

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

ORDER NO. 18,914

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served July 28, 2020

SHALOM GENERAL TRANSPORTATION INC.,)
Suspension and Investigation of)
Revocation of Certificate No. 3213)

Case No. MP-2019-144

This matter is before the Commission on respondent's response to Order No. 18,458, served October 25, 2019.

I. BACKGROUND

Certificate No. 3213 was automatically suspended on September 10, 2019, pursuant to Regulation No. 58-12, when the \$1.5 million primary WMATC Insurance Endorsement on file for respondent terminated without replacement. Order No. 18,356, served September 10, 2019, noted the automatic suspension of Certificate No. 3213, directed respondent to cease transporting passengers for hire under Certificate No. 3213, and gave respondent 30 days to replace the terminated endorsement and pay the \$100 late fee due under Regulation No. 67-03(c) or face revocation of Certificate No. 3213.

Respondent paid the late fee and submitted a \$1.5 million primary WMATC Insurance Endorsement on October 10, 2019, and the suspension was lifted on October 25, 2019. However, because the effective date of the new endorsement was October 25, 2019, instead of September 10, 2019, thereby creating a 45-day gap in required insurance coverage, Order No. 18,458 directed respondent to verify cessation of operations as of September 10, 2019, as mandated by Regulation No. 58-14. The order further directed respondent to corroborate its verification with copies of respondent's pertinent business records from June 1, 2019, to October 25, 2019, also as contemplated by Regulation No. 58-14.

II. RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 18,458

On November 14, 2019, as supplemented on December 4, 2019, respondent produced statements of its president, Afework Tantu, a letter from Medical Transportation Management, Inc., (MTM), and copies of respondent's bank statements for the period beginning June 1, 2019, and ending October 31, 2019.

Respondent states that it ceased all operations in the Metropolitan District from September 10, 2019, to November 4, 2019. This statement is corroborated by MTM, which contracts with WMATC carriers to provide passenger transportation service under the District of Columbia Medicaid program. MTM's letter indicates that respondent ceased operations with MTM on September 10, 2019, and did not resume operations

in the network until November 4, 2019. Bank statements submitted by respondent show activity consistent with a halt in operations.

III. CONCLUSION

We find that respondent has shown cause why the Commission should not assess a civil forfeiture or suspend or revoke Certificate No. 3213.

Accordingly, this investigation is hereby terminated.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION; COMMISSIONERS MAROOTIAN, HOLCOMB, AND RICHARD:



Jeffrey M. Lehmann
Executive Director