

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 3406

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served September 15, 1989

Application of MICHELINE )  
INTERNATIONAL TOURS INC., for a )  
Certificate of Public Convenience )  
and Necessity -- Charter and )  
Special Operations )

Case No. AP-89-48

By application filed September 7, 1989, Micheline International Tours Inc. (MIT or applicant), a Virginia corporation, seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to transport passengers in for-hire charter and special operations (together with mail, express, and baggage in the same vehicle as passengers) between points in the Metropolitan District, \*/ restricted to service in vehicles with a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 15 persons or less. MIT plans to conduct the proposed operations in one 1989 15-passenger vehicle. Three tours would be offered. Tour No. 1 "City Tour" would include a riding tour of Pennsylvania Avenue, the Federal Triangle, Supreme Court, Library of Congress, and Arlington National Cemetery. Stops would be made at the U.S. Capitol, and Lincoln and Vietnam Veterans Memorials. Tour No. 2 would be a "Night Tour" including an observation tour of Embassy Row, Iwo Jima Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, U.S. Capitol, and the White House; stops would be made at Georgetown and the Lincoln Memorial. The proposed fare for both tours is \$25 a person. Each tour is four hours. Applicant's third tour is the "Mt. Vernon Tour" which includes stops at Old-Town Alexandria, Christ Church, and Mount Vernon. The tour is four hours and would cost \$30 a person. Charter transfer service to/from Washington National Airport would be provided at a rate of \$80. Charter transfers to/from Washington Dulles International Airport would be \$120. Charter transfers to/from Greyhound Trailways, 1005 - 1st Street, N.E., and Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., would be \$60. Foreign language driver/guide assistance would be available for charter services at no additional cost. Applicant's proposed tariff lists a \$20 rate for all step-on guide service. However, it is unclear how the rate would be applied. MIT will be required to provide a written explanation of the step-on guide service.

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\*/ To the extent this application could be construed to include transportation solely within the Commonwealth of Virginia, it is hereby dismissed pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 1(b).

Applicant submitted a statement of financial condition as of August 31, 1989, which shows \$37,529 in assets after depreciation, with \$33,889 in cash, \$10,550 in liabilities, and \$26,979 in equity. For the first year of WMATC operations applicant projects \$108,000 in operating income and \$81,021 in expenses.

Pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b) of the Compact, the application will be scheduled for public hearing to determine if applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the proposed service properly and to 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 cost of the hearing pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 19.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That a public hearing in Case No. AP-89-48 is hereby scheduled to commence on Tuesday, October 24, 1989, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Commission, 1828 L Street N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104.

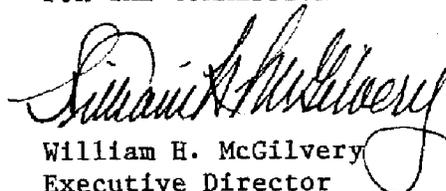
2. That Micheline International Tours Inc., shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, notice of this application and the hearing thereon in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Tuesday, September 26, 1989, and shall present at hearing an affidavit of such publication.

3. That Micheline International Tours Inc., shall file with the Commission, no later than Tuesday, September 26, 1989, an original and four copies of a written explanation as to how the charge for step-on guide service is to be applied.

4. That any person desiring to protest this application must 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, October 13, 1989, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or notice on applicant's president, Micheline B. Lavallo, 3058 Shadeland Drive, Falls Church, VA 22044.

5. That Micheline International Tours Inc., is hereby assessed \$450 pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 19, and is directed to deliver that amount to the office of the Commission no later than Friday, October 13, 1989.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

  
William H. McGilvery  
Executive Director