

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 3297

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served March 3, 1989

Application of LANCASTER ENTERPRISES,))
INC., Trading as DIAL-OF-WHEELS))
SHUTTLE for a Certificate of Public))
Convenience and Necessity -- Special))
Operations))

Case No. AP-89-07

By application filed January 31, 1989, and amended February 9 and 17, 1989, Lancaster Enterprises, Inc., trading as Dial-of-Wheels Shuttle (Dial-of-Wheels or applicant), a newly-formed District of Columbia corporation, seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to transport passengers, together with baggage in the same vehicle as passengers, in special operations between points in the District of Columbia, on the one hand, and, on the other, points in the Metropolitan District, except Falls Church, VA, and Washington Dulles International Airport, Loudoun County, VA.

Applicant plans to conduct door-to-door service Monday through Saturday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Persons would be transported between "designated" points in the District of Columbia and "desired" points in the District of Columbia, Northern Virginia, and Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, MD. Applicant will also operate a 24-hour "Hotline Transportation" service for "non-emergency" calls. Dial-of-Wheels would conduct operations in a 15-passenger vehicle (including the driver) equipped with mobile communication devices, air conditioning, first-aid kit, and a fire extinguisher. Applicant proposes to charge \$3.50 one-way for transportation between points in the District of Columbia, on the one hand, and, on the other, points in the District of Columbia and Arlington, Alexandria, and Fairfax, VA; a one-way rate of \$4 would be charged for trips between points in the District of Columbia, on the one hand, and, on the other, points in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, MD. A \$5 rate would be charged for trips beyond a 30-mile radius. */ A 10 percent discount would be available to persons 65 years and older. The tariff states that "[g]overnment funding may subsidize all or part of the above fares for persons who qualify."

Dial-of-Wheels' balance sheet as of January 1, 1989, shows current assets in cash of \$28,000; no liabilities; and \$28,000 in equity. With its application Dial-of-Wheels submitted an operating

*/ It is not clear whether the \$5 fare represents a one-way or round-trip rate. It is also unclear from the tariff how the 30-mile radius would be measured. Applicant will be asked to address these matters at hearing.

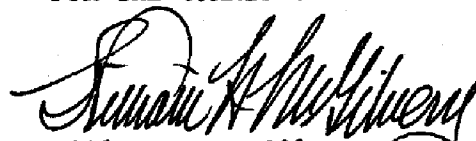
statement for the 12 months ended December 31, 1988, showing operating income of \$70,680 and concomitant expenses of \$70,537. Applicant submitted no projected operating statement pertaining to the proposed operations.

Pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b) of the Compact, this application will be scheduled for public hearing to determine if applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the proposed service properly and comply with the Compact and the Commission's rules and regulations and to determine whether the public convenience and necessity require the proposed service. Applicant will be assessed an amount preliminarily estimated to cover the costs of hearing pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 19.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That a public hearing in Case No. AP-89-07 is hereby scheduled to commence Thursday, April 13, 1989, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Commission, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104.
2. That Lancaster Enterprises, Inc., trading as Dial-of-Wheels Shuttle, 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 Friday, March 17, 1989, and shall present at hearing an affidavit of 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 shall so notify the Commission, in writing, no later than Monday, April 3, 1989, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such notice or protest on Flossie Lancaster, President, Lancaster Enterprises, Inc., trading as Dial-of-Wheels Shuttle, 3421 M Street, N.W., Suite 1017, Washington, DC 20007.
4. That Lancaster Enterprises, Inc., trading as Dial-of-Wheels Shuttle 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, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104, no later than Monday, April 3, 1989.
5. That Lancaster Enterprises, Inc., trading as Dial-of-Wheels Shuttle is hereby directed to file no later than Monday, April 3, 1989, a projected operating statement for the first 12 months of operations as proposed.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


William H. McGilvery
Executive Director