

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 4237

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served January 13, 1994

Application of FOUR SEASONS TOUR)
AND MINIBUS SERVICE, INC., for a)
Certificate of Authority --)
Irregular Route Operations)

Case No. AP-93-39

By application filed November 29, 1993, Four Seasons Tour and Minibus Service, Inc. (applicant), a Virginia corporation, seeks a certificate of authority to transport passengers in irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District.

Notice of this application was served on December 1, 1993, in Order No. 4216, and applicant was directed to publish further notice in a newspaper and file an affidavit of publication and a revised proposed tariff. Applicant complied. The application is unopposed.

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

The application includes information regarding, among other things, applicant's corporate status, facilities, proposed tariff, finances, and regulatory compliance record.

Applicant proposes to commence operations with two 25-passenger minibuses. Applicant's proposed tariff contains hourly rates with minimum charges for charter service.

Applicant filed a balance sheet as of September 30, 1993, showing current assets of \$16,500; net fixed assets of \$46,910; current liabilities of \$28,717; long-term liabilities of \$20,096; and equity of \$14,597. Applicant's operating statement for the three months ended September 30, 1993, shows income of \$24,850; expenses of \$25,306; and a net loss of \$456. Applicant's projected operating statement for the first twelve months of WMATC operations shows WMATC operating income of \$50,000; other operating income of \$100,000; operating expenses of \$144,039; and net income of \$5,961.

Applicant certifies it has access to, is familiar with, and will comply with the Compact, the Commission's rules and regulations, and United States Department of Transportation regulations relating to transportation of passengers for hire. Applicant further certifies that neither applicant nor any person controlling, controlled by, or under common control with applicant has any control relationship with a carrier other than applicant.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

This case is governed by the Compact, Title II, Article XI, Section 7(a), which provides in relevant part that:

. . . the Commission shall issue a certificate to any qualified applicant . . . if it finds that --

(i) the applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform [the] transportation properly, conform to the provisions of this Act, and conform to the rules, regulations, and requirements of the Commission; and

(ii) that the transportation is consistent with the public interest.

Based on the evidence in this record, the Commission finds applicant to be fit, willing, and able to perform the proposed transportation properly and to conform with applicable regulatory requirements. The Commission further finds that the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Four Seasons Tour and Minibus Service, Inc., 5902 Mount Eagle Drive, Suite 212, Alexandria, VA 22303, is hereby conditionally granted, contingent upon timely compliance with the requirements of this order, authority to transport passengers in irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District.

2. That applicant is hereby directed to file the following documents with the Commission: (a) evidence of insurance pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 58 and Order No. 4203; (b) four copies of a tariff or tariffs in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 55; (c) an equipment list stating the year, make, model, serial number, vehicle number, license plate number (with jurisdiction) and seating capacity of each vehicle to be used in revenue operations; (d) evidence of ownership or a lease as required by Commission Regulation No. 62 for each vehicle to be used in revenue operations; (e) proof of current safety inspection of said vehicle(s) by or on behalf of the United States Department of Transportation, the State of Maryland, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Virginia; and (f) a notarized affidavit of identification of vehicles pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 61, for which purpose WMATC No. 244 is hereby assigned.

3. That upon timely compliance with the requirements of the preceding paragraph and acceptance of the documents required by the Commission, Certificate of Authority No. 244 shall be issued to applicant.

4. That unless applicant complies with the requirements of this order within 30 days from the date of its issuance, or such additional time as the Commission may direct or allow, the grant of authority herein shall be void and the application shall stand denied in its entirety effective upon the expiration of said compliance time.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION; COMMISSIONERS DAVENPORT, SCHIFTER, AND SHANNON:


William H. McGilver
Executive Director