

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 7202

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served May 21, 2003

IMPERIAL TRAVEL AND LIMOUSINE)
SERVICES, INC., Investigation)
of Unauthorized Operations)

Case No. MP-2003-48

This investigation is being initiated to determine whether respondent has violated Article XI, Section 6(a), of the Compact, which states that a person may not engage in transportation subject to the Compact unless there is in force a certificate of authority issued by the Commission authorizing the person to engage in that transportation.

On December 2, 2002, the Commission received a \$1.5 million WMATC Certificate of Insurance and Policy Endorsement in the name of Imperial Travel & Limo Service, Inc. Commission staff wrote to respondent on December 6, 2002, advising it to consider filing an application for WMATC operating authority, but respondent did not reply.

Commission staff subsequently obtained from the Transportation Division of the Maryland Public Service Commission (MDPSC) a copy of the rates filed with that agency on November 25, 2002, by Imperial Travel and Limousine Services, Inc., MDPSC #2892. The rates include flat fares for service between points in the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit District. Such service requires a WMATC certificate of authority. Respondent does not hold such a certificate.

The Commission may investigate a carrier to determine whether that carrier has violated the Compact.¹ The Commission may require the production of books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, contracts, agreements, or other records or evidence which the Commission considers relevant to the inquiry.² A carrier that knowingly and willfully violates a provision of the Compact is subject to a civil forfeiture of not more than \$1,000 for the first violation and not more than \$5,000 for any subsequent violation; each day of the violation constitutes a separate violation.³

¹ Compact, tit. II, art. XIII, § 1(c).

² Compact, tit. II, art. XIII, § 1(e).

³ Compact, tit. II, art. XIII, § 6(f).

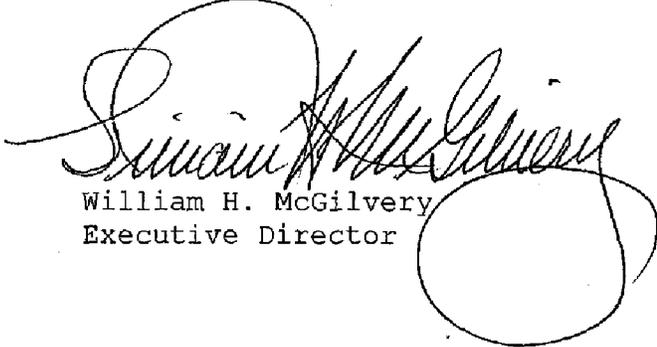
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That an investigation of respondent's operations in the Metropolitan District is hereby initiated under Article XIII, Section 1, of the Compact.

2. That respondent shall have thirty days from the date of this order to produce any and all records in its possession, custody or control relating to operations in the Metropolitan District during the period beginning November 25, 2002, and ending on the date of this order.

3. That respondent shall not transport passengers for hire between points in the Metropolitan District unless and until otherwise ordered.

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



William H. McGilvery
Executive Director