

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 6720

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served June 27, 2002

Investigation of Unauthorized )  
Operations of AMR/SIGNATURE ) Case No. MP-2002-49  
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC. )

On February 4, 2000, the Commission issued an order approving the application of AMR/Signature Transportation Services, Inc., for a certificate of authority, subject to the requirement that AMR file additional evidence of fitness, including certificates of insurance and vehicle safety inspection.<sup>1</sup> AMR failed to comply, and the application was subsequently deemed denied pursuant to the order and Commission Regulation No. 66.<sup>2</sup>

Late last year and early this year, the Commission received several insurance certificates in AMR's name indicating that AMR was conducting operations in the Metropolitan District. Commission staff contacted AMR and obtained fare quotes for transportation between points in the Metropolitan District.

Staff wrote to AMR in late March 2002 advising AMR to consider filing an application for WMATC operating authority. AMR's president, Lawrence Jones, telephoned staff in mid-April 2002 and advised that AMR would file an application within one week. It is now more than a month later and still no application has been filed.

The Commission may investigate a carrier to determine whether that carrier has violated the Compact.<sup>3</sup> The Commission may require the production of books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, contracts, agreements, or other records or evidence which the Commission considers relevant to the inquiry.<sup>4</sup> A carrier that 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 any subsequent violation; each day of the violation constitutes a separate violation.<sup>5</sup>

The Commission will initiate an investigation to determine whether AMR/Signature Transportation Services, Inc., has violated the Compact.

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<sup>1</sup> In re AMR/Signature Transportation Services, Inc., No. AP-99-82, Order No. 5804 (Feb. 4, 2000).

<sup>2</sup> See *id.*

<sup>3</sup> Compact, tit. II, art. XIII, § 1(c).

<sup>4</sup> Compact, tit. II, art. XIII, § 1(e).

<sup>5</sup> Compact, tit. II, art. XIII, § 6(f).

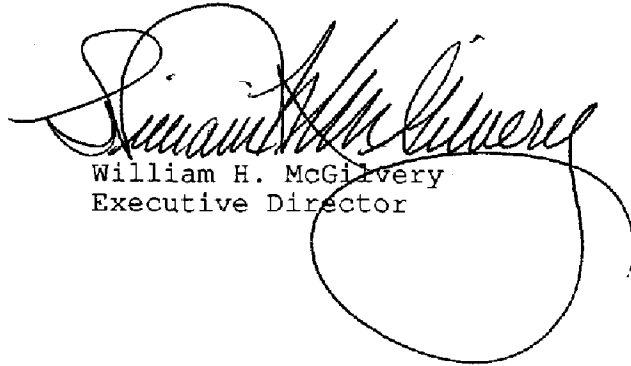
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

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

2. That respondent shall have thirty days from the date of this order to produce any and all records in its possession, custody or control relating to operations in the Metropolitan District during the period beginning January 1, 2000, and ending on the date of this order.

3. That respondent shall not transport passengers for hire between points in the Metropolitan District unless and until otherwise ordered.

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



William H. McGilverey  
Executive Director