

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 3383

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served August 3, 1989

Application of NATIONAL BUS LINES,)
INC., for a Certificate)
Authorizing Charter Operations)

Case No. AP-89-37

By application filed July 26, 1989, National Bus Lines, Inc. (NBL or applicant), a Delaware corporation, seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to transport passengers, together with mail, express, and baggage in the same vehicle as passengers, in for-hire charter operations between all points in the Metropolitan District, restricted against service between two points both of which are located in the Commonwealth of Virginia. 1/

Applicant's tariff shows charter rates of \$53 an hour with a four-hour minimum that includes one-hour garage time. One-way transfer charges are shown as follows:

To/From Washington National Airport	\$175
To/From Washington Dulles International Airport	\$225
Other transfers	\$175

Charter sightseeing service would be provided at the charter rate plus \$10 an hour (minimum four hours) if the driver serves as lecturer. If a separate lecturer is provided, the additional charge would be based upon the cost to NBL. Volume discounts of 10 to 15 percent are available. Applicant's equipment list shows one 1989 Setra Intercontinental Coach seating 48 passengers. Applicant currently conducts operations authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission (MC-158549).

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 expense applicant is required to bear pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 19.

1/ The Commission's jurisdiction does not include transportation solely within the Commonwealth of Virginia. See Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 1(b).

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That a public hearing in Case No. AP-89-37 is hereby scheduled to begin Thursday, September 21, 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 National Bus Lines, 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 Monday, August 21, 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 Monday, September 11, 1989, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or notice on applicant's counsel, Steven T. Blomberg, Esq., 444 N. Frederick Avenue, #200, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

4. That National Bus Lines, 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 no later than Monday, September 11, 1989.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


William H. McGilver
Executive Director