

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1276

IN THE MATTER OF:

Supplement No. 1 to WMATC) Served September 7, 1973
Tariff No. 12 of Greyhound))
Service, Inc.) Application No. 812

On August 10, 1973, Greyhound Airport Service, Inc. (Greyhound) filed with the Commission "Supplement No. 1 to WMATC Tariff No. 12." This tariff supplement seeks to eliminate "Economy Airport Service" between Dulles International Airport ("Dulles") on the one hand, and certain specified pickup or discharge points in the District of Columbia on the other.

The specified pickup or discharge points here at issue are excerpted from Greyhound's currently effective tariff and attached to this order as "APPENDIX A". The pickup or discharge points proposed in Supplement No. 1 are attached to this order as "APPENDIX B".

Comparison of the tariff provisions indicates that Greyhound proposes to add two hotels and delete the National Institutes of Health in Zone D-4, and to delete fourteen hotels in Zone D-5. ^{1/} "Economy Airport Service" is provided Zone D-4 at \$3.25 per person, and Zone D-5 at \$3.50 per person.

1/Although no such information was supplied by Greyhound, we note here that the Manger Hamilton Hotel is no longer in operation, and the Manager Annapolis Hotel, now converted to apartments known as the Annapolis Towers, may no longer be suitable for airport operations. If any other such changes in operations have occurred, among the deleted hotels, we would expect Greyhound to provide such information in support of its request.

The following definition is from Greyhound's currently effective tariff:

"ECONOMY AIRPORT SERVICE (Available at both Washington Airports) - Service for one or more passengers being transported by means of the same vehicle, with the carrier controlling the loading, dispatching and routing of the vehicle, the specified points en route at which passengers will be picked up or discharged and with carrier exercising the right to hold vehicle for a reasonable period of time after first passenger boards the vehicle to assemble other passengers travelling to or from the same points being served by that vehicle. The service will be operated between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 12:01 a.m. between both Washington Airports and certain pickup and discharge points specified by the carrier."

An alternative service, "Group Riding Door-to-Door Sedan Service," is, and would continue to be under Greyhound's proposal, provided Zone D-4 at \$6.50 per person, Zone D-5 at \$7.00 per person. This alternative service is defined in Greyhound's currently effective tariff:

"GROUP RIDING DOOR-TO-DOOR SEDAN SERVICE - Service by a vehicle accommodating no more than eight (8) passengers and their baggage, plus the driver of the vehicle, whereby the carrier controls the loading, dispatching and routing of the vehicle, including the right to hold vehicle for a reasonable period of time after first passenger boards the vehicle, to assemble other passengers travelling to the same destination point or no more than a total of five (5) different destinations within the same general area of each other, and the order in which the passengers on board will be discharged or picked up en route. This service is available from Dulles International Airport only to points in certain zones of the Washington Metropolitan District as specified herein, and from points in those zones to the said airport, on a reservation basis only."

We perceive no reason not to permit Greyhound to expand its service to include the two additional hotels it proposes to serve in Zone D-4, and we will authorize herein the filing of an appropriate tariff supplement to accomplish this purpose and will permit such tariff supplement to become effective on five days notice.

We believe that the proposed service deletions require more careful consideration. Although Greyhound alludes to its petition for reconsideration filed in another proceeding currently pending before the Commission, Application No. 804, it provides little information of the type which the Commission requires for a prudent consideration of such service deletions, and none at all with the tariff supplement itself. We are not advised whether the proposed changes are based upon operational changes of the hotels themselves ^{2/}, or upon a need to generate additional revenues ^{3/}, or upon an analysis of demand, or upon some combination of these or other factors.

We will require a detailed statement of the reasons for the proposed changes. In addition, we will require a complete statistical analysis of the numbers of passengers utilizing the various services of Greyhound, including Greyhound Airport Service, Inc., of Virginia, the taxicab operator, together with an analysis of the probable changes in ridership patterns due to the proposed tariff changes, including such resistance as may be applicable. We will further require a consolidated and fully allocated analysis of the impact

^{2/} See footnote 1.

^{3/} Aside from metered taxicab service, which Greyhound's telephone information service estimates at about \$20.00 between Dulles and downtown, the only other alternative to "Economy Airport Service" provided by Greyhound is "Group Riding Door-to-Door Sedan Service." The per passenger fares in Zones D-4 and D-5 for Group Riding service are exactly double the fares for Economy Service. See discussion at p. 2. It might be presumed that some users of Economy Service would switch to Group Riding, and no analysis is presented of the probable impact on Greyhound's revenues or expenses.

of the proposed changes upon the revenues, expenses and rate of return of Greyhound, including taxicab operations. We will require Greyhound to provide this material within a month.

The public should be given notice of such proposed service changes, and we will require Greyhound to publish notice in a newspaper and post notice in each of its vehicles operating in the affected service. A public hearing will be scheduled at a later date to consider the data submitted by Greyhound and to give the public an opportunity to be heard on this matter. In the meantime, the proposed tariff will be suspended in accordance with the requirements of Article XII, Section 6(a) (1) of the Compact.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Greyhound Airport Service, Inc., be, and it is hereby, authorized to file forthwith an appropriate tariff supplement for the sole purpose of including the two additional hotels in Zone D-4 as proposed, such tariff supplement to be effective on five (5) days notice.

2. That, in all other respects except that specified in ordering paragraph 1 above, Supplement No. 1 to WMATC Tariff No. 12 of Greyhound Airport Service, Inc., be, and it is hereby, suspended through Thursday, December 6, 1973, unless and until otherwise ordered by the Commission.

3. That Greyhound Airport Service, Inc., publish notice of its proposed tariff changes in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan Transit District on or before Friday, September 21, 1973, in a form prescribed by the Commission staff.

4. That Greyhound Airport Service, Inc., post notice of its proposed tariff changes in a place where it may be easily noticed and read by a passenger, in each of its vehicles operating in "Economy Airport Service", on or before Friday,

September 21, 1973, in a form prescribed by the Commission staff.

5. That any person desiring to be heard on this matter shall contact the Commission, 1625 I Street, N. W., Room 316, Washington, D. C. 20006, in writing, with a copy to Greyhound's Attorney of Record, L. C. Major, Jr., Esq., Suite 301 Tavern Square, 421 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314, on or before Wednesday, October 9, 1973.

6. That Greyhound Airport Service, Inc. submit, on or before Wednesday, October 9, 1973, data as outlined in this order in support of its proposed tariff changes.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSIONER:

Hyman J. Blond

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Executive Director

B. Points In The Following Zones By Means
of Economy Airport Service

<u>Zones</u>	<u>Specified Pickup Or Discharge Points</u>	<u>Zone Fares</u>
Zone D-3		\$ 3.00
Zone D-4	* Bethesdan Motel, 7400 Wisconsin Ave. * Governor's House, 8400 Wisconsin Ave. * Linden Hill Hotel, 5400 Pooks Hill Road * National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike	\$ 3.25
Zone D-5	Airlines Terminal, 1201 K St. * Ambassador Hotel, 1412 K St. * Burlington Hotel, 1120 Vermont Ave. * Dupont Plaza Hotel, Dupont Circle * Executive House, 1515 Rhode Island Ave. * Holiday Inn (Central), 1501 Rhode Island Ave. * Holiday Inn (Downtown), 1615 Rhode Island Ave. Howard Johnson Motel, 2601 Virginia Ave. * Madison Hotel, 15th and M Streets * Manger Annapolis Hotel, 1111 H Street * Manger Hamilton Hotel, 14th and K Streets * Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Ave. * Sheraton Park Hotel, 2660 Connecticut Ave. * Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St. Statler Hotel, 16th and K Streets Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Ave. * Windsor Park Hotel, 2300 Connecticut Ave.	\$ 3.50
Zone D-6	* Howard Johnson Motel, Wheaton Plaza * Georgian Motel, 7990 Georgia Ave. * Sheraton-Silver Spring, 8727 Colesville Road	\$ 3.75
Zone D-7		\$ 4.00

* Service from these points to Dulles International Airport is provided on a reservation basis only.

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Supplement No. 1
to
WMATC Tariff No. 12

Cancel Item 2, Paragraph B, providing for Fares Between Dulles International Airport and Points in certain specified zones and substitute in lieu thereof the following:

ITEM 2. FARES BETWEEN DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND:

B. Points In The Following Zones By Means Of Economy Airport Service

<u>Zones</u>	<u>Specified Pickup or Discharge Points</u>	<u>Zone Fares</u>
Zone D-C*		\$3.00
Zone D-4*	Bethesdan Motel, 7400 Wisconsin Ave. * Governor's House, 8400 Wisconsin Ave. * Holiday Inn, Bethesdan Motel, 8120 Wisconsin Ave. * Holiday Inn, Chevy Chase, Bethesdan Motel, 5520 Wisconsin Ave. * Bethesdan Motel, 7740 Wisconsin Ave.	\$3.25
Zone D-5	Airlines Terminal, 1201 K St., N. W. Statle Hotel, 16th & K Sts., N. W. Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.	\$3.50
Zone D-6*	Howard Johnson Motel, Wheaton Plaza * Georgian Motel, 7990 Georgia Ave. * Sheraton-Silver Spring, 8727 Colesville Road	\$3.75
Zone D-7*		\$4.00

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