

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 3828

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served October 7, 1991

Application of RUCHMAN AND)
ASSOCIATES, INC., Trading as RAI,)
INC., for a Certificate of)
Authority -- Irregular Route)
Operations)

Case No. AP-91-32

By application accepted for filing on October 1, 1991, Ruchman and Associates, Inc., trading as RAI, Inc. (RAI), seeks a Certificate of Authority to transport passengers, together with mail in the same vehicle as passengers, in irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District.

RAI proposes to initiate operations using two 1991 vehicles, each seating 16 persons or more (including the driver). RAI will emphasize, at least initially, certain contract shuttle service for the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, which is also the subject of a companion application of RAI for temporary authority, docketed as Case No. AP-91-31 (see Order No. 3827, served October 7, 1991).

RAI's application for a Certificate of Authority contains, among other things, information regarding RAI's corporate status, facilities, vehicle maintenance program, minimum driver requirements, finances, and regulatory compliance record. The application is available for inspection at the office of the Commission during its regular business hours.

In determining whether to grant or deny an application for a Certificate of Authority, the Compact at Title II, Article XI, Section 7, requires that the Commission determine whether an applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform that transportation properly and conform to the provisions of the Compact and the Commission's rules, regulations, and requirements and that the transportation is consistent with the public interest. Pursuant to Commission Rule No. 6, this order and fulfillment of its requirements will provide notice of RAI's application for a Certificate of Authority.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

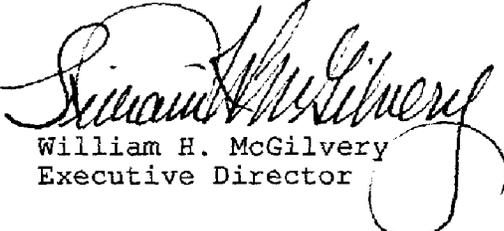
1. That Ruchman and Associates, Inc., trading as RAI, Inc., shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Thursday, October 16, 1991.

2. That Ruchman and Associates, Inc., shall file with the Commission, no later than Thursday, October 31, 1991, an original and four copies of an affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph.

3. That any person wanting to protest the issuance of a Certificate of Authority to Ruchman and Associates, Inc., trading as RAI, Inc., shall do so in accordance with Commission Rule No. 13 and Regulation No. 54-04(a), and any person wanting to comment on this matter, other than by protest, shall do so in writing, in accordance with Regulation No. 54-04(a), no later than Thursday, October 31, 1991, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or comment on applicant's representatives, David R. VanMetre, Jr., 8221 Preston Court, Jessup, MD 20794 and Peter Wingers, 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.

4. That any person seeking oral hearing on this matter shall request one in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 54-04(b) no later than Thursday, October 31, 1991, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such request on applicant's representatives, David R. VanMetre, Jr., 8221 Preston Court, Jessup, MD 20794 and Peter Wingers, 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



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Executive Director