

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 5308

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served April 7, 1998

Investigation of Unauthorized)
Change of Control, Directed to:)

DIPLOMAT LIMOUSINE AND LIVERY)
SERVICE, INC., WMATC No. 176, and)
PETER MCGHEE)

Case No. MP-98-12

BETHANY TRAVEL AGENCY, INC.,)
Trading as BETHANY TRAVEL AND)
LIMOUSINE SERVICE, WMATC No. 185,)
and BETHANY LIMOUSINE & BUSES, INC.)

Case No. MP-98-13

ROYAL AIRPORT SHUTTLE, a)
Partnership, WMATC No. 270, and)
ROYAL AIRPORT SHUTTLE, INC.)

Case No. MP-98-14

GEORGE MOURATIDIS, Trading as)
HAYMARKET TRANSPORTATION, WMATC)
No. 277, and HAYMARKET)
TRANSPORTATION, INC.)

Case No. MP-98-15

WILLIAM E. GILLISON, Trading as)
QUIANA TOURS, WMATC No. 290, and)
QUIANA TOURS, INC.)

Case No. MP-98-16

K&G LIMOUSINE SERVICE, INC., WMATC)
No. 291, and LIMOUSINES FOR YOU,)
INC.)

Case No. MP-98-17

LAWRENCE O. ADETUNJI, Trading as)
VISION TRANSPORT, WMATC No. 394, and)
VISION TRANSPORT, INC.)

Case No. MP-98-18

Under the Compact, Commission approval must be obtained to change control over a WMATC carrier's assets, operations or certificate of authority.¹ The Commission has received documents from respondents indicating that in each case control over WMATC operations has been changed without Commission approval.

¹ Compact, tit. II, art. XI, § 11, & art. XII, § 3.

In the case of Carrier No. 176, the annual report for that carrier indicates that its WMATC operations have undergone "consolidation to Peter McGhee as sole owner and president."

In the case of Carrier No. 185, a staff vehicle inspection, correspondence on "Bethany Limousine & Buses, Inc." letterhead, and follow-up inquiries by staff indicate that WMATC operations have been transferred to that corporation.

In the case of Carrier No. 270, an annual report filed in the name of "Royal Airport Shuttle, Inc." and follow-up inquiries by staff indicate that WMATC operations have been transferred to that corporation.

In the case of Carrier No. 277, a check drawn on the account of "Haymarket Transportation, Inc." in payment of the WMATC annual fee for 1998 indicates that WMATC operations have been transferred to that corporation.

In the case of Carrier No. 290, an annual report filed in the name of "Quiana Tours, Inc.," and mailed in an envelope naming the sender as "Quiana Tours, Inc.," indicates that WMATC operations have been transferred to that corporation.

In the case of Carrier No. 291, a check drawn on the account of "Limousines For You, Inc." in payment of the WMATC annual fee for 1998 and follow-up inquiries by staff indicate that WMATC operations may be under common control with that corporation.

In the case of Carrier No. 394, a check drawn on the account of "Vision Transport Inc." in payment of the WMATC annual fee for 1998 indicates that WMATC operations have been transferred to that corporation.

The Commission may investigate a person to determine whether that person has violated the Compact.² If the Commission finds a person has violated the Compact, the Commission may issue an order compelling compliance and effecting other just and reasonable relief.³ A person who knowingly and willfully violates a provision of the Compact is subject to a civil forfeiture of not more than \$1,000 for the first violation and not more than \$5,000 for each subsequent violation.⁴ Each day of the violation counts as a separate violation.⁵

² Compact, tit. II, art. XIII, § 1(c).

² Compact, tit. II, art. XIII, § 1(e).

⁴ Compact, tit. II, art. XIII, § 6(f).

⁵ Compact, tit. II, art. XIII, § 6(f).

The Commission will initiate these investigations to determine whether respondents have violated the Compact. The respondents in each case shall have thirty days from the date of this order to file an appropriate and acceptable application or show cause why their certificate of authority should not be suspended and why a civil forfeiture should not be assessed for knowing and willful violation of the Compact.

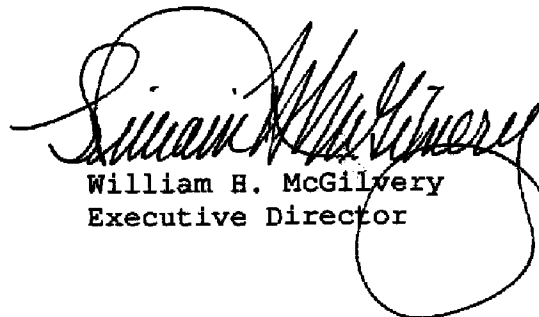
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That an investigation of respondents' operations in the Metropolitan District is hereby initiated under Article XIII, Section 1, of the Compact.

2. That the respondents in each case shall have thirty days from the date of this order to file an appropriate and acceptable application or show cause why a civil forfeiture should not be assessed for knowing and willful violation of the Compact.

3. That any respondent may file within 15 days from the date of this order a request for oral hearing, specifying the grounds for the request, describing the evidence to be adduced and explaining why such evidence cannot be adduced without an oral hearing.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION; COMMISSIONERS ALEXANDER, LIGON, AND MILLER:



William H. McGilvery
Executive Director