

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 3009

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served April 29, 1987

Application of MADISON LIMOUSINE)
SERVICE, INC., for Special)
Authorization to Conduct Charter)
Operations Pursuant to Contract)
with British Airways)

Case No. CP-87-05

By application filed April 24, 1987, Madison Limousine Service, Inc. ("Madison" or "applicant"), seeks authority pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 to transport crew members of British Airways, together with mail, express, and baggage in the same vehicle as passengers, between Washington Dulles International Airport, Herndon, Va., on the one hand, and, on the other, hotels located in the Metropolitan District. 1/

By its terms, the proposed contract would extend from May 31, 1987, through May 31, 1988, and may be terminated by British Airways for cause. Hotel selection is subject to change periodically. Applicant would make up to seven transfers a week from Dulles to a designated hotel, and seven transfers a week from the hotel to Dulles. Service would be provided in 11-passenger vans, with applicant using up to two vans per transfer. British Airways would pay \$45 per van per transfer and \$25 an hour for waiting time after the first hour. Additional vans would be provided upon advance notice at the above-stated rates if needed. 2/

British Airways' manager of customer services submitted a notarized letter dated April 15, 1987, in support of the application.

1/ To the extent that this application could be interpreted to include transportation of passengers solely within Virginia, it is dismissed for want of jurisdiction pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 1(b). In addition, the proposed contract provides for service between Dulles and hotels in Washington, D.C. Therefore, the scope of this application is limited to authority between Dulles and hotels in Washington, D.C.

2/ Applicant submitted an equipment list showing nine vehicles; however, applicant's certificate of insurance covers only four of the vehicles listed.

The letter states that British Airways has investigated Madison's qualifications and is satisfied with its ability properly to perform the proposed transportation services. It also indicates that British Airways previously used a different ground carrier but did not require service on a regular basis.

Applicant's balance sheet dated December 31, 1986, listed total assets of \$56,413.95, total liabilities of \$35,869.84, and equity of \$20,544.11. Applicant projects revenues of \$55,272 and expenses of \$52,340 for the first year of operations under the contract.

Inasmuch as there has been submitted a proposed contract (with a letter of intent) for the transportation of employees pursuant to contract with their employer between points within the Metropolitan District for a period in excess of 181 days, the application appears amenable to processing under Commission Regulation No. 70. See Order No. 2004, served June 20, 1979. Consequently, notice of this application must be published and opportunity given for the filing of protests. Protests, if any, must be written, sworn and notarized, and must contain all evidence and argument upon which the protestant would rely.

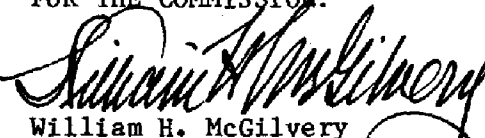
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Madison Limousine Service, Inc., publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District notice of this application in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission no later than Wednesday, May 6, 1987.

2. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a notarized protest in conformance with Commission Regulation No. 70-06 at the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, no later than Monday, May 18, 1987, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on counsel for the applicant, Patricia M. Healy, Esquire, 1111 - 19th Street, N.W., Suite 1100, Washington, D.C. 20036.

3. That applicant shall file with the Commission an affidavit of such publication no later than Monday, May 18, 1987.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


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Executive Director