

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 3552

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served September 11, 1990

Application of UNITED MANAGEMENT)
CORPORATION trading as PASSENGER)
EXPRESS for Special Authorization)
to Conduct Charter Operations)
Pursuant to Contract with U.S.)
Department of the Interior,)
National Park Service)

Case No. CP-90-03

By application filed September 7, 1990, United Management Corporation trading as Passenger Express (UMC or applicant) seeks authorization to conduct charter operations pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 under a contract with the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS) transporting government employees, together with mail, express, and baggage in the same vehicle with passengers, between NPS offices located at 1100 L Street, N.W., and the Department of the Interior Building located at 18th and C Streets, N.W., both points in Washington, DC.

The contract period begins October 1, 1990, and extends through September 30, 1991, with two one-year options that may be exercised by NPS. Applicant would be required to provide shuttle service between the two locations Monday through Friday, except federal government holidays, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., using one vehicle "capable of carrying a minimum of 15 - 20 seated passengers." Applicant proposes to use a leased 1989 vehicle seating 22 passengers, including the driver. A second vehicle would be required on the first Thursday of every month, making one round trip between the two locations. For this latter service UMC proposes to use a 1987 vehicle seating 17 passengers.

UMC submitted the required financial data with its application. In addition, UMC, a Virginia corporation, has filed this application using a trade name -- "Passenger Express" -- that is also used by Air Couriers International Ground Transportation Services, Inc. (ACIGTSI), WMATC Carrier No. 55. Counsel for both corporations explains that ACIGTSI is a wholly-owned subsidiary of UMC and, if this application is granted, the two companies would be jointly managed and controlled and would share common facilities, presumably office space and garage facilities.

The NPS contracting officer filed a notarized letter in support of this application stating, among other things, that NPS has investigated UMC and has determined that UMC is responsible and capable of performing the contract.

Inasmuch as a contract has been executed by the government for the transportation of its employees for a period in excess of 181 days, this application appears to be amenable to processing under Commission Regulation No. 70. See Order No. 2004, served June 20, 1979, and effective July 21, 1979. Pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 70-06, notice of this application must be published and opportunity given for the filing of protests. Protests, if any, must be written, sworn, and notarized and must contain all evidence and argument upon which protestant would rely.

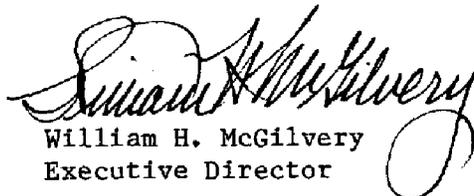
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That United Management Corporation trading as Passenger Express shall 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 Friday, September 14, 1990.

2. That Unite Management Corporation trading as Passenger Express shall file with the Commission no later than Monday, September 24, 1990, an affidavit of publication of notice.

3. That any person wanting to protest this application shall file a notarized protest in conformance with WMATC Regulation No. 70-06 at the office of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104, no later than Monday, September 24, 1990, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on applicant's attorney, J. M. Ballenger, Esquire, 124 South Royal Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


William H. McGilvery
Executive Director