WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 10,803

IN THE MATTER OF: Served October 3, 2007

Application of MASTER'S HAND'S TRANSPORTATION LLC for a Certificate of Authority -- Irregular Route Operations) Case No. AP-2007-150

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.

Applicant was granted operating authority last year, but the issuance of a certificate of authority was expressly made contingent on applicant filing additional documents and passing a vehicle inspection conducted by Commission staff.[1] Applicant failed to satisfy the conditions for issuance of operating authority within the time allotted, thereby voiding the Commission's approval.[2]

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 proposes operating under a tariff containing charter rates and rates for private pay ambulatory/wheelchair transportation.

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,

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1 *See In re Master's Hand's Transportation LLC*, No. AP-06-121, Order No. 9854 (Auc. 18. 2006) Lcondit Lona Ll.v oran t ino Certific~te No. 12(5) ..

2 *See -id.* (grant· of authority ;oi-d 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).

regulations and orders, and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations as they pertain to transportation of passengers for hire.

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:

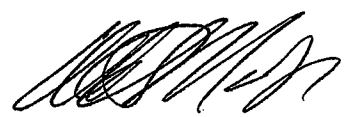
1. That upon applicant's timely compliance with the requirements of this order, Certificate of Authority No. 1275 shall be issued to Master's Hand's Transportation LLC, 5425 Taussig Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710.

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 present its revenue vehicle(s) for inspection and 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; and (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.

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 AND CHRISTIE:



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