

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 4461

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served December 20, 1994

Application of ERRANDS PLUS, INC., )  
Trading as RMA CHAUFFEURED )  
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, for a )  
Certificate of Authority -- )  
Irregular Route Operations )

Case No. AP-94-52

By application accepted for filing October 27, 1994, Errands Plus, Inc., trading as RMA Chauffeured Transportation Services (RMA or applicant), a Maryland corporation, seeks a certificate of authority to transport passengers, together with baggage in the same vehicles as passengers, in irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District.

Notice of this application was served on October 31, 1994, in Order No. 4420, and applicant was directed to publish further notice in a newspaper and file an affidavit of publication and a statement further explaining Exhibit D. 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 commencing operations with a 25-passenger minibus, a 14-passenger van, six 6-passenger stretch limousines, and eight 4-passenger luxury sedans. Applicant's proposed tariff contains hourly charter rates for all vehicles, with specified minimum charges and discounts for specified groups, plus flat rates for service in 4-passenger sedans between specified points.

Applicant filed a balance sheet as of June 30, 1994, showing current assets of \$394,530; net fixed assets of \$306,667; other assets of \$1,616; current liabilities of \$129,696; long-term liabilities of \$270,030; and equity of \$303,087. Applicant's income statement for the eighteen months ended June 30, 1994, shows revenue of \$1,779,563; expenses of \$1,467,252; and net income of \$312,311. Applicant's projected income statement for the first twelve months of WMATC operations shows WMATC operating income of \$990,000; other operating income of \$10,000; expenses of \$925,000; and net income of \$75,000.

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.

After the application was filed, applicant was cited by Virginia authorities for operating in Virginia without a limousine certificate. The Virginia State Corporation Commission entered a judgment against applicant on November 30, 1994, assessing a penalty of \$700. On December 13, 1994, applicant filed with this Commission a copy of a treasurer's check made payable to the State Corporation Commission in the amount of \$700. Satisfaction of the judgment removes any impediment to a finding of fitness created by applicant's violation of Virginia's passenger carrier statutes.<sup>1</sup>

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 Errands Plus, Inc., trading as RMA Chauffeured Transportation Services, 5161 River Road, Building 2, Suite 100, Bethesda, MD 20816, is hereby conditionally granted, contingent upon timely compliance with the requirements of this order, authority to transport passengers in irregular route operations, together with baggage in the same vehicles as passengers, 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;

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<sup>1</sup> In re Cotter Limo. of Wash., Inc., & Carey Limo. D.C., Inc., No. AP-92-22, Order No. 3980 (July 23, 1992).

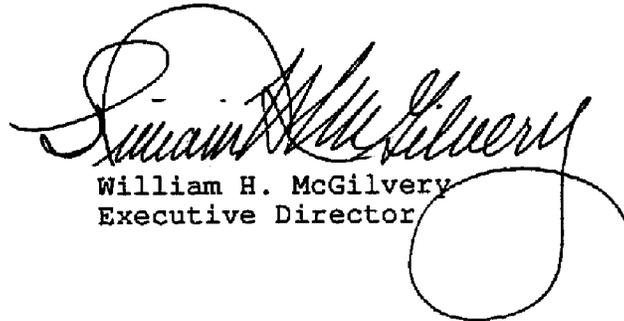
(d) evidence of ownership or a lease as required by Commission Regulation No. 62 for each vehicle to be used in revenue operations; (e) proof of current safety inspection of said vehicle(s) by or on behalf of the United States Department of Transportation, the State of Maryland, the District of Columbia, 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. 287 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. 287 shall be issued to applicant.

4. That applicant may not transport passengers for hire between points in the Metropolitan District pursuant to this order unless and until a certificate of authority has been issued in accordance with the preceding paragraph.

5. 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 ALEXANDER, LIGON, AND SHANNON:



William H. McGilvery  
Executive Director

