

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 7106

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served March 25, 2003

Application of CRESCENT MOON )  
TRANSPORTATION & TOUR, INC, for )  
a Certificate of Authority -- )  
Irregular Route Operations )

Case No. AP-2003-22

By application accepted for filing March 13, 2003, Crescent Moon Transportation & Tour, Inc, a Virginia 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 one van. Applicant's proposed tariff contains airport transfer rates as well as an hourly charter rate with a minimum charge.

Applicant's owner and president, Mouhsen M. Dabbourah, is the owner and president of Crescent Moon Limousine Service, Inc., WMATC No. 612. 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>1</sup> Approval may be granted if the Commission finds the acquisition is consistent with the public interest.<sup>2</sup> The public interest analysis focuses on the fitness of the acquiring party, the resulting competitive balance, and the interest of affected employees.<sup>3</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.

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<sup>1</sup> Compact, tit. II, art. XII, § 3(a)(iii).

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

<sup>3</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).

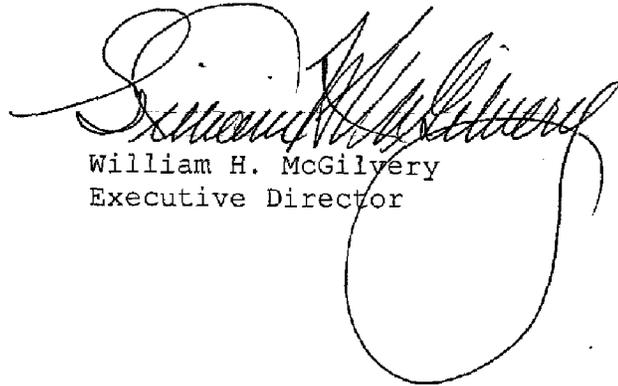
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That applicant shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, no later than April 9, 2003, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.

2. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than April 30, 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 April 30, 2003, and that copies must be served on applicant's president, Mouhsen M. Dabbourah, P.O. Box 9011, Alexandria, VA 22304.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



William H. McGilvery  
Executive Director