

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 2914

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served September 19, 1986

Application of BILL APPELL T/A)
PERSONAL PACE TOURS for a)
Certificate of Public Convenience)
and Necessity to Conduct Special)
Operations--Sightseeing Tours)
Case No. AP-86-37

By application filed September 16, 1986, Bill Appell trading as Personal Pace Tours seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to transport passengers in special operations between points in the Metropolitan District, restricted to round-trip sightseeing tours, and further restricted to transportation in vehicles with a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 15 passengers or less including the driver. 1/

Applicant would conduct the proposed service as a sole proprietor using a 15-passenger 1987 van. Mr. Appell's proposed service includes an all-day tour of the Washington area including the White House, Capitol Hill, the Smithsonian, the National Cathedral, Ford's Theater, Lincoln Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, with a lunch stop in Georgetown. The service includes hotel pick-up and return. Reservations will be required for the tour and the cost of lunch is not included in the fare. The proposed fare for this tour is \$42.50 per person.

Applicant submitted a balance sheet dated September 16, 1986, indicating current assets of \$10,000 cash and fixed assets after depreciation of \$7,699.62. The balance sheet indicates no liabilities 2/ and proprietor's equity of \$17,699.62. A projected operating statement for the first 12 months of operations estimates WMATC operating revenue and gross income at \$86,466.25. Operating expenses are estimated at \$32,494.94 with net income after allowance for depreciation and taxes estimated at \$25,767.14.

1/ To the extent that this application could be interpreted to include transportation between points located solely within the Commonwealth of Virginia, the application is dismissed for want of jurisdiction pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 1(b) of the Compact.

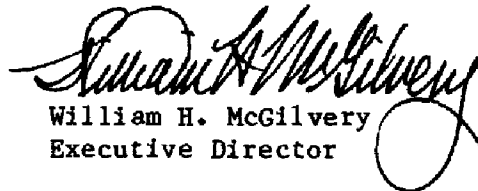
2/ Applicant, however, lists a van note in the amount of \$7,908 under projected operating expenses.

Pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b) of the Compact, this application will be scheduled for public hearing.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That a public hearing in Case No. AP-86-37 is hereby scheduled to commence Wednesday, October 29, 1986, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Commission, 1625 I Street, N.W., Room 314, Washington, D.C. 20006.
2. That the applicant shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District notice of this application and hearing thereon in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Friday, September 26, 1986, and present at the hearing an affidavit of said publication.
3. That any person desiring to protest this 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 Friday, October 17, 1986, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or notice on Bill Appell, 1103 C Street, S.E., #23F Washington, D.C. 20003.
4. That applicant is hereby assessed \$400 pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 19 of the Compact, and is directed to deliver said amount to the office of the Commission, 1625 I Street, N.W., Room 316, Washington, D.C. 20006, no later than Friday, October 17, 1986.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


William H. McGilvery
Executive Director