

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 6792

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served August 29, 2002

Application of CHARLENE BONITA )  
GANT-THOMPSON, Trading as CHARLENE )  
AREA TRANSIT INC (C.A.T.), for a )  
Certificate of Authority -- )  
Irregular Route Operations )

Case No. AP-2002-99

By application accepted for filing August 20, 2002, Charlene Bonita Gant-Thompson, a sole proprietor trading as Charlene Area Transit Inc (C.A.T.), seeks a certificate of authority for irregular route operations in vehicles with a seating capacity of less than 16 persons only, including the driver.<sup>1</sup>

Applicant proposes commencing operations with one van. Applicant's proposed tariff contains rates for transportation under the DC Medicaid program.

Commission precedent does not permit a sole proprietor to use the term "Inc" in his or her trade name.<sup>2</sup> Applicant will be directed to propose a new trade name that does not contain the term "Inc," and because applicant's principal place of business is in the District of Columbia, applicant will be directed file proof of registration of the new trade name with the District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. Applicant is reminded that under Commission Regulation No. 61, any trade name must appear in full on both sides of applicant's revenue vehicle(s).

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 September 12, 2002, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> This is the second application filed by this applicant. The first was denied without prejudice for failure to demonstrate financial fitness. In re Charlene Bonita Gant, t/a Charlene Area Transit (C.A.T.), No. AP-02-22, Order No. 6638 (May 2, 2002).

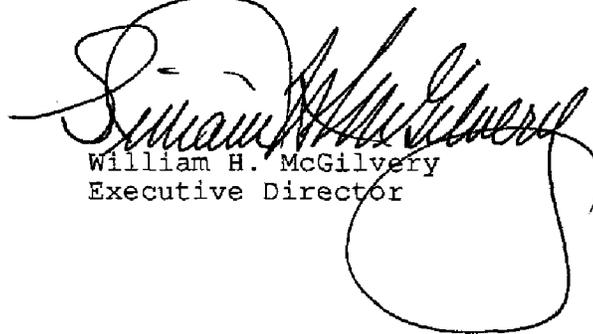
<sup>2</sup> In re Omojola M. Ogunlegan, t/a Precious Care Transportation, No. MP-00-67, Order No. 6052 (Dec. 4, 2000); In re William E. Gillison, t/a Quiana Tours, & Quiana Tours, Inc., No. MP-98-16, Order No. 5359 (June 25, 1998).

2. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than October 3, 2002, an original and four copies of an affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph.

3. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than September 12, 2002, an original and four copies of a statement proposing a new trade name that does not contain the term "Inc" and proof of registration of the new trade name with the District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs.

4. That the deadline for filing protests, comments, applications for intervention, and requests for formal hearing, is October 3, 2002, and that copies must be served on applicant at 11 - 16<sup>th</sup> Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20002.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



William H. McGilvery  
Executive Director