

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 4492

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served February 14, 1995

Application of SAFE RIDE)
SERVICES, INC., for a Certificate)
of Authority -- Irregular Route)
Operations)

Case No. AP-94-58

By application accepted for filing December 12, 1994, Safe Ride Services, Inc. (Safe Ride or applicant), an Arizona corporation, seeks a certificate of authority to transport passengers in irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District, restricted to transportation in vehicles with a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 15 or fewer persons, including the driver.

Notice of this application was served on December 14, 1994, in Order No. 4457, and applicant was directed to publish further notice in a newspaper and file an affidavit of publication. 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 10-passenger van. Applicant's proposed tariff contains per capita rates with a minimum charge. Applicant proposes to provide non-emergency transportation to and from medical facilities on demand.

Applicant's controlling shareholder was the controlling shareholder of United Management Corporation, trading as Passenger Express (UMC), WMATC Carrier No. 172. UMC's certificate of authority was voluntarily terminated June 28, 1994.¹

Applicant filed a balance sheet as of August 31, 1994, showing current assets of \$1,822,211; fixed assets of \$298,621; current liabilities of \$536,668; and equity of \$1,584,164. Applicant's income statement for the eleven months ended August 31, 1994, shows operating revenue of \$4,451,695; costs and expenses of \$3,719,256; and net income of \$732,439. Applicant's projected operating statement for the first twelve months of WMATC operations shows WMATC operating revenue of \$432,000; WMATC costs and expenses of \$389,574; and net income of \$42,426.

¹ In re United Mgmt. Corp., t/a Passenger Express, No. AP-94-29, Order No. 4328 (June 28, 1994).

Applicant received a satisfactory motor carrier safety rating from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, on October 20, 1993.

Applicant certifies it has access to, is familiar with, and will comply with the Compact and the Commission's rules and regulations. 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 Safe Ride Services, Inc., 7501 East McCormick Parkway, Suite 123 South, Scottsdale, AZ 85258, 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, restricted to transportation in vehicles with a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 15 or fewer persons, including the driver.

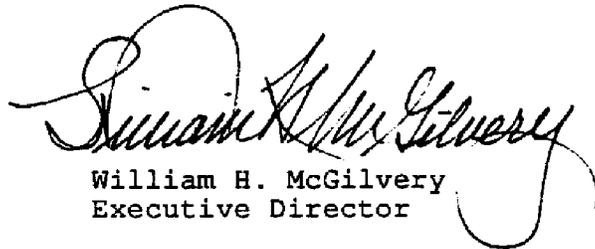
2. That applicant is hereby directed to file the following documents with the Commission: (a) evidence of insurance pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 58 and Order No. 4203; (b) four copies of a tariff or tariffs in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 55; (c) an equipment list stating the year, 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. 293 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. 293 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

