

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1003

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served January 8, 1970

Complaint and Request for )  
Rule Making of Greater )  
Washington Alliance to )  
Stop Pollution, Inc. )

Formal Complaint No. 22

On August 21, 1969, the Greater-Washington Alliance to Stop Pollution, Inc. (GASP) filed a formal complaint and petition for rule making, alleging that companies operating buses which are subject to our jurisdiction are violating the Commission exhaust emission regulations and urging that new exhaust emission regulations be adopted by the Commission. In Order No. 994, we set a prehearing conference for January 8, 1970, and the conference was held as scheduled.

At the conference, it was agreed by all parties present that further proceedings on the complaint and petition for rule making should be held in abeyance pending a study by the Commission staff as to the adequacy of the procedures presently being used by each bus company subject to our jurisdiction for the control of exhaust emissions and pollution. The staff would also be expected to explore the question of whether pollution controls in addition to those now embodied in the regulations are appropriate. It was understood by all parties present that if the study indicated that the procedures being followed by any company were entirely adequate to deal with emissions and pollution, such company or companies would be dismissed as formal parties to the proceeding. GASP agreed to submit a memorandum to the Commission staff by February 6, 1970, outlining its views as to what the study should encompass. We will expect the staff study to be accomplished expeditiously. The staff report shall be made a part of the public record in this proceeding.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Commission staff is directed to undertake a study of the adequacy of the pollution control practices of those companies operating diesel buses under the jurisdiction of this Commission; to determine which of those companies, if any, is violating the present Commission exhaust emission regulations; and to make any further recommendations it deems appropriate for the control of exhaust emissions.

2. That Commission action in this proceeding be held in abeyance pending the submission of the staff study ordered herein.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:



MELVIN E. LEWIS  
Executive Director