

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1269

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served July 17, 1973

Petition of W. V. & M.)
Coach Company, Inc. for)
a Tariff to be Effective)
on Less Than Thirty Days)
Notice.)

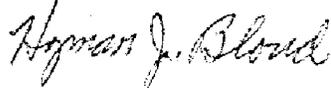
By letter dated July 11, 1973, Washington, Virginia and Maryland Coach Company, Inc. (W. V. & M.) petitions for permission to amend its WMATC Tariff No. 40 so as to permit Supplement No. 1 thereto to become effective on July 18, 1973.

Supplement No. 1 adds "Block Discount Prices" for W. V. & M.'s individually ticketed sightseeing tours. Under its proposed supplement, W. V. & M. 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 W. V. & M. 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 W. V. & M.'s certificate of public convenience and necessity by our Order No. 1261 and W. V. & M. has filed its WMATC Tariff No. 40 effective July 14, 1973, in accordance with our direction. W. V. & M. asks that its Supplement No. 1 be permitted to become effective on July 18, 1973. We believe it in the public interest that W. V. & M.'s proposed block discount fares should be made available to the public during the height of the sightseeing season, and we will therefore grant W. V. & M.'s petition.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Supplement No. 1 to WMATC
Tariff No. 40 of Washington, Virginia and Maryland Coach
Company, 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
Executive Director