

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 7553

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served November 25, 2003

Application of THE SALTS )  
CORPORATION for a Certificate )  
of Authority -- Irregular Route )  
Operations )

Case No. AP-2003-141

By application accepted for filing October 30, 2003, The SALTS Corporation, a Maryland 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. The vehicle is registered to S A L T S Transportation Serv. Applicant will be directed to file a statement that explains applicant's relationship to S A L T S Transportation Serv.

Applicant's proposed tariff contains private pay rates for ambulatory and wheelchair transportation that are "subject to change depending on conditions at any given time." Under the Compact, a carrier may only charge fixed rates and fares on file with the Commission for a minimum of sixty days.<sup>1</sup> Applicant will be directed to file an amended proposed tariff omitting any reference to tariff changes. In addition, applicant will be directed to state whether applicant has entered into any contracts to provide transportation and whether applicant intends to transport passengers under the DC Medicaid program.

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 December 10, 2003, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.

2. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than December 31, 2003, 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 December 10, 2003, an original and four copies of a statement explaining applicant's relationship with S A L T S Transportation Serv.

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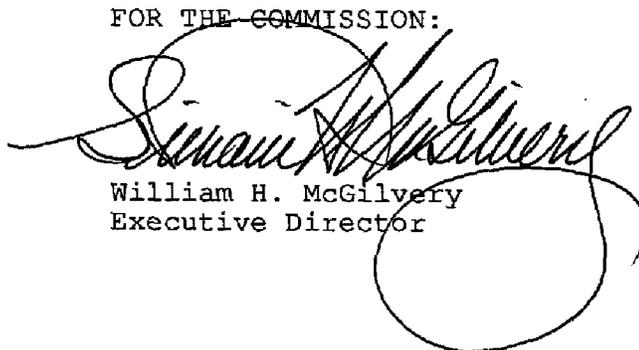
<sup>1</sup> Compact, tit. II, art. XI, § 14.

4. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than December 10, 2003, an original and four copies of an amended proposed tariff omitting any reference to tariff changes.

5. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than December 10, 2003, an original and four copies of a statement indicating whether applicant has entered into any contracts to provide transportation and whether applicant intends to transport passengers under the DC Medicaid program.

6. That the deadline for filing protests, comments, applications for intervention, and requests for formal hearing, is December 31, 2003, and that copies must be served on applicant's manager, Ousman Hassan, 1401 University Boulevard E., Hyattsville, MD 20783.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



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Executive Director