

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1014

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served February 13, 1970

Application of W. V. & M.)
Coach Company, Inc., for)
Authority to Increase Fares)

Application No. 607
Docket No. 208

On February 6, 1970, W. V. & M. Coach Company, Inc., filed its WMATC Tariff No. 35 setting forth new increased interstate fares to be effective March 9, 1970. The present and proposed fares for each zone are as follows:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Zone 1	\$.35	\$.50
Zone 2	.50	.65
Zone 3	.60	.80
Zone 4	.70	.95
Zone 5	.80	1.10
Zone 6	.90	1.25
Zone 7	1.00	1.40
Zone 8	1.10	1.55
Zone 9	1.35	1.70

Notice of the proposed new fares has been posted on W. V. & M.'s buses indicating that any person interested in protesting these fares should do so, in writing, to the Commission, by no later than February 27, 1970.

W. V. & M., contemporaneously with its tariff filing, filed a motion for interim fare relief pending Commission consideration of its application for increased fares, alleging that the company is insolvent. We will not act

on that motion at the present time. However, inasmuch as we are generally aware of the difficult financial condition of this carrier, we will proceed expeditiously in the consideration of its application for increased fares.

W. V. & M. has also petitioned for relief from the requirement of our Order No. 452 that it annually purchase new air-conditioned buses in a number equal to one-twelfth of its fleet. We will consider the substance of that petition concurrently with the fare application.

W. V. & M. has also filed a motion requesting that the Alexandria, Barcroft and Washington Transit Company be made a party to any proceedings called to consider the fare application on the ground that some of the service of W. V. & M. and A. B. & W. is competitive. We have not had a formal response to that request from A. B. & W. and will not decide that question now.

Finally, as we indicated in Order No. 1010 of February 3, 1970, we will consolidate the matter of the need to revise W. V. & M.'s fare zone structure with the application for increased fares.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That W. V. & M. Coach Company, Inc., WMATC Tariff No. 35, be, and it is hereby, suspended, and the use of the fares stated therein be, and they are hereby, deferred pending investigation and hearing thereon.

2. That the request for relief from the bus-purchase requirement of Order No. 452 will be considered with the request for increased fares.

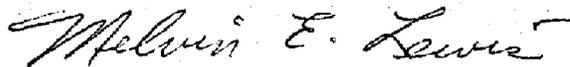
3. That the matter of the proposed fare zone amendments for W. V. & M. in Docket No. 198a be, and they are hereby, consolidated with Docket No. 208.

4. That this matter be, and it is hereby, set for hearing on Thursday, March 12, 1970, at 10 a.m. in the hearing room of the Commission, Room 314, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

5. That applicant post notice in its buses advising the public of the time and place of hearing.

6. That the applicant publish notice of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, once, at least 20 days prior to March 12, 1970.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melvin E. Lewis".

MELVIN E. LEWIS
Executive Director

