

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 2956

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served January 8, 1987

Application of INTERNATIONAL)
LIMOUSINE SERVICE, INC., for a)
Certificate of Public Convenience)
and Necessity to Conduct Charter)
Operations between Points in the)
Metropolitan District, and for a)
General Rate Increase)

Case No. AP-86-46

By application filed December 23, 1986, International Limousine Service, Inc. ("ILS" or "applicant"), seeks authority to transport passengers, together with baggage in the same vehicle with passengers, between points in the Metropolitan District, restricted to transportation in vehicles with a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 29 persons or less (including the driver) and further restricted against transportation to or from Washington National Airport or Dulles International Airport except as performed in connection with a prearranged charter movement by the same party between at least two other points in the Metropolitan District and further restricted against transportation described in Commission Regulation No. 70-01, and further restricted against transportation of passengers between points located solely in Virginia. 1/

Applicant currently holds WMATC Certificate No. 38 which authorizes the following transportation:

CHARTER OPERATIONS, over irregular routes, transporting passengers and their baggage, in the same vehicle with passengers between points in the Metropolitan District.

1/ In its application ILS worded the authority it is seeking as follows:

To conduct charter operations [within] the metropolitan district in accordance with ILS' existing WMATC Certificate #38, except to change the rate schedule and to permit ILS to utilize 29 passenger vehicles and smaller.

If applicant seeks authority at variance with the authority described in the first paragraph of this order, it should so inform the Commission by means of a specifically worded amendment.

RESTRICTED: (a) to transportation in vehicles with a manufacturer's designed seating capacity for 16 to 21 passengers (including the driver), (b) against transportation to or from Washington National Airport or Dulles International Airport except as performed in connection with a prearranged charter movement by the same party between at least two other points in the Metropolitan District, (c) against transportation described in Commission Regulation No. 70-01, and (d) against operations between points solely in Virginia.

Thus, it would appear that ILS seeks through this application authority to operate vehicles having a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of less than 16 and more than 21 passengers but not to exceed 29 passengers.


With its application ILS submitted an equipment list indicating seven "vans," one "coach," one "bus," and 18 "minibuses." Seating capacity was not specified for any vehicle. With one exception the vehicles are no older than four years. ILS proposes the following hourly charges: \$30 for transportation in vehicles seating 14 passengers or less; \$40 for transportation in vehicles seating 15 to 20 passengers; and \$42.35 for transportation in vehicles seating 21 to 29 passengers. Travel time to and from ILS's garage is charged at the rate of one hour each way or actual travel time (in 15-minute increments) whichever is greater. The rate for the mid-sized vehicles represents a request for a rate increase from \$36 to \$40 except that the 21-passenger vehicles will go from \$36 to \$42.35. The remaining two rates are new rates since ILS currently lacks authority to operate vehicles of those sizes within the Metropolitan District. Applicant will be directed to post notice of its requested rate increase pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 55.

With its application ILS submitted a balance sheet dated September 30, 1986, and indicating current assets of \$795,963.65 and fixed assets after allowance for depreciation of \$742,884.79. Current liabilities of \$669,341.50 and long-term liabilities of \$528,375 were listed. Equity consisted of \$10,000 common stock and \$331,131.94 credited to retained earnings including \$108,100.77 from year-to-date earnings. An operating statement for the nine-month period ended September 30, 1986, indicated revenues of \$1,386,283 and expenses of \$1,398,382 for an operating loss over that same period of \$12,099. Applicant provided no projection of revenue and revenue deductions from the proposed service. However, a projection for the 12 months ending December 31, 1987, indicates that without requested rate increase ILS anticipates pretax income of \$2,297. With the proposed rate increase, ILS projects pretax income of \$141,055.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That a public hearing in Case No. AP-86-46 is hereby scheduled to commence Thursday, February 12, 1987, 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, and shall post continuously and conspicuously in each of its vehicles through the date of public hearing, notice of this application and the hearing thereon in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Friday, January 16, 1987, and present at the hearing affidavits of said publication and posting.
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 Monday, February 2, 1987, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or notice on applicant's attorney, Jere W. Glover, Esq., 1725 K Street, N.W., Suite 308, Washington, D.C. 20006.
4. That applicant is hereby assessed \$300 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., Suite 316, Washington, D.C. 20006, no later than Monday, February 2, 1987.
5. That applicant is hereby directed to file with the Commission no later than Monday, February 2, 1987, the following items: (a) an equipment list specifying make, model, seating capacity, vehicle identification number, serial number, and license plate number for each vehicle to be used in WMATC operations; (b) a projection of revenues and revenue deductions to be generated by the proposed operations; and (c) a reconciliation of the year-to-date retained earnings with the operating loss for that same period.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


William H. McGilvery
Executive Director

