

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 3356

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served June 16, 1989

Application of LEE COACHES, INC., )  
for a Certificate Authorizing )  
Charter Operations )

Case No. AP-89-21

By application filed April 24, 1989, Lee Coaches, Inc. (applicant), a Virginia corporation, seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to transport passengers, together with mail, express, and baggage in the same vehicle with passengers, in for-hire charter operations between points in the Metropolitan District, except transportation solely within the Commonwealth of Virginia. [See Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 1(b).]

Applicant's proposed tariff shows group charter rates of \$40 an hour with a six-hour minimum charge. Transfers would be \$40 an hour with a four-hour minimum plus two hours travel time to or from points in the Metropolitan District except Washington Dulles International Airport (Dulles). Dulles transfers would have a four-hour minimum plus three hours travel time. The tariff further states that guide services and other services specified by the customer would be charged at cost.

Applicant's equipment list shows thirteen buses manufactured between 1968 and 1981 and seating 46 or 47 passengers. Applicant also submitted a balance sheet as of December 31, 1987, an operating statement for the year ended December 31, 1987, and a projection of revenues and expenses for a future annual period. Applicant will be directed to file more current historical financial data.

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 the Commission's rules and regulations and to determine whether the public convenience and necessity require the proposed service. Applicant will be assessed an amount preliminarily estimated to cover the hearing expenses applicant is required to bear pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 19.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That a public hearing in Case No. AP-89-21 is hereby scheduled to commence Wednesday, July 26, 1989, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Commission, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104.

2. That Lee Coaches, Inc., 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 Tuesday, June 27, 1989, and shall present at the hearing an affidavit of publication.

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, July 14, 1989, 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 Lee Coaches, Inc., is hereby assessed \$500 pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 19, and is directed to deliver said amount to the office of the Commission, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104, no later than Friday, July 14, 1989.

5. That Lee Coaches, Inc., shall file with the Commission no later than Friday, July 14, 1989, an original and four copies of a balance sheet as of December 31, 1988, and a operating statement for the year ended December 31, 1988.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

  
William H. McGilvery  
Executive Director