

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

ORDER NO. 20,486

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served November 17, 2023

PROVIDENCE CARE TRANSPORT, LLC,)
Trading as PROVIDENCE CARE MEDICAL)
TRANSPORT, WMATC No. 3591,)
Investigation of Violation of Order)
No. 19,990 and Regulation No. 64-04)

Case No. MP-2023-043

This matter is before the Commission on respondent's request to reinstate Certificate No. 3591, which was revoked in Order No. 20,376, served September 25, 2023, pursuant to Article XI, Section 10(c), of the Compact for respondent's willful failure to satisfy all conditions attached to the issuance of said certificate in Order No. 19,990.

I. BACKGROUND

The Commission approved respondent's application for a certificate of authority in Order No. 19,990 on November 29, 2022, subject to several conditions, including the condition that respondent produce a copy of the for-hire vehicle registration card for each vehicle to be operated under WMATC authority, as required by WMATC Regulation No. 64-04.¹ As of April 4, 2023, respondent had satisfied all conditions except the for-hire plate condition. In the absence of any passenger carrier authority, respondent was unable to obtain for-hire plates for its sole initial WMATC vehicle, a 2008 Ford with VIN ending A41858.

To resolve the impasse, the Commission issued Certificate No. 3591 to respondent on April 4, 2023, subject to a vehicle-out-of-service notice and subject to the proviso that respondent obtain for-hire plates for the 2008 Ford and submit a copy of the new registration to the Commission within 30 days or face revocation of Certificate No. 3591. Respondent failed to comply. Accordingly, Order No. 20,254, served June 22, 2023, directed respondent to show cause within 30 days why Certificate No. 3591 should not be revoked. Respondent failed to respond and Certificate No. 3591 was revoked on September 25, 2023.

II. RESPONSE AND DECISION

On October 19, 2023, respondent filed a request to reinstate Certificate No. 3591. The request is supported by a copy of a for-hire registration card for respondent's vehicle.

Under Title II of the Compact, Article XIII, Section 4(a), a party to a proceeding affected by a final order or decision of the

¹ *In re Providence Care Transp., LLC, t/a Providence Care Med. Transp.,* No. AP-22-157, Order No. 19,990 (Nov. 29, 2022).

Commission may file within 30 days of its publication a written application requesting Commission reconsideration of the matter involved, and stating specifically the errors claimed as grounds for the reconsideration. Respondent's request for reinstatement was timely filed but does not allege any error on the part of the Commission. However, considering that respondent's sole vehicle is now registered for-hire, we will reopen this proceeding on our own initiative under Commission Rule 26-04, and reinstate Certificate of Authority No. 3591.

Inasmuch as respondent's 2008 Ford now has for-hire plates, respondent may place this vehicle into revenue service.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION; COMMISSIONERS LACKEY AND RICHARD:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jeffrey M. Lehmann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeffrey" being the most prominent.

Jeffrey M. Lehmann
Executive Director