

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 3225

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served August 26, 1988

Application of PRIORITY ONE)
SERVICES, INC., for Special)
Authorization to Conduct Charter)
Operations Pursuant to Contract)
with United States Department of)
Interior -- Geological Survey)

Case No. CP-88-08

By application filed August 23, 1988, Priority One Services, Inc. (applicant or Priority One), seeks authority pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 to transport employees of and persons traveling on official business with the United States Department of Interior, Geological Survey (USGS) in charter operations under contract with USGS between points in the Metropolitan District.

By its terms the contract, which was awarded on August 19, 1988, extends from August 11, 1988, through July 31, 1988, and includes two options to renew. The agreement requires the performance of scheduled shuttle service between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday except federal holidays between USGS's National Center Building, Reston, VA, and the United States Department of Interior, Washington, DC, and on-call service throughout the Metropolitan District. Two 14-passenger vehicles, manufactured in 1987 or later, are required to perform the contract. Applicant plans to dedicate two 1988 15-passenger vehicles to the contract.

Applicant has been assigned Special Authorization No. 135 for the purpose of performing shuttle service for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Applicant's president certifies that he is familiar with the Compact and the Commission's rules and regulations and will comply therewith and that neither he nor any company with which he has been affiliated has been found unfit by this Commission, the Interstate Commerce Commission, or the United States Department of Transportation. To ensure safe and efficient service applicant's vehicles will be inspected and serviced on a regular basis. Vehicles will be housed in or near the District of Columbia and drivers will be screened for safety, required to inspect vehicles before operating them, and monitored by radio or beeper during the day. Any communications from USGS will be received at applicant's office and relayed to drivers as needed.

With its application, Priority One submitted a statement of financial condition as of January 31, 1988, showing current assets of \$20,618, fixed assets after allowance for depreciation of \$33,754, other assets of \$892, current liabilities of \$20,508, long-term

liabilities of \$20,766, and equity of \$13,990. For the four months ended January 31, 1989, applicant had WMATC operating income of \$9,460 and other operating income of \$28,200 for total operating income of \$37,660. Total operating expenses for the same period, including taxes and depreciation, were \$33,412 resulting in net operating income of \$4,248 for an operating ratio of 89. Applicant projects revenue from the initial contract period to be \$96,850 with revenue deductions in the same amount.

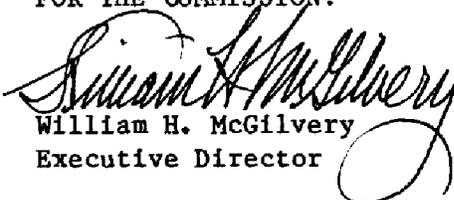
An affidavit from USGS's Contracting Officer accompanied the application. The affidavit indicates that USGS expects applicant to begin performing service on September 1, 1988, that the individuals to be transported are USGS employees or persons having official business with the Department of Interior, and that similar service has been previously performed. The affiant further attests that Priority One was determined to be qualified to perform the required service in compliance with contract specifications based on an on-sight visit to its facility on August 16, 1988.

It appears that this case is amenable to processing under Commission Regulation No. 70. See Order No. 2004, served June 20, 1979, effective July 21, 1979. Pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 70-06, notice of this application must be published and an opportunity given for filing protests. Protests, if any, must be written, sworn, and notarized, and must contain all evidence and argument upon which protestant would rely.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That applicant 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, August 30, 1988.
2. That applicant file an affidavit of such publication with the Commission no later than Friday, September 9, 1988.
3. 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 Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission, Suite 316, 1625 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20006, no later than Friday, September 9, 1988, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on applicant's president, Mr. Jose Figueroa, 4942 Americana Drive, Annandale, VA 22003.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


William H. McGilvery
Executive Director