

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 13,081

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served December 13, 2011

Rulemaking to Amend Rules of)
Practice and Procedure and) Case No. MP-2011-105
Regulations, Regulation)
Nos. 60-01, Annual Reports,)
and 67-05, Method of Payment)

Pursuant to Title II of the Compact, Article XIII, Section 3, and Commission Rule No. 30, the Commission hereby initiates a rulemaking for the purpose of amending Commission Regulation Nos. 60-01, governing annual reports, and 67-05, governing the forms of payment accepted by the Commission.

I. ELECTRONIC FILING OF ANNUAL REPORTS

Regulation No. 60-01 governs the form and filing of annual reports. Currently, the Commission furnishes a paper annual report form to all carriers holding WMATC authority on January 1 of each year. Each such carrier must complete the form, sign it, date it, and file the original. Beginning January 1, 2012, however, the Commission will accept reports filed electronically through the Commission's website under an Electronic Filing ID, with no paper required. This requires that the Commission add a subsection to Regulation No. 60-01 to allow such filings.

Therefore, effectively immediately, Regulation No. 60-01 shall read as follows:

60-01. Annual Reports. Each carrier holding a certificate of authority on the first day of the calendar year shall file an annual report on or before January 31 of that year.

(a) The report shall be filed using the Commission's annual report form, which shall require the carrier to certify the current accuracy of the information in the report and state whether any organizational changes have occurred since the date of the prior year's report or, if no annual report was due the prior year, the date the carrier's certificate of authority was issued or reinstated.

(b) An annual report may be filed under an Electronic Filing ID assigned by the Commission. An annual report filed in this manner shall constitute an original for purposes of Commission Rule No. 4-02 and deemed to meet the original signature requirement under Rule No. 4-05.

II. PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD AND DEBIT CARD

Regulation No. 67-05 stipulates that Commission fees and forfeitures shall be paid to the Commission by check or money order. The Commission accepts neither cash, nor credit cards, nor debit cards. Effective January 1, 2012, however, the Commission will begin accepting payment of fees by credit card and debit card, initially through the Commission's website but eventually in person and by telephone. The Commission therefore proposes amending Regulation No. 67-05 to permit payment of fees by such means. Cash still will not be accepted for the reasons expressed in Order No. 12,297.¹

Therefore, effectively immediately, Regulation No. 67-05 shall read as follows:

67-05. Method of Payment. Fees assessed pursuant to this regulation shall be paid to the Commission by check, money order, credit card, or debit card. Forfeitures assessed by Commission order shall be paid to the Commission by check or money order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION; COMMISSIONERS BRENNER AND HOLCOMB:



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Executive Director

¹ *In re Rules of Prac. & Proc. & Regs.*, No. MP-10-006, Order No. 12,297 (Jan. 28, 2010).