

BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 739

IN THE MATTER OF:	Served September 29, 1967
Application of D. C. Transit)	Application No. 453
System, Inc., for Authority)	
to Increase Fares.)	Docket No. 156

On September 1, 1967, D. C. Transit System, Inc., filed certain tariffs setting forth new increased fares, accompanied by the required application and supporting data. The tariffs have a proposed effective date of October 1, 1967.

The Commission is of the opinion that the tariffs should be suspended in order that the Commission may give further consideration to the financial condition and revenue requirements of the Company, and to enable the Commission to determine whether it is being operated economically and efficiently and whether the proposed fares are just and reasonable.

The Commission has granted a staff request to engage the services of an independent public utility consultant having expertise in, and knowledge of, the subject of rate of return. Pursuant to Article XII, Section 19(a), Compact, the Commission will hereafter assess the applicant the sum which it considers reasonable to cover this expense item.

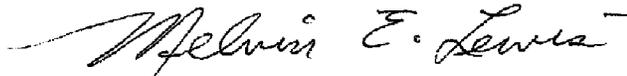
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That D. C. Transit System, Inc., Supplement No. 2 to WMATC Tariff No. 35, Supplement No. 1 to WMATC Tariff No. 38, Supplement No. 1 to WMATC Tariff No. 4, Supplement No. 1 to WMATC XA No. 2, Supplement No. 1 to WMATC XA No. 3, and Supplement No. 1 to WMATC XA No. 4 be, and they are hereby,

suspended, and the use of the fares stated therein be, and they are hereby, deferred, pending investigation and hearing thereon, until December 30, 1967, unless otherwise ordered.

2. That D. C. Transit System, Inc., be, and it is hereby, assessed the sum of \$12,000, the sum reasonably anticipated to compensate the independent consultant. Such sum shall be deposited in the name and to the credit of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission, in the Old Dominion Bank, Rosslyn Branch, 1900 North Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, Virginia; of such sum, \$6,000 shall be so deposited on or before Monday, October 30, 1967, and \$6,000 shall be so deposited on or before Thursday, November 30, 1967.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:



MELVIN E. LEWIS
Executive Director