

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1268

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served July 17, 1973

Petition of D. C. Transit)
System, Inc. for a Tariff)
to be Effective on Less)
Than Thirty Days Notice.)

By letter dated July 11, 1973, D. C. Transit System, Inc. (Transit) petitions for permission to amend its WMATC Tariff No. 46 so as to permit Supplement No. 1 thereto to become effective on July 18, 1973.

Supplement No. 1 adds "Block Discount Prices" for Transit's individually ticketed sightseeing tours. Under its proposed supplement, Transit would offer reduced rates on each of its specified individually ticketed sightseeing tours for groups of 10-14 persons, 15-19 persons, and 20 or more persons. We have previously permitted not dissimilar group discount fares to be inaugurated by other certificated carriers for individually ticketed sightseeing service. Not only do such fares serve as an economic inducement to a group of persons to take an individually ticketed sightseeing tour, but the carrier is thereby enabled to sell a substantial block of its coach capacity. If Transit submitted this supplement on the usual thirty-day notice required by Article XII, Section 5(e) of the Compact, we would permit the tariff to become effective.

We have recently reissued Transit's certificate of public convenience and necessity by our Order No. 1260 and Transit has filed its WMATC Tariff No. 46 effective July 14, 1973, in accordance with our direction. Transit asks that its Supplement No. 1 be permitted to become effective on July 18, 1973. We believe it in the public interest that Transit's proposed block discount fares should be made available to the public during the height of the sightseeing season, and we will therefore grant Transit's petition.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Supplement No. 1 to WMATC
Tariff No. 46 of D. C. Transit System, Inc. be, and it is
hereby, authorized to become effective July 18, 1973, on
less than thirty days notice.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

Hyman J. Blond

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Executive Director