

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 11,615

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served October 6, 2008

PASSIONS TRANSPORTATION, LLC,)
Suspension and Investigation of)
Revocation of Certificate No. 1450)

Case No. MP-2008-194

This matter is before the Commission on respondent's response to Order No. 11,572, served September 12, 2008, directing respondent to verify cessation of operations in the Metropolitan District as of August 28, 2008.

I. BACKGROUND

Under the Compact, a WMATC carrier may not engage in transportation subject to the Compact if the carrier's certificate of authority is not "in force."¹ A certificate of authority is not valid unless the holder is in compliance with the Commission's insurance requirements.²

Commission Regulation No. 58 requires respondent to insure the revenue vehicles operated under Certificate No. 1450 for a minimum of \$1.5 million in combined-single-limit liability coverage and maintain on file with the Commission at all times proof of coverage in the form of a WMATC Certificate of Insurance and Policy Endorsement (WMATC Insurance Endorsement) for each policy comprising the minimum.

Certificate No. 1450 was rendered invalid on August 28, 2008, when the \$1.5 million primary WMATC Insurance Endorsement on file for respondent terminated without replacement. Order No. 11,540, served August 28, 2008, noted the automatic suspension of Certificate No. 1450 pursuant to Regulation No. 58-12, directed respondent to cease transporting passengers for hire under Certificate No. 1450, and gave respondent thirty days to replace the terminated endorsement and pay the \$50 late fee due under Regulation No. 67-03(c) or face revocation of Certificate No. 1450.

Respondent paid the late fee on September 10, 2008, and submitted a \$1.5 million primary WMATC Insurance Endorsement on September 9, 2008, but the effective date of the new endorsement is September 18, 2008, instead of August 28, 2008. This means that respondent was without insurance coverage for twenty-one days, from August 28, 2008, through September 17, 2008.

¹ Compact, tit. II, art. XI, § 6(a).

² Compact, tit. II, art. XI, § 7(g).

Under Regulation No. 58-14:

If a carrier's operating authority is suspended under Regulation No. 58-12 and the effective date of a later-filed replacement Endorsement falls after the automatic suspension date, the carrier must verify timely cessation of operations in accordance with Commission Rule No. 28 and corroborate the verification with client statements and/or copies of pertinent business records, as directed by Commission order.

Order No. 11,572 accordingly directed respondent to verify cessation of operations as of August 28, 2008, and to corroborate the verification with copies of its pertinent business records.

II. RESPONSE AND ORDER TO LIFT SUSPENSION

Respondent has filed a statement verifying cessation of operations as of August 28, 2008. The statement is corroborated by respondent's bank and business records and by statements from respondent's known clients.

Based on the evidence, the suspension shall be lifted and this proceeding terminated.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION; COMMISSIONERS YATES AND CHRISTIE:



William S. Morrow, Jr.
Executive Director