

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 856

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served August 22, 1968

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

Application No. 505

Docket No. 186

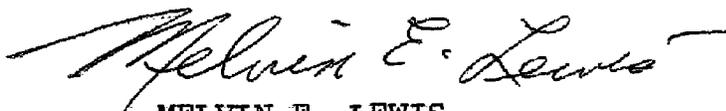
By Order No. 855, served August 16, 1968, the Commission denied the motion of the D. C. City-Wide Consumer Council, et al., for postponement of the hearing on this matter, which has been scheduled by Order No. 854 for hearing commencing August 26, 1968. Movants have filed an application for reconsideration of Order No. 855.

Even if we considered the matter on its merits, we note that Order No. 855 explicitly sets forth our reasons for denial of the motion. Nothing additional is offered in the application for reconsideration. Movants recognize in their own motion papers that the schedule for hearings is a matter subject to the discretion of the Commission. We have given thorough and careful study to the figures presented by the company and to the staff's preliminary analysis of those figures. On the basis of that study, we have concluded that the public interest is best served by the hearing schedule we have established. As the hearing progresses, we can make continuing judgments on the schedule. We find no basis for modifying the directive we set out in Orders 854 and 855.

In any event, Article XII, Section 16 of the Compact provides that reconsideration may be filed by a person affected only by a "final" order. Order No. 855 clearly relates only to the administrative process of this agency; hence, it is interlocutory in nature and therefore not a "final" order. Accordingly, the application for reconsideration should be dismissed.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the application of the D. C. City-Wide Consumer Council, et al., for reconsideration of Order No. 855 be, and it is hereby, dismissed.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melvin E. Lewis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

MELVIN E. LEWIS  
Executive Director