

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 9265

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served January 17, 2006

Investigation of Prescription of)
Interstate Taxicab Rates and)
Charges)

Case No. MP-2005-132

Order No. 9240, served January 6, 2005, prescribed new rates for interstate taxicab trips in the Washington Metropolitan Area. The rates prescribed for such trips in taxicabs operated by Dulles Taxi Systems, Inc., (DTS), the Washington Flyer concessionaire at Washington Dulles International Airport, include an initial charge of \$2.80 for the first quarter mile or fraction, \$0.45 for each additional quarter mile or fraction, and a waiting-time charge of \$21.00 per hour. The order stipulated that the waiting-time charge should be assessed at the rate of \$0.35 for each sixty seconds of waiting time.

DTS responds that conventional taximeters will not accommodate one rate increment for mileage and another rate increment for time. Accordingly, DTS requests that the waiting-time increment for Washington Flyer taxicabs be amended to \$0.45, consistent with the \$0.45 mileage increment, and assessed for each seventy-seven seconds of waiting time -- or \$21.04 per hour, which is essentially indistinguishable from \$21.00 per hour when computing an interstate fare to or from Dulles Airport.

For good cause shown, the requested technical correction shall be approved.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Appendix B to Order No. 9240, prescribing interstate taxicab rates for taxicab service within the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit District in Washington Flyer taxicabs, is hereby amended consistent with the terms of this order.

2. That effective, February 5, 2006, the base rate and incidental charges for an interstate trip between points in the Metropolitan District in a Washington Flyer taxicab shall be the base rate and incidental charges specified in Amended Appendix B to this order.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


William S. Morrow, Jr.
Executive Director

Appendix B to Order No. 9240
As Amended by Order No. 9265
Effective February 5, 2006, at 12:01 a.m.

INTERSTATE TAXICAB RATES
FOR TAXICAB SERVICE WITHIN THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT
(In Washington Flyer taxicabs)

- \$2.80 First 1/4 mile or fraction
- .45 Each additional 1/4 mile or fraction
- .45 Each 77 seconds of waiting time (\$21.04/hour)
- 1.50 Each additional passenger in a pre-formed party (provided, however, that one child five (5) years of age or younger shall be transported without charge when accompanied by an older person)

Hand baggage, including large bags of groceries or articles of similar size, in excess of one piece per passenger shall be charged for at the rate of 50¢ for each such piece. Briefcases and parcels of comparable size shall not be considered as hand baggage.

Trunks and similar large articles shall be charged for at the rate of \$2.00 each. A trunk is defined as a piece of baggage having a minimum dimension or cubic content in excess of 32 inches by 18 inches by 9 inches, or 3 cubic feet.

The charge for personal service, defined as any service requested by a passenger which requires the taxicab driver to leave the vicinity of the taxicab, shall be \$2.00.

There shall be a surcharge of \$2.50 per trip during periods of snow emergency declared by the District of Columbia.