

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 3015

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served May 6, 1987

Application of RR TRANSPORTATION )  
SERVICE, INC., for Temporary )  
Authority to Transport Passengers )  
in Charter Operations between )  
Points in the Metropolitan District)

Case No. AP-87-10

By application filed April 28, 1987, RR Transportation Service, Inc., seeks temporary authority to transport passengers, together with baggage in the same vehicle as passengers, in charter operations between points in the Metropolitan District restricted to transportation in vehicles with a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 15 passengers or less (including the driver). 1/

The proposed service would be provided using one 1985 14-passenger van. Until such time as a second vehicle is procured, backup service would be provided by other carriers. Applicant proposes to charge \$30 an hour, with a three-hour minimum. In addition one-way transfers would be offered at the following rates:

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| 1) Washington National Airport             | \$110           |
| 2) Washington Dulles International Airport | \$120           |
| 3) Between points inside the Beltway       | \$110           |
| 4) Between points outside the Beltway      | \$130 <u>2/</u> |

For the first 12 months of operations RR Transportation projects revenues of \$30,500 and expenses of \$19,774.

In its statement of immediate and urgent need, applicant states that it arranges bus and van service for many major corporations, hotels, schools, and limousine services. According to applicant, the

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

2/ No transfer rate is proposed which would cover service between a point inside the Capital Beltway and a point outside the Capital Beltway but within the Metropolitan District.

need for 14-passenger vans has increased dramatically during the past 18 months. RR Transportation finds that certificated carriers are often booked. For this reason, it would like to provide transportation using its own vehicle.

RR Transportation's application is supported by four letters. John DeBernadinis, associate director of the Center for Professional Development, The University of Maryland, College Park, Md., attested that the Center requires "executive van" service "on a periodic basis throughout the year." Mr. Franklin D. Wade, program manager of the Paratransit Section of Montgomery County Department of Transportation, states that demand for specialized transportation for the County's elderly, handicapped, and low-income citizens is rapidly becoming greater than the County can accommodate. The County has decided to use private carriers to provide any additional new service after July 1, 1987. Mr. Wade states that RR Transportation "can accommodate this office with reliable, courteous service, as needed." Harold O'Flaherty, president of O&R Management Corporation, supports RR Transportation's application on the grounds that the services of a new broker/provider "augments the capacity of several transportation providers in the Montgomery County area." Ms. Kathy Doren, administrative assistant, Sandoz Pharmaceuticals Corporation, East Hanover, N.J., attests that Sandoz has many meetings in the Washington area and that, as the number of attendees at those meetings has increased, van service has become needed.

Two additional letters were submitted in support of the application. However, they are unnotarized and thus must be considered correspondence only.

The standards for temporary authority are set forth in the Compact at Title II, Article XII, Section 4(d)(3). The essential elements are (1) an immediate and urgent need for service, (2) no carrier capable of meeting such need, and (3) fitness of the applicant. 3/

In view of applicant's allegation of immediate and urgent need, this order will provide notice of RR Transportation's application and a brief period will be provided for the filing of protests, if any. No extension of time will be granted. The application is available for inspection at the office of the Commission during its regular business hours.

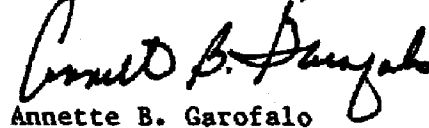
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that any person desiring to protest this application shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule No. 14 at the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street,

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3/ See Order No. 2864, served May 23, 1986; Order No. 2857, served May 12, 1986; and Order No. 1643, served January 24, 1977.

N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, no later than Monday, May 18, 1987, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on applicant's president, Mr. Ronald E. Robinson, RR Transportation Service, Inc., 9030 Comprint Court, Gaithersburg, Md. 20877.

FOR THE COMMISSION;



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Acting Executive Director