

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 889

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served December 6, 1968

Application of Washington,)
Virginia and Maryland Coach)
Company, Inc., for Increase)
in Fares -- 1965)

Application No. 296

Docket No. 72

By motion filed November 1, 1968, W. V. & M. Coach Company requests modification of Order No. 834 thereby setting December 1, 1968, as the new compliance date by which it must purchase 15 new air-conditioned buses. Movants assert that the instant request emanates from a failure of the manufacturer to meet the scheduled delivery and from prolonged negotiations concerning the financing.

Objection to the motion was made by Richard D'Antonio, a party to the proceeding.

Subsequently, W. V. & M. informed the Commission that a mechanical problem had developed in the vehicles ordered. A modification was made, but its effectiveness is not known. W. V. & M. did, however, accept delivery of five of the fifteen vehicles. These vehicles were received by December 1, and have been placed in service on a trial basis. As soon as it is known that the modification is successful, delivery of the remaining ten vehicles will be fulfilled.

The Commission is of the opinion that good cause has been shown to warrant the extension of the delivery of the remaining vehicles, provided that W. V. & M. diligently pursues the modification and delivery of the remaining vehicles. Therefore, the motion, as herein modified, will be granted and this matter terminated. However, we wish to notify the company that we will expect it to program its 1969 order of new buses in such a manner as to have these vehicles in service within the time provision of Order No. 834.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the motion of W. V. & M. Coach Company, Inc., as modified above, be, and it is hereby, granted.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melvin E. Lewis".

MELVIN E. LEWIS
Executive Director