

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 5375

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served July 15, 1998

Application to Amend and Transfer )	Case No. AP-98-30
Certificate No. 276 from TSEGAYE )	
MAMO Trading as THE AIRPORT METRO )	
CONNECTION to AIRPORT METRO )	
CONNECTION, INC. )	

By application filed July 10, 1998, Tsegaye Mamo, trading as The Airport Metro Connection, (Mamo), WMATC Carrier No. 276, and Airport Metro Connection, Inc., (AMCI) a Maryland corporation, (collectively applicants), seek Commission approval to remove the seating capacity restriction from Certificate of Authority No. 276 and to transfer the certificate and Mamo's vans to AMCI. Mamo is an officer and sole shareholder of AMCI.

AMCI proposes commencing operations with four vans, one sedan and one minibus. AMCI's proposed tariff contains fares for transportation to and from Ronald Reagan National and Washington-Dulles International Airports, plus hourly rates for transportation between other points in the Metropolitan District.

Article XI, Section 11(a), of the Compact governs the transfer of assets, including a certificate of authority, to a corporation in which the certificate holder has a controlling interest.<sup>1</sup> A transfer of this nature raises fitness issues only.<sup>2</sup>

Under Article XI, Section 10(b), of the Compact, the Commission may amend a certificate of authority upon application by the holder. A carrier seeking expanded operating authority, however, must show that it is fit and that the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest.<sup>3</sup>

This proceeding is hereby initiated to determine whether AMCI is fit and whether the transfer of Certificate No. 276 is otherwise consistent with the public interest.

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<sup>1</sup> In re Ira A. Austin, Sr., t/a Ira's Transp. Serv., & Ira's Transp. Serv., Inc., No. AP-97-42, Order No. 5193 (Sept. 9, 1997).

<sup>2</sup> Id.

<sup>3</sup> In re Shirlington Limo. & Transp., Inc., No. AP-97-05, Order No. 5037 (Mar. 10, 1997).

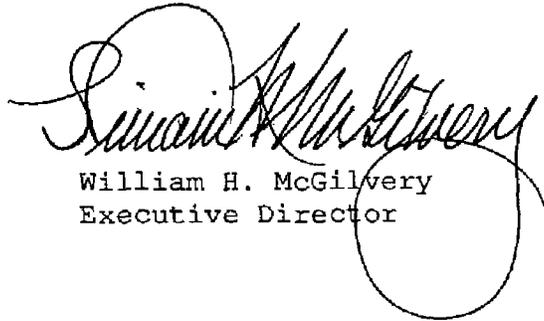
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That applicants shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, no later than July 27, 1998, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.

2. That applicants shall file with the Commission, no later than August 17, 1998, an original and four copies of an affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph.

3. That the deadline for filing protests, comments, applications for intervention, and requests for formal hearing, is August 17, 1998, and that copies must be served on AMCI's president, Tsegaye Mamo, 13001 Eloise Avenue, Rockville, MD 20853.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



William H. McGilvery  
Executive Director