

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 7554

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served November 25, 2003

Application of PARA-MED TRANSPORT) Case No. AP-2003-143
SERVICES INC., Trading PARA-MED VA,)
for a Certificate of Authority --)
Irregular Route Operations)

By application accepted for filing November 6, 2003, Para-Med Transport Services Inc., a Maryland corporation trading as Para-Med VA, seeks a certificate of authority for irregular route operations in vehicles with a seating capacity of less than 16 persons only, including the driver.

Applicant proposes commencing operations with one van registered to US Tranes Care. Applicant will be directed to file a statement describing its relationship with US Tranes Care and explaining what US Tranes Care does commercially, if anything.

Applicant's proposed tariff contains rates for transportation under the DC Medicaid program and private-pay rates for ambulatory and wheelchair transportation, including rates for service in Northern Virginia that would appear to cover intra-Virginia trips. This Commission does not have jurisdiction over intra-Virginia transportation, and the application indicates that applicant does not possess any intra-Virginia authority. Applicant will be directed to state whether it intends to furnish intra-Virginia service without Virginia authority.

Applicant proposes doing business under the trade name, "Para-Med VA." Applicant's principal place of business is in Maryland. Accordingly, applicant shall be directed to file proof of registration of the trade name, "Para-Med VA," with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

Finally, Paramed Medical Transportation, Inc., WMATC No. 206, holds fifty percent of applicant's stock. The Commission may approve the control of one WMATC carrier by another WMATC carrier if the Commission finds that such control is consistent with the public interest.¹ The public interest analysis focuses on the fitness of the controlling party, the effect on competition, and the interest of affected employees.² Applicant will be directed to identify the other shareholder(s) and ownership percentage(s).

¹ Compact, tit. II, art. XII, § 3.

² Act of Sept. 15, 1960, Pub. L. No. 86-794, § 3, 74 Stat. 1031, 1050 (1960) (codified at DC CODE ANN. § 9-1103.01 (2003)); In re Laidlaw Transit Servs., Inc., No. AP-98-33, Order No. 5415 (Sept. 25, 1998).

This proceeding is hereby initiated to determine whether applicant is fit and whether the proposed transportation and common control are consistent with the public interest.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That applicant shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, no later than December 10, 2003, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.

2. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than December 31, 2003, an original and four copies of an affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph.

3. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than December 10, 2003, an original and four copies of a statement describing applicant's relationship with US Tranes Care and explaining what, if anything, US Tranes Care does commercially.

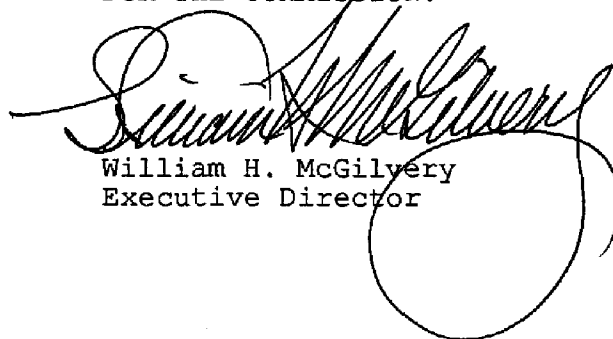
4. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than December 10, 2003, an original and four copies of a statement indicating whether applicant intends to furnish intra-Virginia service without Virginia authority.

5. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than December 10, 2003, five copies of proof of registration of the trade name, "Para-Med VA," with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

6. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than December 10, 2003, an original and four copies of a list identifying all of applicant's shareholders and the corresponding ownership percentages.

7. That the deadline for filing protests, comments, applications for intervention, and requests for formal hearing, is December 31, 2003, and that copies must be served on applicant's president, Azita Griffin, 23230 Ridge Road, Germantown, MD 20876.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



William H. McGilvery
Executive Director