

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 3119

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served January 29, 1988

Application of V.I.P. TOURS)
to Amend Certificate No. 85)

Case No. AP-87-35

By application filed January 20, 1988, V.I.P. Tours seeks to amend Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 85 to include transportation of passengers, together with mail, express, and baggage, in the same vehicle as passengers, in vehicles with a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 30 passengers or less, including the driver.

Certificate No. 85 authorizes the following transportation:

IRREGULAR ROUTES:

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

- (a) transporting schoolchildren between the Georgetown Day School, Washington, D.C., on the one hand, and, on the other, points in the District of Columbia and Montgomery County, Md.; and
- (b) transporting passengers restricted to lectured, round-trip sightseeing tours between Mt. Vernon and Arlington National Cemetery, Va., and points in that part of the District of Columbia south of a line beginning at the junction of Constitution Avenue, N.W., and Rock Creek Parkway, N.W., thence along Constitution Avenue, N.W., to 17th Street, N.W., thence along 17 Street, N.W., to Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., thence along Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., to 10th Street, N.W., thence along 10th Street, N.W., to F Street, N.W., thence along F Street, N.W., to 9th Street, N.W., thence along 9th Street, N.W., to Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., thence along Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., to Constitution Avenue, N.W., thence along Constitution Avenue to its junction with 2nd Street, N.E.; and
- (c) transporting passengers restricted to lectured, round-trip sightseeing tours between Days Inn-Capital Centre, Capitol Heights, Md., on

the one hand, and, on the other, Mt. Vernon and Arlington National Cemetery, Va., and points in that part of the District of Columbia south of a line beginning at the junction of Constitution Avenue, N.W., and Rock Creek Parkway, N.W., thence along Constitution Avenue, N.W., to 17th Street, N.W., thence along 17th Street, N.W., to Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., thence along Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., to 10th Street, N.W., thence along 10th Street, N.W., to F Street, N.W., thence along F Street, N.W., to 9th Street, N.W., thence along 9th Street, N.W., to Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., thence along Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., to Constitution Avenue, N.W., thence along Constitution Avenue, to its junction with 2nd Street, N.E.

RESTRICTED in (a), (b), and (c) above to the transportation of passengers in vehicles with a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 15 passengers or less (including the driver).

Applicant's proposed operations would be conducted in a 30-passenger vehicle that would be purchased or leased if this application is approved. The proposed rates for the 30-passenger vehicle and the tour service to be provided would be identical to the rates and service presently provided under Certificate No. 85.

Applicant submitted a statement of financial condition dated June 30, 1987, which lists current assets in cash of \$1,200 with fixed assets, after allowance for depreciation, of \$14,200. Liabilities are listed at \$12,000 with equity of \$3,400. Applicant's operating statement for the six-month period ended June 30, 1987, shows \$27,000 in WMATC operating revenue and \$18,400 in expenses yielding a net operating income of \$8,600. Applicant projects \$32,000 in revenue generated from its first year of operations with the 29-passenger vehicle, expenses are estimated at \$29,800 yielding net operating income for the proposed operations of \$2,200.

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:

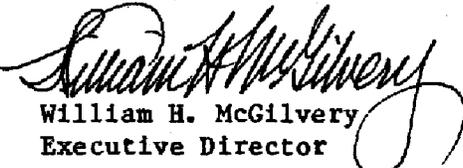
1. That a public hearing in Case No. AP-87-35 is scheduled to commence Tuesday, March 8, 1988, at 9:30 a.m. in the hearing room of the Commission, 1625 I Street, N.W., Room 314, Washington, D.C. 20006.

2. That applicant is hereby directed to publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, and to post continuously in each of its vehicles through the date of the public hearing, notice of this application and hearing thereon, in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Tuesday, February 9, 1988, and to present at hearing affidavits of 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 Friday, February 26, 1988, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or notice on applicant's counsel, Joel C. Weingarten, Esquire, 51 Monroe Street, Suite 1500, Rockville, Md. 20850.

4. That applicant is hereby assessed \$450 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, February 26, 1988.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


William H. McGilvery
Executive Director