

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 3521

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served June 22, 1990

Application of JONES TRANSPORTATION )  
SERVICES, INC., for an Expanded )  
Certificate of Public Convenience )  
and Necessity -- Charter and )  
Special Operations )

Case No. AP-90-23

By application filed June 14, 1990, Jones Transportation Services, Inc. (Jones Transportation or applicant), seeks an expanded certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing (a) transportation of passengers, together with mail, express, and baggage in the same vehicles as passengers, in round-trip charter operations between points in the Metropolitan District and (b) transportation of transportation-disadvantaged persons in special operations between points in the Metropolitan District, restricted to transportation in vehicles having a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 15 passengers or less (including the driver). 1/

Jones Transportation holds WMATC Certificate No. 116 which authorizes the transportation of clients of the Bureau of Community Services, Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Administration of the District of Columbia Department of Human Services in special operations between points in the District of Columbia, on the one hand, and, on the other, points in the District of Columbia; Silver Spring, MD; and Prince George's County, MD. Certificate No. 116 has the same vehicular restriction as proposed in the special operations portion of this application.

The proposed service would be conducted using 12 vehicles. Seven vehicles are equipped to seat 15 passengers; those vehicles range in model year from 1981 through 1988. Five vehicles are equipped to transport wheelchair-confined passengers and range in model year from 1977 through 1983. The latter vehicles have been modified to accommodate between four and 12 wheelchairs. Applicant will be directed to provide a diagram of each vehicle's interior showing permanent modifications including placement of seats and devices for the safe transport of wheelchair-bound passengers.

Applicant proposes to charge the following fares in its special operations:

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

Medicaid

Round Trip	\$35.00
One way	25.00
Cancellation fee	7.50
Each additional man	5.00 each way
\$.75 per loaded mile beyond the Capital Beltway	
Waiting time - \$5.00 per 15 minute period	

Non-Medicaid

Round trip	\$50.00
One way	30.00
Cancellation	7.50
Each additional man	5.00 each way
Passenger escort	7.50 each way
\$.75 per loaded mile beyond the Capital Beltway	
Waiting time - \$5.00 per 15 minute period	

Applicant proposes to charge the following fares in its charter operations:

Round trip	\$40.00 per hour (three hour minimum)
One way	60.00 per hour <sup>2/</sup>
Cancellation fee	40.00 for cancellation notice of less than one hour before the trip

Parking fees and/or tolls incurred will be charged to the client in both charter and special operations. In general these rates deviate from applicant's current tariff which applies to service that would be subsumed in the authority requested. Therefore, this case also has elements of a rate case.

With its application Jones Transportation submitted a balance sheet as of December 31, 1989, and an operating statement for an unspecified period of time. Applicant's balance sheet fails to itemize long-term liabilities and provides a figure for net worth, an item generally inappropriate to a corporate balance sheet. Applicant's operating statement fails to itemize "cost of services provided," a category in excess of \$700,00. Applicant's projected operating statement lists only two categories of expenses: "cost of services provided" and "other deductions." For this reason, Jones Transportation will be directed to file a projection of revenues and itemized revenue deductions pertaining to operations proposed in this application. Only properly allocable fixed expenses from existing operations should be included in the projection; such allocated expenses should be clearly identified.

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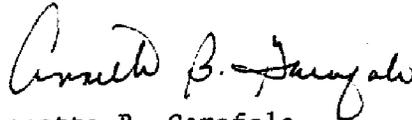
<sup>2/</sup> Because the tariff proposed is inconsistent with the authority sought, applicant will be directed to publish notice describing the charter authority sought as unrestricted as to one-way or round trips. Readers of this order are placed on notice that applicant may either amend its application as to charter authority by deleting the restriction to round trips or amend its tariff by deleting its rate for one-way service.

Pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b), this application will be scheduled for public hearing to determine if 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.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That a public hearing in Case No. AP-90-23 is hereby scheduled to commence on Tuesday, July 31, 1990, at 10:00 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Commission, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104.
2. That Jones Transportation Services, Inc., shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District and shall post conspicuously and continuously in each of its vehicles through the date of public hearing notice of this application and the hearing thereon in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Monday, July 2, 1990, and shall present at hearing affidavits of such publication and posting.
3. That Jones Transportation Services, Inc., is hereby directed to file with the Commission no later than Friday, July 20, 1990, (a) a corrected balance sheet; (b) a corrected and detailed operating statement; (c) a projected operating statement for a 12-month period listing revenues and itemized expenses for the proposed WMATC operations only; and (d) diagrams of vehicle interiors as discussed in the body of this order.
4. That any person wanting to protest this application shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule No. 14, or any person wanting to be heard on this matter shall so notify the Commission, in writing, no later than Friday, July 20, 1990, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or notice on applicant's attorney, Vernon A. Williams, Esquire, 2041 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave., S.E., Suite 301, Washington, DC 20020.
5. That Jones Transportation Services, Inc., is hereby assessed \$400 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, July 20, 1990.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



Annette B. Garofalo  
Acting Executive Director

