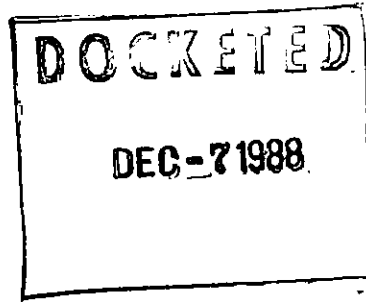




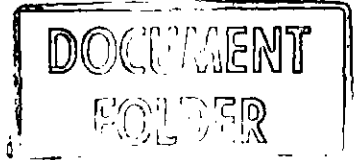


COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
P. O. BOX 3265, HARRISBURG, Pa. 17120  
December 1, 1988

James D. Campbell, Jr., Esquire  
3631 North Front Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110



IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO OUR FILE  
A-00107294  
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Application of Bucks County Transport, Inc., a corporation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Enclosed is the compliance order issued by the Commission in this proceeding.

The applicant will not be permitted to operate or engage in any transportation granted by the enclosed order until a tariff has been prepared and filed in accordance with the enclosed instructions.

Motor carriers operating without complying with the above requirement will be subject to the penalty provisions of the Public Utility Code.

Commission regulations require compliance with the above requirement within sixty (60) days of the date of this letter. Failure to comply within the sixty (60) day period will cause the Commission to rescind the action of November 23, 1988 and dismiss the application without further proceedings.

Very truly yours,

Jerry Rich  
Secretary

fao

Enclosure

Certified Mail

Receipt Requested

Tariff Contact Person: Joseph Machulsky (717) 787-5521

cc: Bucks County Transport, Inc.

P.O. Box 2619

Doylestown, PA 18901

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Public Meeting held November 23, 1988

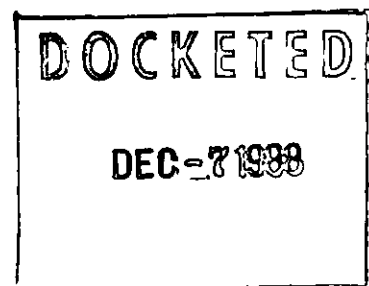
Commissioners Present:

Bill Shane, Chairman  
William H. Smith, Vice-Chairman  
Linda C. Taliaferro  
Joseph Rhodes, Jr.  
Frank Fischl



Application of Bucks County Transport, Inc., a corporation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for amendment to its common carrier certificate, which grants the right to transport, by motor vehicle, persons in paratransit service, between points in that portion of Bucks County located on and north of Pennsylvania Highway Route 563, and in the townships of Nockamixon, Durham, Bridgeton, Solebury, Wrightstown and Upper Makefield, and the boroughs of Sellersville, Perkasio, New Hope and Riegelsville; SO AS TO PERMIT the transportation of persons, in paratransit service, between points in the county of Bucks, limited to the operation of motor vehicles with a seating capacity of twenty-nine (29) passengers or less, excluding the driver.

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Caldwell & Kearns, by James D. Campbell for the applicant.  
Raymond A. Thistle, Jr., for protestants, Willow Grove Yellow Cab  
Inc., and Medi-Call Ambulance Service, Inc.

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O R D E R

BY THE COMMISSION:

This matter comes before the Commission by an application filed on December 17, 1987, and published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin of January 16, 1988. Additional public notice was given in the Intelligencer/Record, a newspaper of general circulation in Bucks County. Two carriers protested the application, but withdrew upon reconsideration of their interests in the matter.

The unopposed record is now certified to the Commission for its decision without oral hearing. Verified statements were submitted by the applicant and 14 supporting parties.

Vincent J. Volpe, executive director of Bucks County Transport (BCT or applicant), has entered a verified statement. BCT is a Pennsylvania corporation with its principal place of business located at Route 611 and Almhouse Road, Doylestown, Bucks County. It currently holds authority to provide paratransit service between points in that portion of Bucks County located on and north of Pennsylvania Highway Route 563, and in certain other townships and boroughs in Bucks County. It also holds a broker license at Folder 1, authorizing it to arrange for the transportation of persons between points in Bucks County, which it requires pursuant to the regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in order to serve as the Bucks County coordinator for Section 203 transportation services within Bucks County.

All of the paratransit authority that BCT now holds, is completely embraced within the authority sought in this application. BCT is fully aware that the approval of this application is not to be construed as conferring more than one operating right.

BCT operates 12 vehicles in paratransit service. It has two vans, two station wagons and eight buses with seating capacity of 29 or fewer passengers. Three of the vehicles are specially equipped to serve the handicapped. Nine vehicles are owned by BCT and three are leased from Laidlaw Transit, Inc. The vehicles are dispatched from the Doylestown terminal which also houses the administrative offices and vehicle storage facilities.

An unaudited balance sheet shows that as of June 30, 1987, BCT had total assets of \$1,056,132 and total liabilities of \$289,458, leaving a fund balance of \$766,674. An unaudited statement of income for the period of November 1, 1985 (date of inception) through June 30, 1987, shows that from total income of \$3,109,728, BCT incurred operating expenses of \$2,343,054, leaving a fund balance of \$766,674.

Should this application be approved, BCT will continue to operate primarily as a coordinator of Section 203 transportation, funded by Pennsylvania Department of Welfare within Bucks County. It will continue to use other carriers in this capacity; but it needs to have broader authority of its own in order to meet the increasing demands for paratransit service as evidenced by the supporting witnesses.

Anne Parnell is the center manager for the Middletown Senior Citizens Center located at 2140 Trenton Street, Levittown, Bucks County. She supports the applicant, stating that the purpose of the organization is to assist its 800 members in finding recreational and educational opportunities as well as transportation to doctors' offices, banks, etc. In this regard, transportation services are required daily. The places of origin will be from the members' homes in Bucks County, including Middletown, Levittown, etc. It has found the present service to be inadequate, experiencing late

pickups and shortages of equipment. The additional service proposed here should help to improve the service throughout Bucks County.

Jacqueline D. Dworkin, director of Bensalem Senior Citizens Center, Bensalem, Bucks County, supports the applicant. The Center provides meals, education, recreational activities and social activities for senior citizens of Bucks County. Some of the members are hearing-impaired, arthritic, use canes or walkers, or otherwise handicapped. Transportation is required for a variety of purposes from the members' homes and the Center to points such as Quakertown, New Hope and Doylestown. Service by the currently available carriers has been inadequate and it urges approval of the instant application.

Gail Hinkle is activities director for Heritage Towers, a non-profit housing and nursing care facility located in Doylestown, Bucks County. It provides housing and nursing care for 275 senior citizens, many of whom are physically handicapped and require wheelchairs, walkers or canes. It also has a number of blind and/or deaf residents. The residents require service on a daily basis in order to travel to shopping centers, hospitals and doctors' offices, banks and similar destinations. The transportation under consideration would either originate or terminate in Doylestown, with destination at points scattered throughout Bucks County. It is felt that a definite need exists for additional transportation in Bucks County and approval of the application is urged by the residents.

Ann Kitchen is sub manager of Warminster Senior Center located in Warminster, Bucks County. The center has 322 members, many of whom require walkers, canes or are hearing-impaired. They require transportation services on a daily basis from the members' homes in Warminster, Hatboro, Warrington, Horsham and surrounding areas, to and from various destinations throughout Bucks County. The members have no reasonable access to public transportation. Most of the members are too old to drive and cannot afford the use of taxicabs. They need the service proposed by the applicant.

Valerie Crenshaw is director of the Bristol Township Senior Center located in Levittown, Bucks County. She supports the applicant on behalf of the center which has approximately 600 members. The applicant's services would be required on a daily basis from points such as Bristol Township, Middletown Township, Lower Makefield Township, Falls Township, Langhorne Borough, Penndel Borough, and other surrounding locations. Service is also required directly from the center to most points throughout the county. In using the existing carriers, it has found a shortage of drivers and frequent breakdown of equipment. The additional service proposed herein would be accommodating.

Eileen Strouse is director/manager of the Morrisville Senior Center located in Morrisville, Bucks County. The organization is made up of 655 members and its purpose is to provide social and educational opportunities for senior citizens. Some of the members are blind and require the use of walkers or canes. The members reside generally in the Morrisville and Lower Bucks County area. They require transportation on a daily basis from their homes to shopping centers, doctors' offices, banks and other

locations throughout the county. In addition, transportation is required from the Center. There is no service that is presently available for its members and the cost of taxicab transportation is prohibitive. The proposed service would be very accommodating.

Patricia K. Stephens is the manager of Charter Arms Senior Apartments located in Warminster, Bucks County, and supports the applicant. It provides housing for 122 senior citizens of Warminster. Some of the residents are unable to drive, are elderly, or suffer from a handicap such as deafness or inability to travel except in wheelchairs. Transportation is required on a daily basis from the apartments to destinations throughout Bucks County. The proposed service is an affordable type of service which would be very much desired by the citizens.

Gerry Trapani Buckman is the building administrator for Gloria Dei Plaza located in Newtown, Bucks County, and supports the application. The supporting party is a non-profit government subsidized housing facility for the elderly and handicapped, with approximately 150 senior citizens housed at the location. Transportation is required daily from the home in Newtown to doctors' offices, food stores, banks, senior centers, club meetings, and other similar destinations located throughout Bucks County. All of the transportation would either originate or terminate at the home. The proposed service would prove very accommodating and will be used regularly if it becomes available.

Evelyn Burns is the treasurer and travel coordinator of the Newtown Senior Fellowship located at St. Andrews Catholic Church, Newtown, Bucks County. She supports the applicant on behalf of the 80 members, some of whom are handicapped. The transportation requirements of the members vary from once a week to daily. All transportation would originate at the members' homes located in the Newtown area with destination at various points in Bucks County. The proposed service would be very accommodating.

Joan Dohl, Henrietta Morris, Dannie Burch, Pearl Joseph and Beatrice Hamlett, are residents of various communities in Bucks County and support the applicant. Each of them require transportation from their homes to the St. Mary's Hospital in Langhorne, Bucks County, for dialysis treatment every week. They need reliable and affordable service for transportation to and from the hospital, and they believe the applicant is capable of supplying a responsive service.

#### DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

By this unopposed application, Bucks County Transport seeks to amend its common carrier certificate at Folder 2, so that it will have the right to transport persons in paratransit service between points in Bucks County, limited to the use of motor vehicles with a seating capacity of 29 passengers or less, excluding the driver.

The proposed area of authority, all of Bucks County, completely encompasses the paratransit service the applicant is now authorized to provide in northern Bucks County. The application is well supported by

various organizations and individual citizens of the southern portion of Bucks County who have displayed the desire and need for an additional source of transportation to supplement the existing service which has often been inadequate. Because of the duplication of authority that would exist, the authority granted herein will be issued in lieu of the existing paratransit authority held by Bucks County Transport.

We find:

1. That a public need for the proposed service does exist.
2. That the proposed authority completely encompasses the applicant's existing paratransit authority.
3. That the applicant is fit, ready, willing and able to provide the proposed service.
4. That approval of the application is necessary for the accommodation and convenience of the public; THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED: That the application be and is hereby approved and that the certificate issued to the applicant on November 10, 1987, be amended so that the right contained in our order adopted September 17, 1987 and entered on September 24, 1987, be changed so that it shall now read as follows:

To transport, as a common carrier, persons, in paratransit service, between points in Bucks County;

subject to the following condition:

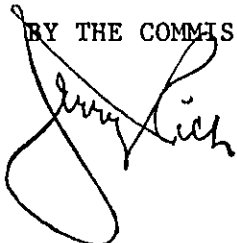
That any service provided under the authority granted herein shall be rendered in vehicles having a seating capacity of twenty-nine (29) passengers or less, excluding the driver.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the applicant shall not engage in any transportation granted herein until it shall have complied with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code and the rules and regulations of the Commission relative to the filing and acceptance of a tariff establishing just and reasonable rates.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That in the event the applicant has not, on or before sixty (60) days from the date of the service of this order, complied with the requirements hereinbefore set forth, the application shall be dismissed without further proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the authority granted herein, to the extent that it duplicates authority now held by or subsequently granted to the applicant, shall not be construed as conferring more than one operating right.

BY THE COMMISSION,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Rich", written over the text "BY THE COMMISSION,".

Jerry Rich  
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: November 23, 1988

ORDER ENTERED: DEC 1\_ 1988

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JAMES D. CAMPBELL, JR., ESQ. ✓  
3631 NORTH FRONT STREET  
HARRISBURG PA 17110  
APPLICANT

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RAYMOND A THISTLE JR ESQ  
206B BENSON EAST ✓  
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JENKINTOWN PA 19046  
WILLOW GROVE YELLOW CAB CO PROTESTANT

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