

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 6534

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served February 8, 2002

Application of PARATRANSIT)
SERVICES for a Certificate of)
Authority -- Irregular Route)
Operations)

Case No. AP-2002-18

By application accepted for filing January 31, 2002, Paratransit Services, a non-profit State of Washington corporation, seeks a certificate of authority for irregular route operations in vehicles with a seating capacity of less than 16 persons only, including the driver.

Applicant proposes commencing operations with twenty-two vans and three sedans. Applicant's proposed tariff contains rates for transportation under a contract with LogistiCare Solutions, LLC, WMATC Carrier No. 524.

LogistiCare has a contract with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). The contract requires LogistiCare to operate a reservation system for the benefit of disabled individuals participating in WMATA's MetroAccess program and to ensure that program participants receive timely and adequate transportation service. The MetroAccess program is WMATA's means of complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990,¹ which in pertinent part prohibits discrimination against the disabled by public transportation providers.

LogistiCare subcontracts much of the transportation service to other WMATC carriers and has selected applicant to provide MetroAccess service in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, Maryland.

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:

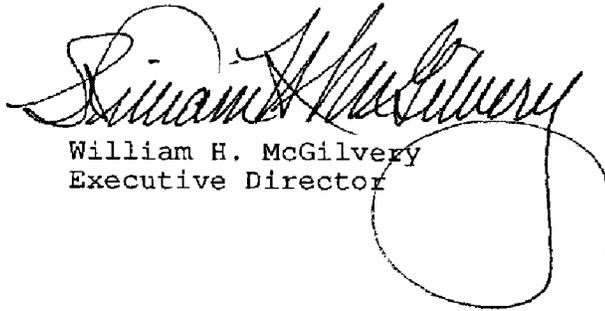
1. That applicant shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, no later than February 22, 2002, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.

2. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than March 15, 2002, an original and four copies of an affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph.

¹ 42 U.S.C. § 12101, et. seq. (1999).

3. That the deadline for filing protests, comments, applications for intervention, and requests for formal hearing, is March 15, 2002, and that copies must be served on applicant's chief operating officer, Steven E. Hutchins, 4810 Auto Center Way, Suite Z, Bremerton, WA 98312.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



William H. McGilvery
Executive Director