

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1280

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Washington, Virginia) Served: November 1, 1973
and Maryland Coach Company, Inc., to)
Amend Its Certificate of Public Con-) Docket No. 251
venience and Necessity No. 4-A)
) Application No. 808

Pursuant to Order No. 1274, a formal hearing before a Hearing Examiner was held on September 25, 1973, to determine what amendments, if any, should be made in Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 4-A issued to Washington, Virginia and Maryland Coach Company, Inc. (WV&M), a subsidiary of D. C. Transit System, Inc. (Transit). The application of WV&M sought to amend Certificate No. 4-A so as to provide authority to conduct special operations limited to individually ticketed sightseeing service between points in Virginia, except Dulles International Airport, on WV&M's former regular routes, including hotels and motels in the territory served by such former regular routes, on the one hand, and on the other, points in the District of Columbia. No protests were received and no one appeared in opposition to the application.

By Order No. 1273, served August 16, 1973, Transit was granted temporary authority to operate the individually ticketed sightseeing service set forth in WV&M's Certificate No. 4-A, and WV&M was permitted to suspend temporarily its performance of individually ticketed sightseeing service. WV&M's special operations pursuant to the amended certificate sought herein would commence upon termination of Transit's temporary authority on January 31, 1974. If the Commission were to amend the certificate, WV&M requested that Transit be granted authority to operate it as amended through January 31, 1974.

WV&M's evidence in support of the application was limited to the testimony of the general manager of sales and marketing for both WV&M and Transit and two exhibits comprising excerpts from highway maps depicting the area proposed to be served. The testimony was that the operations proposed by WV&M would be basically confined to "feeder service" connecting with Transit's authorized individually ticketed sightseeing operations. WV&M proposes to pick up travelers at the door of their motels or hotels in Virginia for transportation to the downtown sightseeing terminal of Transit in Washington, D.C.,

from which point they would begin the tour of their choice. The exhibits provide a territorial description of the area to be served by WV&M, embracing the area through which its present regular routes traverse.

WV&M herein seeks authority to perform special operations limited to individually ticketed sightseeing service without reference to Transit's sightseeing operations. The present record fails to indicate clearly the nature or extent of the individually ticketed sightseeing operations contemplated to be performed by WV&M. Accordingly, the hearing will be continued for the purpose of receiving evidence in a re-opened record upon which the Commission would be able to make a determination of the extent to which WV&M, as a separate entity apart from Transit, would perform individually ticketed sightseeing operations. In order to properly determine whether WV&M is fit, willing and able to perform the proposed transportation service, we shall require it to submit, and be prepared to support with competent witnesses, the following exhibits:

(A) A detailed balance sheet showing the financial condition of the carrier for the calendar year 1972 and as of the latest date available for the year 1973;

(B) A detailed income statement of the carrier for the calendar year 1972 and as of the latest date available for the year 1973, including the operating ratio; and

(C) A detailed list of the carrier's operating equipment, specifying the make, year, model, seating capacity, whether owned or leased, and other pertinent data regarding each vehicle.

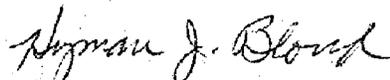
We will require that six (6) copies of all direct evidence in the nature of prepared testimony and supporting exhibits as required herein shall be submitted to the Commission, on or before Tuesday, November 13, 1973.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the hearing on September 25, 1973, on the matter of the application of Washington, Virginia and Maryland Coach Company, Inc., for an amendment to its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 4-A be, and it is hereby, continued for further hearing upon a re-opened record before a Hearing Examiner at the Hearing Room of the Commission, 1625 Eye Street, N.W., Room 314, Washington, D. C. 20006, at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, November 20, 1973.

2. That six (6) copies of evidence in the nature of prepared testimony and the exhibits required of Washington, Virginia and Maryland Coach Company, Inc., as hereinbefore described, shall be submitted to the Commission on or before Tuesday, November 13, 1973.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



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Executive Director