

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 3086

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served October 23, 1987

Application of PRIORITY ONE	)	Case No. CP-87-12
SERVICES, INC., for Special	)	
Authorization to Perform Charter	)	
Operations Pursuant to Contract --	)	
FERC	)	

By application filed October 20, 1987, Priority One Services, Inc. ("applicant" or "Priority"), seeks authorization to conduct charter operations pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 under a contract with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") transporting employees of FERC and persons traveling on official business with FERC, together with mail, express, and baggage in the same vehicle as passengers, in scheduled operations, between 825 North Capitol Street, N.E.; 400 First Street, N.W.; 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.; and Union Station Metro Stop, all points within the District of Columbia and, on an on-call basis, between points in the Metropolitan District.

The contract, which, by its terms, cannot commence prior to a grant of authority, is based upon FERC's requirements for the period October 1, 1987, through September 30, 1988, with two one-year options to renew through September 30, 1990. The agreement requires the performance of daily shuttle service from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., except weekends and federal holidays. From time to time FERC may require unscheduled van service between the FERC locations regularly served or between other points in the Metropolitan District. The contract requires Priority to provide an unspecified number of vans, each with a seating capacity of not less than 14 passengers and equipped with a two-way radio. Priority intends to dedicate vehicles, including back-up, to the contract but does not have the necessary equipment yet.

Applicant is a Virginia corporation registered with the Commonwealth of Virginia on October 9, 1986. Its president Jose Figueroa owns 100 percent of the 500 shares of stock outstanding. Mr. Figueroa is experienced in the provision of shuttle bus service. He states he is familiar with the Compact and WMATC rules and regulations and will comply therewith as well as the rules and regulations of the United States Department of Transportation, which

constitute WMATC's safety regulations. Mr. Figueroa attests that neither he nor any firm with which he has been affiliated has ever been found unfit by or investigated by the Interstate Commerce Commission, the United States Department of Transportation, the Virginia State Department of Transportation, the Virginia State Corporation Commission or any other board or Commission.

Priority's balance sheet, dated September 30, 1987, shows current assets of \$7,861 (including a \$500 loan to officer), total assets of \$19,037, current liabilities of \$5,345, long-term liabilities of \$8,015, and equity of \$5,677 (including capital stock of \$500). For the 12-month period ended September 30, 1987, Priority shows non-WMATC operating income of \$68,906 and operating expenses, including taxes and depreciation, of \$63,792. On the instant contract, Priority projects revenues of \$54,156 and revenue deductions of \$53,225 for an operating ratio of 98.

The director of the FERC's Procurement Division submitted an affidavit stating that a maximum of 14 passengers will be transported on each shuttle move. FERC issued this contract after investigating Priority's qualifications and determining that Priority was able properly to perform the required service.

Inasmuch as there is a contract with the government for the transportation of government employees and persons traveling on official business with the government for a period in excess of 181 days, this application appears to be amenable to processing under Commission Regulation No. 70. See Order No. 2004, served June 20, 1979, and effective July 21, 1979. Pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 70-06, notice of this application must be published and opportunity given for the filing of protests. Protests, if any, must be written, sworn and notarized, and must contain all evidence and argument upon which the protestant would rely.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Priority One Services, Inc., shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, notice of this application in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission no later than Tuesday, October 27, 1987.

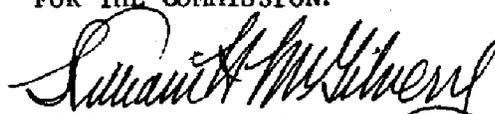
2. That Priority One Services, Inc., shall file an affidavit of such publication with the Commission no later than Friday, November 6, 1987.

3. That Priority One Services, Inc., shall file with the Commission no later than Friday, November 6, 1987, the following: (1) a complete list of its revenue vehicles to be used in rendering the service proposed in this application showing make, model, year, serial number, and passenger seating capacity (including the driver), and (2)

evidence that all vehicles have been licensed in the Metropolitan District, inspected, and approved for transportation-for-hire operations by the jurisdiction in which they are licensed.

4. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a notarized protest in conformance with Commission Regulation No. 70-06 at the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, no later than Friday, November 6, 1987, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on Jose Figueroa, President, Priority One Services, Inc., 4942 Americana Drive, Annandale, Va. 22003.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

  
William H. McGilvery  
Executive Director

