

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 8397

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served November 2, 2004

Application of TAYLOR BROTHERS )  
TOURS, INC., for a Certificate )  
of Authority -- Irregular Route )  
Operations )

Case No. AP-2004-167

By application accepted for filing October 20, 2004, Taylor Brothers Tours, Inc., a Maryland corporation, seeks a certificate of authority for irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District.

Applicant proposes commencing operations with one motorcoach. Applicant's proposed tariff contains an hourly charter rate.

According to the application, applicant holds passenger carrier authority from the federal government, but Exhibit F, applicant's proof of federal authority, shows that federal authority has been issued not to applicant but to applicant's CEO, Spencer B. Taylor, d/b/a Taylor Brothers Tours, USDOT No. 1167238. Exhibit F also shows that applicant's CEO operates only one vehicle under his federal authority, presumably the one vehicle owned by applicant's CEO as identified in applicant's Exhibit A. Applicant will be directed to explain how permitting two different carriers to operate the same vehicle at the same time is consistent with the public interest.

This proceeding is hereby initiated to determine whether applicant is fit and whether the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest.

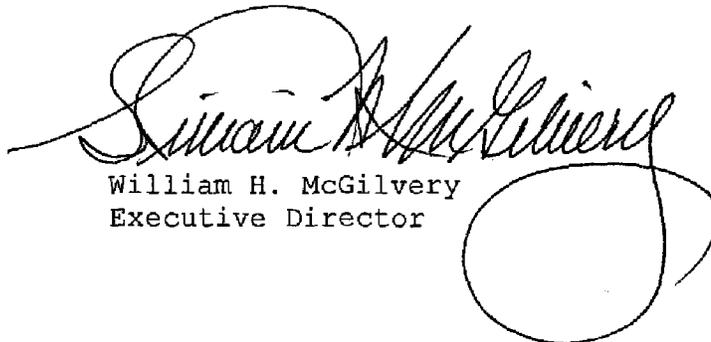
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That applicant shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, no later than November 16, 2004, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.
2. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than November 30, 2004, 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 November 16, 2004, an original and four copies of a statement explaining how permitting the simultaneous operation of a single bus by applicant under WMATC authority and applicant's CEO, Spencer B.

Taylor, d/b/a Taylor Brothers Tours, under federal authority, is consistent with the public interest.

4. That the deadline for filing protests, comments, applications for intervention, and requests for formal hearing, is November 30, 2004, and that copies must be served on applicant's CEO, Spencer B. Taylor, 6808 Seat Pleasant Drive, #302, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



William H. McGilvery  
Executive Director