

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

ORDER NO. 14,660

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served March 26, 2014

BETTER BUSINESS CONNECTION, INC.,)
T/A BBC EXPRESS, WMATC No. 227; BBC)
VAN SERVICE, INC., T/A BBC CHARTER)
AND LIMO; ABE'S LIMO, INC., T/A)
ABE'S LIMO; and BEST BUS COMPANY,)
LLC, T/A BBC: Investigation of)
Violation of Article XI, Section)
Nos. 6(a) & 11(b), of the Compact,)
WMATC Reg. Nos. 61, 62, & 63, and)
WMATC Order Nos. 12,238 & 13,258)

Case No. MP-2013-028

This matter is before the Commission on the request of respondents for an extension of time to respond to Order No. 14,594, served February 26, 2014.

Order No. 14,594 gave respondents until March 28, 2014, to produce various documents and show cause why the Commission should not assess civil forfeitures against respondents, and/or suspend or revoke Certificate No. 227, for respondents' apparent violations of the Compact and regulations and orders thereunder.

In addition, Order No. 14,594 directed respondents to immediately cease advertising through the websites www.bbcexpress.com and www.abeslimo.com passenger carrier service requiring WMATC authority.

Finally, Order No. 14,594 directed respondents to immediately remove six specified vehicles from WMATC service and to not return those vehicles to WMATC service unless and until otherwise ordered by the Commission.

According to Commission Rule No. 7-05: "Except when fixed by statute, whenever by any . . . order of the Commission, . . . an act is required or allowed to be done at or in a specified time, the time fixed or the period of time prescribed may for good cause be extended by the Executive Director"

The deadlines at issue are not fixed by statute, and as to the March 28 deadline for producing documents and showing cause, the request was timely filed. Given the large number of documents that respondents have been directed to produce, and considering the large number and complexity of issues raised in Order No. 14,594 that

respondents must address, the March 28 document and show cause deadlines shall be extended until April 28, 2014.

Inasmuch as the website-related deadline and out-of-service deadline are well past and were designed to prevent further violations of the Compact and regulations and orders thereunder, those deadlines shall not be extended.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED: That for good cause shown, the deadline for producing documents and for showing cause why the Commission should not assess civil forfeitures against respondents, and/or suspend or revoke Certificate No. 227, shall be extended to April 28, 2014. The request for extension of time is otherwise denied. No further extensions of time shall be granted under Order No. 14,594.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. S. Morrow, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

William S. Morrow, Jr.
Executive Director