

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 3159

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served May 2, 1988

Application of U.S. SHUTTLE, INC., )  
for a Certificate of Public )  
Convenience and Necessity to )  
Conduct Special Operations )

Case No. AP-88-13

By application filed April 19, 1988, U.S. Shuttle, Inc. ("U.S. Shuttle" or "applicant"), seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to transport passengers, together with baggage in the same vehicle as passengers, in special operations between Washington Dulles International Airport ("Dulles"), Herndon, Va., and Washington National Airport ("National"), Gravelly Point, Va., on the one hand, and, on the other, points in the Metropolitan District, restricted to transportation in vehicles with a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 15 passengers or less (including the driver) and further restricted against transportation solely within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Applicant's proposed operations would be conducted in ten 8-passenger vans and two 12-passenger vans. U.S. Shuttle intends to add to its fleet as necessary. Applicant would provide two types of service: "Shared Rides" and "Premium Service". Shared Rides would include a maximum of three stops en route and a final discharge of passengers on trips between Dulles and National, on the one hand, and on the other, the District of Columbia. A maximum of two stops en route and a final discharge of passengers would be provided on trips between Dulles and National, on the one hand, and, on the other, all other points in the Metropolitan District. Premium Service would limit the number of stops to one stop en route and a final discharge of passengers between the above-listed airports, on the one hand, and, on the other, all locations within the Metropolitan District. Advance notice is required for Premium Service but that requirement may be waived by the dispatcher.

Applicant would provide service in eight geographical sectors as follows: Sector 1 - Washington, D.C., Northwest and Southwest; Sector 2 - Washington, D.C., Northeast and Southeast; Sector 3 - Washington, D.C., Downtown; Sector 4 - Rockville - Bethesda, Md.; Sector 5 - Gaithersburg Area, Md.; Sector 6 - College Park - Greenbelt Area, Md.; Sector 7 - District Heights - Bowie Area, Md.; and Sector 8 - Forest Heights - Andrews Air Force Base, Md. A more detailed description of the areas to be served is included in the Appendix to this order.

One-way fares between National on the one hand, and, on the other, the eight above-described sectors range in price from \$5 to \$17 for Shared Rides and from \$7.50 to \$22.50 for Premium Service. One-way fares between Dulles, on the one hand, and, the other, the eight sectors range in price from \$10 to \$25 for Shared Rides and from \$14.50 to \$31.50 for Premium Service. A \$5 charge would be added to the fare for each type of service for each additional person in a preformed group with identical origins and destinations. If a passenger misses a scheduled flight due to delay on the part of U.S. Shuttle, applicant would reimburse the passenger for additional costs incurred as a result of the missed flight (including lodging and meals).

U.S. Shuttle submitted a balance sheet dated May 1, 1988, which shows \$144,038 in current assets and \$216,748 in fixed assets. Liabilities are listed at \$150,786 with equity of \$210,000. A projected operating statement for the first 12 months of WMATC operations estimates total operating income of \$1,733,000 and operating expenses of \$1,740,636 resulting in a loss of \$7,636 after allowance for depreciation and taxes. Applicant also has available a \$90,000 unused line of credit.

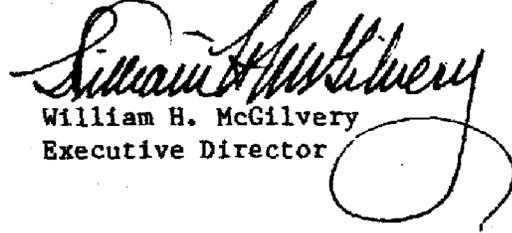
Pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b) of the Compact, this application will be scheduled for public hearing to determine if the applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the proposed service properly and comply with the Compact and Commission rules, regulations, and orders and to determine whether the public convenience and necessity require the proposed service.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That a public hearing in Case No. AP-88-13, is hereby scheduled to commence Tuesday, June 7, 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 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 Wednesday, May 11, 1988.
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, May 27, 1988, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or notice on applicant's attorney, William F. King, Esq., 4660 Kenmore Ave., Suite 1018, Alexandria, Va. 22304.

4. That applicant is hereby assessed \$800 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 Friday, May 27, 1988.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

  
William H. McGilvery  
Executive Director

GEOGRAPHICAL SECTORS IN SERVICE AREA

Sector 1. - Washington, D.C. N.W. & S.W.

All addresses in Washington, D.C. located on or west of a line beginning at the District of Columbia/Montgomery County Line and extending south over Blair Rd. to its intersection with North Capitol St., and then south over North Capitol St. to its intersection with D St., N.E.; on or south of a line extending east over D St., N.E., to its intersection with 2nd St., N.E.; on or west of a line extending south over 2nd St., N.E. & S.E., to its intersection with C St., S.E.; on or north of a line extending west over C St., S.E., to its intersection with South Capitol St.; and on or west of a line extending south over South Capitol St., to the Anacostia River; except those addresses located in the area of the District of Columbia described in Sector 3, below.

Sector 2. - Washington, D.C. N.E. & S.E.

All addresses in Washington, D.C. located east of a line beginning at the District of Columbia/Montgomery County Line and extending south over Blair Rd. to its intersection with North Capitol St., and then south over North Capitol St., to its intersection with D St., N.E.; north of a line extending east over D St., N.E., to its intersection with 2nd St., N.E.; east of a line extending south over 2nd St., N.E. & S.E., to its intersection with C St., S.E.; south of a line extending west over C St., S.E., to its intersection with South Capitol St.; east of a line extending south over South Capitol St., to the Anacostia River; except those addresses located in the area of the District of Columbia described in Sector 3, below.

Sector 3. - Washington, D.C. Downtown

All addresses located in that part of the District of Columbia located on or east of a line extending along the eastern boundary of Rock Creek Park to its intersection with Q St., N.W., located on or south of a line extending east over Q St., N.W. to its intersection with 12th St., N.W., on or west of a line extending over 12th St., N.W., to its intersection with Massachusetts Ave., N.W., and then south and east over Massachusetts Ave., N.W. to its intersection with 9th St., N.W., and then south over 9th St., N.W., to its intersection with Constitution Ave., N.W.; and on or north of a line extending west over Constitution Ave., N.W., to its intersection with the eastern boundary of Rock Creek Park.

Sector 4. - Rockville - Bethesda, Md.

All addresses in Montgomery County on, south, or east of a line beginning at the Maryland/Virginia Line and extending north over Travilah Rd. to its intersection with MD Hwy. 28, then north over MD Hwy. 28 to its intersection with Shady Grove Rd., then north over Shady Grove Rd. to its intersection with Muncaster Mill Rd., then east over Muncaster Mill Rd. to its intersection with Muncaster Rd., then north over Muncaster Rd. to MD Hwy. 108, and then east and north over MD Hwy. 108 to the Montgomery County/Howard County boundary.

Sector 5. - Gaithersburg Area, Md.

All addresses in Montgomery County located north and west of the line described in Sector 4.

Sector 6. - College Park - Greenbelt Area, Md.

All addresses in Prince George's County located on or north of U.S. Hwy. 50.

Sector 7. - District Heights - Bowie Area, Md.

All addresses in Prince George's County located south of U.S. Hwy. 50 and north of MD Hwy. 4.

Sector 8. - Forest Heights - Andrews AFB Area, Md.

All addresses in Prince George's County located on or south of MD Hwy. 4.