

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

ORDER NO. 16,728

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served December 9, 2016

Application of ASSOCIATES TOURS & TRAVEL, L.L.C., for Restrictive Amendment of Certificate of Authority No. 1392) Case No. AP-2016-207)))

By application accepted for filing December 8, 2016, Associates Tours & Travel, L.L.C., seeks to add a seating capacity restriction to Certificate of Authority No. 1392.

Certificate No. 1392 is currently suspended for applicant's failure to maintain on file with the Commission proof of \$5 million in commercial vehicle liability insurance, as required by Commission Regulation No. 58 for carriers with unrestricted certificates of authority.¹

Adding the seating capacity restriction to Certificate No. 1392 would confine applicant's operations to vehicles with a seating capacity of less than 16 persons, including the driver, thereby reducing from \$5 million to \$1.5 million applicant's minimum insurance obligation under Commission Regulation No. 58. The Commission currently has proof of \$1.5 million commercial vehicle liability insurance on file for applicant.

Under Regulation No. 54-08, the Executive Director may approve an application to add a seating capacity restriction to a certificate of authority. Applicant has submitted evidence that it has removed from service all its vehicles seating more than 15 persons, including the driver. Accordingly, the application shall be approved, but the suspension of Certificate No. 1392 shall not be lifted, and applicant may not recommence WMATC operations, unless and until applicant has satisfied the conditions stipulated below and Certificate No. 1392 has been reissued.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That upon applicant's timely compliance with the requirements of this order, Certificate of Authority No. 1392 shall be reissued, as amended consistent with this order, to Associates Tours & Travel, L.L.C., 4203 Georgia Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20011-7244.

¹ *In re Assocs. Tours & Travel, L.L.C.*, No. MP-16-191, Order No. 16,677 (Nov. 14, 2016).

2. That applicant may not transport passengers for hire between points in the Metropolitan District pursuant to this order unless and until Certificate of Authority No. 1392 has been reissued 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 on or before December 14, 2016: (a) an original and four copies of a tariff or tariffs in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 55; (b) 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; (c) 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; (d) 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; (e) the original Certificate of Authority No. 1392; and (f) in accordance with Commission Rule No. 28, a statement under oath indicating whether applicant has ceased all WMATC operations on and after November 14, 2016.

4. That the approval of amendment herein shall be void and the application shall stand denied upon applicant's failure to timely satisfy the conditions of reissuance prescribed herein.

FOR THE COMMISSION



William S. Morrow, Jr.
Executive Director