

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 9126

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served November 8, 2005

Application of MATRIX RIDE INC for a) Case No. AP-2005-180
Certificate of Authority --)
Irregular Route Operations)

By application accepted for filing October 27, 2005, Matrix Ride Inc, a Virginia 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 was granted operating authority last year, but the issuance of a certificate of authority was expressly made contingent on applicant filing additional documents.¹ Applicant failed to file the necessary documents in a timely manner, thereby voiding the Commission's approval.²

Applicant proposes commencing operations with five vans. Applicant's proposed tariff contains rates for transportation under a contract with LogistiCare Solutions, LLC, (Logisticare) WMATC Carrier No. 524.

LogistiCare has a contract with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). The contract requires LogistiCare to operate a reservation system for the benefit of disabled individuals participating in WMATA's MetroAccess program and to ensure that program participants receive timely and adequate transportation service. The MetroAccess program is WMATA's means of complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.³

According to the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) website, applicant's charter was terminated June 30, 2005. Applicant

¹ See In re Matrix Ride Inc, No. AP-04-124, Order No. 8364 (Oct. 28, 2004) (conditionally granting Certificate No. 994).

² See id. (grant of authority void upon applicant's failure to timely satisfy conditions of issuance); Commission Regulation No. 66 (failure to comply with conditions of grant within 180 days voids approval).

³ 42 U.S.C. § 12101, et. seq. (1999).

will be directed to file a current certificate of good standing issued by the SCC.

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 22, 2005, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.

2. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than December 6, 2005, 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 6, 2005, a current certificate of good standing issued by the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

4. That the deadline for filing protests, comments, applications for intervention, and requests for formal hearing is December 6, 2005, and that copies must be served on applicant's president, Sam Bhalla, 6387 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria, VA 22312.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



William S. Morrow, Jr.
Executive Director