

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 959

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served July 2, 1969

Study of Fare Zone Structure)
of Washington, Virginia and)
Maryland Coach Company.)

Docket No. 198a

On May 20, 1969, the Commission, in Order No. 946, authorized the Alexandria, Barcroft and Washington Transit Company (A. B. & W.) to increase its fares. However, in that order the Commission noted some of the inequities existing in the interstate fare zone structure of A. B. & W. and held the proceeding open pending a study of the A. B. & W. fare zone structure by the Commission staff, the results of which are to be submitted to the Commission by 120 days after May 20, 1969, the date of the issuance of Order No. 946.

The question of the equitableness of fare zones also has recently come before this Commission in the Washington, Virginia and Maryland Coach Company (W. V. & M.) fare case decided in January 1969 in which new interstate fares and fare zones were authorized by the Commission. There we held the newly authorized fare zone boundaries to be fair and reasonable^{1/} and on petition for reconsideration from the Arlington County Board questioning the reasonableness of the fare zone boundaries and the adequacy of the record to support our finding in support of those boundaries, we reaffirmed our earlier finding and denied the application for reconsideration.^{2/} The Arlington County Board has taken an appeal to the United States Court of Appeals where the matter is now pending.

^{1/} Order No. 907, issued January 16, 1969.

^{2/} Order No. 926, issued February 17, 1969.

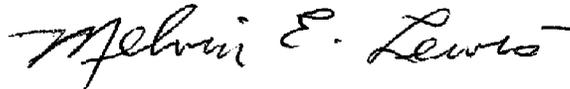
For some purposes, it will be useful to compare the fare zone structures of A. B. & W. and W. V. & M. They provide competitive services in Zone 1. The combined territories of the two companies cover the entire Virginia portion of the Washington Metropolitan Transit District. We will therefore include in the staff study of the A. B. & W. zones, the zones of W. V. & M. Since it becomes necessary to study W. V. & M.'s zone structure in this regard, it seems appropriate to make a general review of it.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the staff of the Commission review the interstate fare zones and fare zone structure of W. V. & M. The staff is directed to make recommendations for changes in the W. V. & M. fare zone structure if such changes appear appropriate.

2. That W. V. & M. shall make such studies and checks as are requested by the Commission staff, in order to provide an adequate base for the staff study.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:



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