

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 4362

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served August 10, 1994

Application to Transfer Certificate)
of Authority No. 85 from V.I.P.)
TOURS, a Partnership, to V.I.P.)
TOURS, INC., Trading as V.I.P. TOURS)

Case No. AP-94-35

By application accepted for filing August 5, 1994, V.I.P. Tours, a partnership (transferor), and V.I.P. Tours, Inc., trading as V.I.P. Tours, (transferee), a Maryland corporation, (collectively applicants) seek Commission approval to transfer Certificate of Authority No. 85 from the partnership to the corporation. In addition, transferee seeks authority to transport baggage in the same vehicles as passengers, which Certificate No. 85 does not affirmatively permit.

The application includes information regarding, among other things, transferee's corporate status, carrier affiliations, facilities, proposed tariff, finances, and regulatory compliance record. Also included is a copy of the certificate transfer agreement.

Transferee proposes conducting operations with a 33-passenger minibus and three 15-passenger vans. Transferee's proposed tariff contains per capita fares, with group discounts, for sightseeing tours and for transportation to and from Georgetown Day School.

Under Article XI, Section 11(a), of the Compact, the Commission may approve the transfer of Certificate of Authority No. 85, if the Commission finds said transfer to be in the public interest, which inter alia, requires a finding of transferee's fitness.¹ Pursuant to Commission Rule No. 6, this order and fulfillment of its requirements will provide notice of this application.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

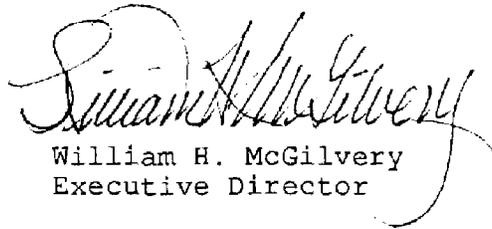
1. That applicants shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, no later than August 19, 1994, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.
2. That applicants shall file with the Commission, no later than September 9, 1994, an original and four copies of an affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph.

¹ In re Richard W. Butler & Richard W. Butler, Jr., No. AP-94-27, Order No. 4355 (Aug. 1, 1994); In re Nation's Capital Sightseeing Tours & Ernest Harrelson, No. AP-86-40, Order No. 2953 (Dec. 22, 1986).

3. That any person wanting to protest the application, in accordance with Commission Rule No. 13 and Regulation No. 54-04(a), and any person wanting to comment on the application, in accordance with Regulation No. 54-04(a), shall file such protest or comment at the office of the Commission, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104, no later than September 9, 1994, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or comment on applicant's attorney, Joel C. Weingarten, Esquire, 1616 H Street, N.W., #813, Washington, DC 20006.

4. That any person seeking a formal oral hearing on this matter, in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 54-04(b), shall request one no later than September 9, 1994, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such request on applicant's attorney, Joel C. Weingarten, Esquire, 1616 H Street, N.W., #813, Washington, DC 20006.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



William H. McGilvery
Executive Director