and revenue deductions of \$15,593 resulting in net operating income of \$9,407. Both the balance sheet and the operating statement are over one year old, and applicant will be directed to file updated financials. Applicant also submitted a projection of revenue and revenue deductions for the proposed operations. Mr. George estimates revenues of \$9,000 and revenue deductions of \$4,750 yielding net operating income of \$4,250.

Pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b) of the Compact, this application will be scheduled for public hearing to determine if the applicant is fit, willing and able to perform properly the proposed service and 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-87-02 is scheduled to commence Thursday, April 23, 1987, at 9:30 a.m. in the hearing room of the Commission, 1625 I Street, N.W., Room 314, Washington, D.C. 20006.

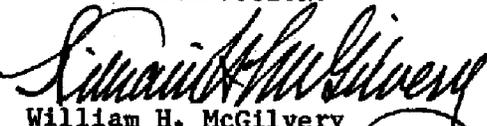
2. That Eugene George trading as Silver Star Sightseeing Tours shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, and shall post continuously and conspicuously in each of his vehicles through the date of the public hearing, notice of this application and the hearing thereon in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Wednesday, March 25, 1987, 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, April 13, 1987, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such notice on applicant's attorney, Joel C. Weingarten, Esquire, 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 914, Bethesda, Md. 20814.

4. That applicant shall file a current balance sheet and operating statement with the Commission no later than Monday, April 13, 1987.

5. 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, April 13, 1987.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


William H. McGilvery
Executive Director 