

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 6956

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served December 20, 2002

Application of QUIANA TOURS, INC., )  
to Acquire Certificate No. 290 )  
from WILLIAM E. GILLISON, Trading )  
as QUIANA TOURS )

Case No. AP-2002-140

By application accepted for filing December 3, 2002, applicant, Quiana Tours, Inc., a Maryland corporation, seeks Commission approval to acquire Certificate No. 290 from William E. Gillison, trading as Quiana Tours. Gillison has agreed to transfer Certificate No. 290 and other assets in exchange for a controlling interest in Quiana Tours, Inc., a new carrier.<sup>1</sup>

Applicant proposes commencing operations with one minibus and three motorcoaches. Applicant's proposed tariff contains hourly charter rates, with minimum charges, and airport transfer rates.

Article XI, Section 11(a), of the Compact governs the transfer of a certificate of authority in exchange for a controlling interest in a new carrier.<sup>2</sup> A transfer of this nature raises fitness issues only.<sup>3</sup>

This proceeding is hereby initiated to determine whether applicant is fit.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That applicant shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, no later than January 6, 2003, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> Applicant and Gillison are currently under investigation for possible violations of the Compact and Commission regulations and orders thereunder. See In re William E. Gillison, t/a Quiana Tours, Quiana Tours, Inc., & Baron Transportation, Inc., MP-02-97, Order No. 6810 (Sept. 20, 2002).

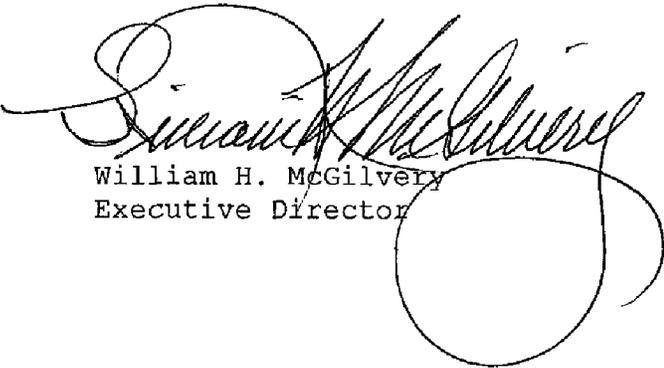
<sup>2</sup> In re Elias Keros Kebede, t/a Eagle Connection, & Queek Pick, Inc., No. AP-99-81, Order No. 5822 (Mar. 3, 2000).

<sup>3</sup> Id.

2. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than January 27, 2003, 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 January 27, 2003, and that copies must be served on applicant's attorney, Edward J. Kiley, Esquire, 1730 M Street, N.W., #400, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



William H. McGilvery  
Executive Director