

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 7726

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served February 2, 2004

Application of ESCORT LIMOUSINE)
SERVICE, INC., for a Certificate)
of Authority -- Irregular Route)
Operations)

Case No. AP-2003-48

This matter is before the Commission on applicant's request for reconsideration of the voiding of authority conditionally granted to applicant in Commission Order No. 7266, served June 26, 2003.

Commission Regulation No. 66 provides that: "The time for compliance with the requirements for a conditional grant of authority will not be extended beyond a maximum of 180 days from the date the conditional grant of authority is issued. Such conditional grant of authority shall be considered void effective on the 181st day." As of December 23, 2003, applicant had not fully complied with the condition in Order No. 7266 that applicant file certain documents. Accordingly, the conditional grant became void on December 24, 2003.

Under Article XIII, Section 4(a), a party to a proceeding affected by a final order or decision of the Commission may file within 30 days of its publication a written application requesting Commission reconsideration of the matter involved, and stating specifically the errors claimed as grounds for the reconsideration. Although publication of a final decision is normally accomplished by issuing an order, the voiding of a conditional grant occurs automatically by application of Regulation No. 66. There is no tangible utterance other than the rule itself. Deeming publication to occur on the 181st day, when an applicant knows or should know that the Commission now considers the conditional grant void, is reasonable under the circumstances.¹

As of January 23, 2004, applicant had filed the remaining required documents and an application for reconsideration. The application thus is timely,² but the application does not allege any error on the part of the Commission. Accordingly, the application is denied.

However, considering that applicant has fully satisfied the condition of issuance prescribed in Order No. 7266, we will reopen this

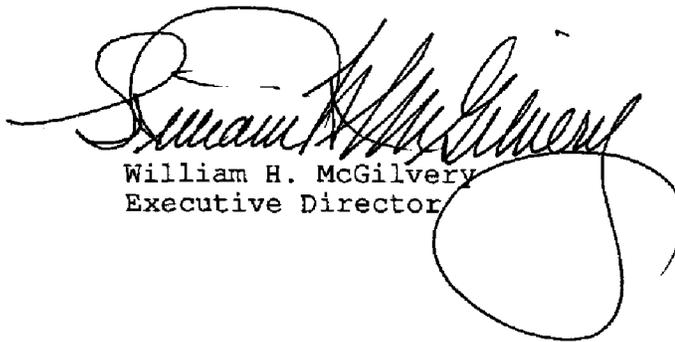
¹ In re Kayo, LLC, No. AP-03-08, Order No. 7619 (Dec. 16, 2003).

² See id. n.2 (to be considered part of an application for reconsideration supporting documents must be filed within statutory period for filing the application itself).

proceeding on our own initiative³ and issue Certificate of Authority No. 815.⁴

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Certificate of Authority No. 815 shall be issued to Escort Limousine Service, Inc., 8455-G Tyco Road, Vienna, VA 22182-2210.

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



William H. McGilvery
Executive Director

³ Commission Rule No. 26-04.

⁴ See Order No. 7619 (same).