

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 968

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served July 23, 1969

Application of D. C. Transit )	Application No. 553
System, Inc., for Suspension )	
of the Program for the Purchase )	Docket No. 201
of New Buses. )	

In Application No. 553, filed February 3, 1969, D. C. Transit System, Inc. (Transit) has asked the Commission to suspend the program for the purchase of new buses by Transit, established by Order No. 773, served January 26, 1968. By the terms of that order, Transit was directed to purchase "on the average each year, beginning June 1, 1968, a number of new air-conditioned buses equal to 1/14th of the number of buses in its fleet."

Before the Commission acted upon this matter, the applicant filed a subsequent application, No. 573, for authority to increase fares.

Inasmuch as Application No. 553 affects not only the standard of service provided by the carrier, but also the operating costs as reflected in the maintenance and depreciation expense accounts, and the general financial condition of the applicant, the Commission finds that Application No. 553 should be consolidated with Application No. 573 for hearing in Docket No. 201.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Application No. 553 and Application No. 573 be, and they are hereby, consolidated for hearing in Docket No. 201, such hearing having been scheduled by Order No. 958 to commence on Monday, July 28, 1969, at 10:00 A.M., in the Hearing Room of the Commission, 1625 I Street, N. W., Room 314, Washington, D. C.

2. That applicant publish notice of application and hearing thereon in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, once, at least four days prior to said hearing.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

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

MELVIN E. LEWIS  
Executive Director