

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 4749

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served January 23, 1996

Application of WILLIAM J. APPELL,)
Trading as TECH TOURS, for a)
Certificate of Authority --)
Irregular Route Operations)

Case No. AP-96-01

By application filed January 2, 1996, William J. Appell, a sole proprietor trading as Tech Tours, seeks a certificate of authority for irregular route operations in the Metropolitan District.

Applicant proposes commencing operations with one minibus. Applicant's proposed tariff contains per capita rates for sightseeing tours.

The application notes that applicant is the respondent in two investigations currently pending before the Commission. During the course of those proceedings applicant was assessed \$100 in civil forfeitures¹ and had Certificate of Authority No. 130 revoked for noncompliance with the Compact and certain regulations and orders issued thereunder.² Applicant has not yet remitted the \$100 in civil forfeitures. Pursuant to Commission Rule No. 7-05, the deadline for payment shall be extended to the date specified below.

This proceeding is hereby initiated to determine whether applicant is fit and whether the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

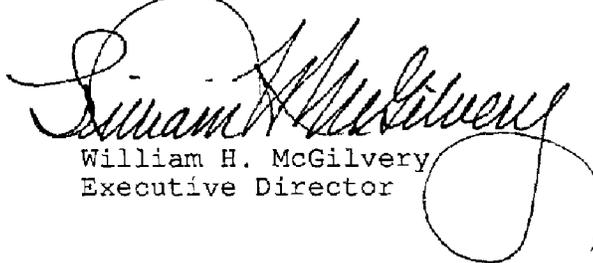
1. That applicant shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, no later than February 2, 1996, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.
2. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than February 23, 1996, an original and four copies of an affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph.
3. That applicant shall pay to the Commission, no later than February 23, 1996, by money order, certified check, or cashiers check, the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100).

¹ In re Bill Appell, t/a Personal Pace Tours/Tech Tours
Washington, Nos. MP-95-18 & MP-95-40, Order Nos. 4513 & 4514 (Mar. 7,
1995).

² In re Bill Appell, t/a Personal Pace Tours/Tech Tours
Washington, Nos. MP-95-18 & MP-95-40, Order No. 4618 (June 26, 1995).

4. That the deadline for filing protests, comments, applications for intervention, and requests for formal hearing, is February 23, 1996, and that copies must be served on applicant at 235 Chatham Lane, Annapolis, MD 21403.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



William H. McGilvery
Executive Director