

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 778

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served February 12, 1968

Application of D. C. Transit System, )  
Inc., for Authority to Increase Fares.)

Application No. 453  
Docket No. 156

Application of D. C. Transit System, )  
Inc., for Authority to Increase its )  
Fleet in Lieu of Purchasing Buses. )

Application No. 436  
Docket No. 156

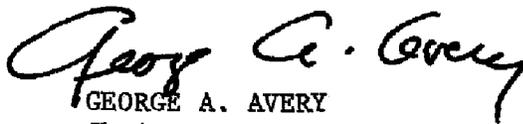
On January 26, 1968, by Order No. 773, this Commission ordered D. C. Transit System, Inc., to purchase eighty-five (85) new air-conditioned buses for use in its mass transit operations. That order required the Company to submit satisfactory proof to the Commission not later than February 10, 1968, that a purchase had been consummated for delivery by June 1, 1968.

The Company has placed its purchase order as required by Order No. 773. However, the Company has submitted evidence, confirmed by independent staff investigation, that the manufacturer's schedule and commitments make it impossible to make a firm commitment to meet the June 1 deadline for delivery. The manufacturer can guarantee delivery commencing August 1, 1968. We have required D. C. Transit to seek an earlier delivery date, if such becomes possible due to cancellations or other circumstances, and the manufacturer has confirmed to the Company and our staff that they will comply with this request if at all possible.

Since circumstances beyond the control of D. C. Transit make it impossible for the Company's supplier to meet the June 1 deadline, we will amend the relevant part of Order No. 773.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Order No. 773, Item 5 thereof, be amended to provide that the eighty-five (85) new air-conditioned buses be purchased for delivery at the earliest date available from the supplier, but in no event shall delivery commence later than August 1, 1968 or proceed at a rate slower than three (3) vehicles per day.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

  
GEORGE A. AVERY  
Chairman