

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 8178

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served July 23, 2004

Application of A-FAIR)
TRANSPORTATION INC. to Acquire) Case No. AP-2004-92
Certificate No. 539 from GETAHUN)
AYELE WOLDEMECAEL, Trading as)
FAIR TRANSPORTATION)

By application accepted for filing May 6, 2004, applicant, A-Fair Transportation Inc., a Maryland corporation, seeks Commission approval to acquire Certificate No. 539 from Getahun Ayele Woldemecael, trading as Fair Transportation. Woldemecael has agreed to transfer Certificate No. 539 and other assets in exchange for a controlling interest in A-Fair Transportation Inc., a new carrier. The application is unopposed.

Under Article XI, Section 11(a), of the Compact, a person may not transfer a certificate of authority unless the Commission approves the transfer as consistent with the public interest. The public interest analysis focuses on the acquiring party's fitness.¹

Applicant proposes commencing operations with two vans. Applicant's proposed tariff contains an hourly charter rate with a minimum charge, as well as individual and group fares for transportation to and from Ronald Reagan Washington National and Washington-Dulles International Airports.

Applicant verifies that: (1) applicant owns or leases, or has the means to acquire through ownership or lease, one or more motor vehicles meeting the Commission's safety requirements and suitable for the transportation proposed in this application; (2) applicant owns, or has the means to acquire, a motor vehicle liability insurance policy that provides the minimum amount of coverage required by Commission regulations; and (3) applicant has access to, is familiar with and will comply with the Compact, the Commission's rules, regulations and orders, and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations as they pertain to transportation of passengers for hire.

¹ In re Quality Med. Supplies LLC, t/a F & J Healthcare Servs., & Tingem Health Care Servs. Inc., No. AP-04-25, Order No. 8033 (May 27, 2004).

Based on the evidence in this record, the Commission finds applicant to be fit, willing, and able to perform the proposed transportation properly and to conform with applicable regulatory requirements and, therefore, that the transfer of Certificate No. 539 to applicant is consistent with the public interest.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

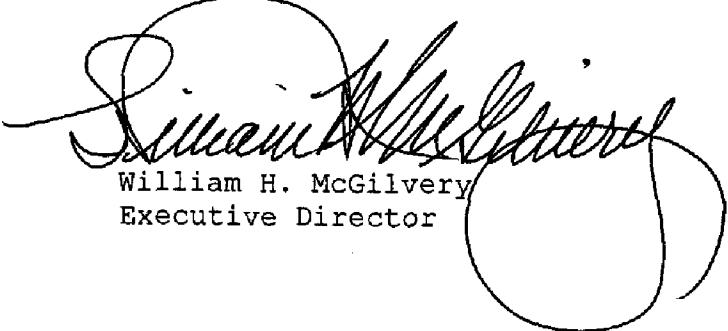
1. That upon applicant's timely compliance with the requirements of this order, Certificate of Authority No. 539 shall be reissued to A-Fair Transportation Inc., 101 Bralan Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

2. That applicant may not transport passengers for hire between points in the Metropolitan District pursuant to this order unless and until Certificate of Authority No. 539 has been reissued in accordance with the preceding paragraph.

3. That applicant is hereby directed to file the following documents within the 180-day maximum permitted in Commission Regulation No. 66: (a) evidence of insurance pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 58 and Order No. 4203; (b) an original and four copies of a tariff or tariffs in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 55; (c) a vehicle list stating the year, make, model, serial number, fleet number, license plate number (with jurisdiction) and seating capacity of each vehicle to be used in revenue operations; (d) a copy of the for-hire vehicle registration card, and a lease as required by Commission Regulation No. 62 if applicant is not the registered owner, for each vehicle to be used in revenue operations; (e) proof of current safety inspection of said vehicle(s) by or on behalf of the United States Department of Transportation, the State of Maryland, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Virginia; and (f) a notarized affidavit of identification of vehicles pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 61.

4. That the approval of transfer herein shall be void and the application shall stand denied upon applicant's failure to timely satisfy the conditions of reissuance prescribed herein.

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


William H. McGilvery
Executive Director