

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 7059

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served February 25, 2003

Application of HAZEM EL SAMAHY,)
Trading as ROYAL USA TOURS AND)
TRANSPORTATION, to Amend)
Certificate No. 743)

Case No. AP-2002-143

By application accepted for filing December 4, 2002, Hazem El Samahy, trading as Royal USA Tours and Transportation, requests removal of the 15-passenger seating capacity restriction in Certificate of Authority No. 743, which was conditionally granted in Order No. 6877, on October 30, 2002, but which has not yet been issued.¹ The application is unopposed.

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 must show that it is fit and that the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest.²

Applicant proposes adding one motorcoach to its fleet. Applicant's proposed tariff contains hourly charter rates, per capita fares for sightseeing and for transportation to and from Ronald Reagan Washington National and Washington-Dulles International Airports.

Applicant verifies that: (1) applicant owns or leases, or has the means to acquire through ownership or lease, one or more motor vehicles meeting the Commission's safety requirements and suitable for the transportation proposed in this application; (2) applicant owns, or has the means to acquire, a motor vehicle liability insurance policy that provides the minimum amount of coverage required by Commission regulations; and (3) applicant has access to, is familiar with and will comply with the Compact, the Commission's rules, regulations and orders, and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations as they pertain to transportation of passengers for hire.

Based on the evidence in this record, the Commission finds that the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest and that applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the proposed transportation properly, conform to the provisions of the Compact, and conform to the rules, regulations, and requirements of the Commission.

¹ In re Hazem El Samahy, t/a Royal USA Tours & Transp., No. AP-02-93, Order No. 6877 (Oct. 30, 2002).

² In re Priority One Servs., Inc., No. AP-96-41, Order No. 4900 (July 17, 1996).

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

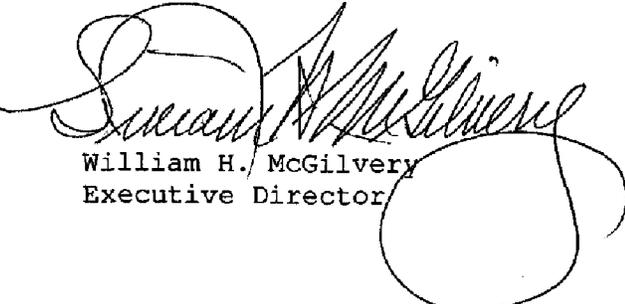
1. That upon applicant's timely compliance with the requirements of this order, Certificate of Authority No. 743 shall be issued, as amended consistent with this order, to Hazem El Samahy, trading as Royal USA Tours and Transportation, 6941 Mayfair Terrace, Laurel, MD 20707.

2. That applicant may not transport passengers for hire between points in the Metropolitan District pursuant to this order unless and until Certificate of Authority No. 743 has been reissued in accordance with the preceding paragraph.

3. That applicant is hereby directed to file the following documents within thirty days: (a) evidence of insurance pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 58 and Order No. 4203; (b) an original and four copies of a tariff or tariffs in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 55; (c) a vehicle list stating the year, make, model, serial number, fleet number, license plate number (with jurisdiction) and seating capacity of each vehicle to be used in revenue operations; (d) a copy of the for-hire vehicle registration card, and a lease as required by Commission Regulation No. 62 if applicant is not the registered owner, for each vehicle to be used in revenue operations; (e) proof of current safety inspection of said vehicle(s) by or on behalf of the United States Department of Transportation, the State of Maryland, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Virginia; and (f) a notarized affidavit of identification of vehicles pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 61.

4. That the approval of amendment herein shall be void and the application shall stand denied upon applicant's failure to timely satisfy the conditions of issuance prescribed herein.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION; COMMISSIONERS YATES, MILLER AND MCDONALD:


William H. McGilvery
Executive Director