

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 2891

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served August 5, 1986

WHEELCHAIR MOBILE TRANSPORT, INC. )  
for a Certificate of Public Conve- )  
nience and Necessity to Conduct )  
Special Operations between Points )  
in the Metropolitan District-- )  
Non-Ambulatory Persons )

Case No. AP-86-31

By application filed July 30, 1986, Wheelchair Mobile Transport, Inc., ("Wheelchair Mobile" or "applicant"), a Maryland Corporation, seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to transport non-ambulatory persons over irregular routes in special operations between points in the Metropolitan District.1/

Applicant would conduct the proposed service using "handicapped-conversion vans and mini-vans" of unspecified seating capacity. The vans will be specially equipped with the following features: privacy windows; air conditioning; operator-controlled door locks; locking device for security of wheelchairs; seat belts; phone system (to be used in emergencies); ramps and/or lifts. Applicant currently owns a 1984 van and has ordered a 1986 van. Wheelchair Mobile plans to buy another 1986 van if it is awarded WMATC authority.

Applicant plans to operate 7 days a week between 7 a.m. and midnight. Applicant's proposed tariff indicates a one-way charge of \$36 plus \$1 a mile for each mile or fraction thereof in excess of 10 miles. The round-trip fare for pick-up and scheduled return 2/ to the same location would be \$66. One companion may accompany the

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1/ To the extent this application could be construed to seek authority to transport passengers solely within the Commonwealth of Virginia, it is hereby dismissed pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 1(b).

2/ Return is a scheduled pick-up, a maximum of 15 minutes waiting time is allowed before a late charge of \$3.00 for each 15 minutes is made.

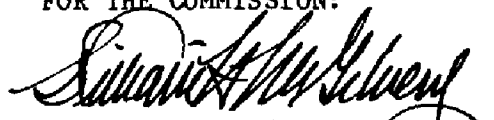
wheelchair customer free of charge. Each additional companion will be charged \$15 one-way. The proposed fee for an attendant supplied by the applicant is \$15 one-way and \$25 round-trip. A group rate composed of the base one-way rate plus \$15 for each additional wheelchair customer with companion is proposed for up to three wheelchair customers. The tariff also provides for a one-way transfer fare of \$45 to or from Washington Dulles International Airport. A surcharge of 15 percent would apply to service between 6 p.m. and midnight.

Pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b), this matter shall be scheduled for public hearing to determine if applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the proposed service and to abide by pertinent regulatory requirements, and to determine if the public convenience and necessity require the proposed service.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED:

1. That a public hearing in Case No. AP-86-31 is hereby scheduled to commence Tuesday, September 9, 1986, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission, 1625 I Street, N.W., Room 314, Washington, D.C. 20006.
2. That Wheelchair Mobile Transportation, Inc., shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, notice of this application and the hearing thereon, in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Saturday, August 9, 1986, and present at the hearing, an affidavit of said publication.
3. That any person desiring to protest the application shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule No. 14, or any person desiring to be heard on this matter shall so notify the Commission in writing no later than Thursday, August 28, 1986, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or notice on counsel for the applicant, Donald L. Noble, Esquire, 9015 Woodyard Road, Clinton, Md. 20735.
4. That Wheelchair Mobile Transportation, Inc., is hereby assessed \$500 pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 19 of the Compact and is directed to deliver said amount to the Commission, 1625 I Street, N.W., Suite 316, Washington, DC 20006, no later than Thursday, August 28, 1986.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

  
William H. McGilvery  
Executive Director 