

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 4263

IN THE MATTER OF:		Served March 25, 1994
Investigation of Unauthorized)	Case No. MP-94-01
Operations of REGENCY LIMOUSINE)	
SERVICE, INC.)	
Investigation of Unauthorized)	Case No. MP-94-08
Operations of REGENCY SERVICES,)	
INC., and PAUL B. RODBERG)	

An investigation into the operations of Regency Limousine Service, Inc. (Old Regency), was initiated in Order No. 4239 on January 13, 1994. Old Regency was ordered to produce certain documents by February 3, 1994. On January 31, 1994, Old Regency requested a thirty-day extension. The extension was granted in Order No. 4240, served February 1, 1994. Old Regency was directed to include additional related documents in its response.

Old Regency filed a response on March 8, 1994. The response was incomplete. Old Regency has since requested until April 15, 1994, to complete its response. The request will be granted. Any future extensions will be granted only upon a showing of extraordinary circumstances.

Among the documents filed on March 8, is a copy of a purchase agreement between Old Regency and Regency Services, Inc. (New Regency), pursuant to which substantially all the assets of Old Regency have been transferred to New Regency. It appears from the accompanying settlement statement that the transfer occurred on December 31, 1993. This agrees with representations made in Old Regency's January 31 extension request.

On March 10, 1994, the Commission's staff contacted New Regency by telephone. Staff was informed that New Regency presently offers service in vans and minibuses between Silver Spring, MD, on the one hand, and Washington National Airport and Washington-Dulles International Airport, on the other. Staff was further informed that the vans and minibuses are owned by New Regency and operated by New Regency employees. The New Regency representative identified himself as Paul Rodberg.

Paul Rodberg is the owner and president of Old Regency. Mr. Rodberg apparently has been hired by New Regency pursuant to Section 14(a) of the purchase agreement, which provides: "Buyer hereby agrees that the employees of Seller who are employed by Seller on the date of Closing (the 'Employees') will be offered employment with Buyer in comparable jobs and at comparable initial levels of pay."

Pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XIII, Section 1, the Commission hereby institutes an investigation into the operations of Regency Service, Inc., and Paul B. Rodberg, within the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit District. New Regency and Mr. Rodberg will be named parties respondent and directed to produce copies of vehicle

manifests and customer invoices for transportation performed by either or both during the period beginning January 1, 1994, and ending on the date this order is issued. New Regency and Mr. Rodberg also will be directed to show cause why they should not be found jointly and severally subject to a civil forfeiture for knowing and willful violations of the Compact and regulations thereunder. New Regency will be directed to disclose the names of its officers, directors and five principal shareholders, the respective holdings of said shareholders, and a description of Mr. Rodberg's employment with New Regency, including title, responsibilities and duties. Finally, New Regency and Mr. Rodberg will be directed to cease and desist from transporting passengers for hire subject to the Compact between points in the Metropolitan District unless and until otherwise ordered by this Commission.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Regency Limousine Service, Inc., shall comply with the requirements of Order No. 4240 on or before April 15, 1994.

2. That an investigation is hereby instituted into the operations of Regency Services, Inc., and Paul B. Rodberg, within the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit District, and Regency Services, Inc., and Paul B. Rodberg, are hereby named parties respondent.

3. That the investigation of Regency Limousine Service, Inc., is hereby consolidated with the investigation of Regency Services, Inc., and Paul B. Rodberg.

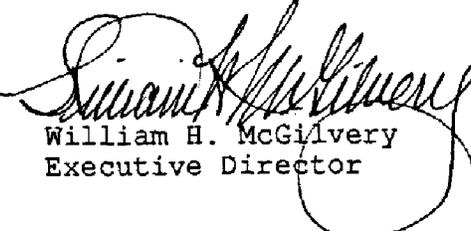
4. That Regency Services, Inc., and Paul B. Rodberg, shall file with the Commission, no later than April 15, 1994, copies of vehicle manifests and customer invoices for transportation performed by either or both during the period beginning January 1, 1994, and ending on the date this order is issued.

5. That Regency Services, Inc., and Paul B. Rodberg, shall, no later than April 15, 1994, show cause why they should not be found jointly and severally subject to a civil forfeiture for knowing and willful violations of the Compact and regulations thereunder.

6. That Regency Services, Inc., shall file with the Commission, no later than April 15, 1994, a statement disclosing the names of its officers, directors and five principal shareholders, the respective holdings of said shareholders, and a description of Mr. Rodberg's employment with New Regency, including title, responsibilities and duties.

7. That Regency Services, Inc., and Paul B. Rodberg, shall cease and desist from transporting passengers for hire subject to the Compact between points in the Metropolitan District unless and until otherwise ordered by this Commission.

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


William H. McGilvery
Executive Director