

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 6311

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served August 3, 2001

Application of D.C. TOURS, INC., )  
for a Certificate of Authority -- )  
Irregular Route Operations )

Case No. AP-2001-72

By application accepted for filing July 19, 2001, D.C. Tours, Inc., a Maryland corporation, seeks a certificate of authority for irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District.

Applicant proposes commencing operations with one vehicle. Applicant's proposed tariff contains per capita sightseeing fares and per capita fares for transportation to and from Ronald Reagan National and Washington-Dulles International Airports.

Applicant's president is Madhu Sudan, WMATC Carrier No. 145.<sup>1</sup> The Compact states that a carrier or any person controlling, controlled by, or under common control with a carrier shall obtain Commission approval to acquire control of another carrier that operates in the Metropolitan District through ownership of its stock or other means.<sup>2</sup> Approval may be granted if the Commission finds the acquisition is consistent with the public interest.<sup>3</sup> The public interest analysis focuses on the fitness of the acquiring party, the resulting competitive balance, and the interest of affected employees.<sup>4</sup>

This proceeding is hereby initiated to determine whether applicant is fit and whether the proposed transportation and common control are 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 August 17, 2001, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Sudan has applied to transfer his certificate of authority to Capitol City Sights Inc. (CCSI) in Case No. AP-2001-71. Mr. Sudan is president of CCSI. Applicant is owned by CCSI.

<sup>2</sup> Compact, tit. II, art. XII, § 3(a)(iii).

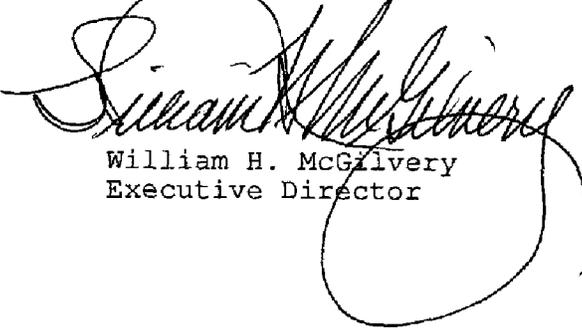
<sup>3</sup> Compact, tit. II, art. XII, § 3(c).

<sup>4</sup> Act of Sept. 15, 1960, Pub. L. No. 86-794, § 3, 74 Stat. 1031, 1050 (1960) (codified at DC Code Ann. § 1-2414 (1999)); In re Cavalier Transp. Co., Inc., t/a Tourtime America, Ltd., & Tourtime America Motorcoach, Ltd., No. AP-96-21, Order No. 4926 (Sept. 12, 1996).

2. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than September 7, 2001, 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 September 7, 2001, and that copies must be served on applicant's president, Madhu Sudan, 14 Nickelby Court, Damascus, MD 20872.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "William H. McGilvery". The signature is written over the typed name and title below it.

William H. McGilvery  
Executive Director