

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 8931

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served August 31, 2005

Application of THEEAB AL-ASAWI, )  
Trading as SINBAD TRANSPORTATION, )  
for a Certificate of Authority -- )  
Irregular Route Operations )

Case No. AP-2005-064

Applicant seeks a certificate of authority to transport passengers in irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District, restricted to transportation in vehicles with a seating capacity of less than 16 persons only, including the driver. The application is unopposed.

The Compact, Title II, Article XI, Section 7(a), authorizes the Commission to issue a certificate of authority if it finds that the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest and that the applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the proposed transportation properly, conform to the provisions of the Compact, and conform to the rules, regulations, and requirements of the Commission.

Applicant proposes commencing operations with one van. Applicant's proposed tariff contains rates for transportation under the District of Columbia Medicaid program.

Applicant verifies that: (1) applicant owns or leases, or has the means to acquire through ownership or lease, one or more motor vehicles meeting the Commission's safety requirements and suitable for the transportation proposed in this application; (2) applicant owns, or has the means to acquire, a motor vehicle liability insurance policy that provides the minimum amount of coverage required by Commission regulations; and (3) applicant has access to, is familiar with and will comply with the Compact, the Commission's rules, regulations and orders, and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations as they pertain to transportation of passengers for hire.

Applicant was directed to explain why his \$100 application fee was paid by check drawn on the joint account of Ms. Mona A. Al-Amouri, who applied for operating authority this year<sup>1</sup>, and Mr. Mohammed H. Mualla, whose application for a certificate of authority was

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<sup>1</sup> See In re Mona Ali Al-Amouri, t/a MonaLiza Transp., No. AP-05-71, Order No. 8771 (June 13, 2005).

conditionally approved earlier this year.<sup>2</sup> Applicant explains that Mr. Mualla provided a check because applicant did not have access to his own checkbook at the time he mailed his application. Applicant has since reimbursed Mr. Mualla the full \$100.

Applicant was also directed to explain his relationship with Al-Amouri and Mualla. According to applicant, no business relationship exists between himself and Mr. Mualla, which is corroborated by Ms. Al-Amouri, who describes Mr. Mualla and applicant as friends of one another.

Applicant is admonished to keep his assets, books, finances and operations completely separate from Mohammed H. Mualla and Mona A. Al-Amouri.

Based on the evidence in this record, the Commission finds that the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest and that applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the proposed transportation properly, conform to the provisions of the Compact, and conform to the rules, regulations, and requirements of the Commission.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That upon applicant's timely compliance with the requirements of this order, Certificate of Authority No. 1099 shall be issued to Theeab Al-Asawi, trading as Sinbad Transportation, 6129 Leesburg Pike, #410, Falls Church, VA 22041.

2. That applicant may not transport passengers for hire between points in the Metropolitan District pursuant to this order unless and until a certificate of authority has been issued in accordance with the preceding paragraph.

3. That applicant is hereby directed to file the following documents within the 180-day maximum permitted in Commission Regulation No. 66: (a) evidence of insurance pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 58 and Order No. 4203; (b) an original and four copies of a tariff or tariffs in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 55; (c) a vehicle list stating the year, make, model, serial number, fleet number, license plate number (with jurisdiction) and seating capacity of each vehicle to be used in revenue operations; (d) a copy of the for-hire vehicle registration card, and a lease as required by Commission Regulation No. 62 if applicant is not the registered owner, for each vehicle to be used in revenue operations; (e) proof of current safety inspection of said vehicle(s) by or on behalf of the United States Department of Transportation, the State of Maryland, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Virginia; and (f) a

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<sup>2</sup> See In re Mohammed Hussein Mualla, t/a Carmel Transp., No. AP-05-11, Order No. 8675 (Apr. 28, 2005) (conditionally granting Certificate No. 1055).

notarized affidavit of identification of vehicles pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 61.

4. That the grant of authority herein shall be void and the application shall stand denied upon applicant's failure to timely satisfy the conditions of issuance prescribed herein.

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



William S. Morrow, Jr.  
Executive Director