

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1200

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served February 14, 1972

Application of D. C. Transit )  
System, Inc., for Authority )  
to Increase Fares. )

Application No. 752

Docket No. 241

On January 31, 1972, Mrs. Dorothy Camer, a party to this proceeding, requested a postponement of the February 17th date for the hearing.

The Commission shall deny her request for the following reasons: Under the Compact, the Commission must, once an application for increased rates is filed, act on it within 150 days. To enable us to satisfy this statutory obligation, the Commission scheduled hearings to begin on February 17, 1972.

Further, the only reason Mrs. Camer gives for requesting a postponement is that "it will not be possible for me to prepare my case completely by that date." Nowhere in her request does she state why it would not be possible for her to be prepared. When the Commission set the hearing dates in Order No. 1193, issued January 21, 1972, it believed that it gave the parties to this proceeding sufficient time to prepare for the cross-examination of the company's witnesses. Nothing contained in Mrs. Camer's request persuades the Commission otherwise.

Finally, the hearings beginning on February 17th are for the purpose of receiving the company's direct case and the cross-examination of it by the other parties. After the completion of these hearings, additional hearing dates will be set for the presentation of the cases by the other formal parties, including Mrs. Camer. Normally, the Commission schedules these hearings to begin some weeks after completion of the company's case.

Thus, the Commission believes Mrs. Camer will have ample opportunity to prepare her direct case for presentation to the Commission.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the request of Mrs. Dorothy Camer for the postponement of the February 17, 1972, hearing be, and it hereby is, denied.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Douglas N. Schneider, Jr.", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

DOUGLAS N. SCHNEIDER, JR.  
Executive Director