

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1297

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of D. C. TRANSIT)	Served January 4, 1973
SYSTEM, INC., for Approval to)	
Purchase the Properties of)	Application No. 822
Washington, Virginia and Mary-)	
land Coach Co., Inc.)	Docket No. 257

Pursuant to the provisions of Title II, Article XII, Section 12(a)(2) of the Compact, an application was filed November 30, 1973, by D. C. Transit System, Inc. (Transit), requesting approval of the purchase by Transit of the properties of the Washington, Virginia and Maryland Coach Company, Inc. (WV&M) for operation in Transit's individually ticketed sightseeing service.

In its application Transit noted that the Commission has granted Transit temporary operating authority to conduct individually ticketed sightseeing services over the irregular routes now authorized in WV&M's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 4-A, and has authorized WV&M to suspend such services.^{1/} The above mentioned authority expires January 31, 1974.

A public hearing on this matter will be scheduled, and Transit will be required to publish notice of its application and the hearing thereon in a newspaper and post notice in each of its vehicles. Transit will also be required to submit, prior to the hearing, the following material:

- (A) a detailed balance sheet for both WV&M and Transit, individually, as of December 31, 1973;

^{1/} Order No. 1273, served August 16, 1973.

- (B) an itemized list of all the assets of WV&M proposed to be acquired by Transit, together with
- (1) the book value and amount of accrued depreciation, if any, of each item, as well as the method of assigning book value, as of December 31, 1973,
 - (2) the current market value of each item and the method of valuation or copy of the appraisal as of December 31, 1973, and
 - (3) the price at which each item is proposed to be purchased;
- (C) a copy of the proposed purchase agreement including the terms and conditions of any financing involved;
- (D) an itemization of each asset of WV&M which, as of December 31, 1973, was security for any debt of any kind, together with the amount and nature of the debt, and name of creditor;
- (E) a copy of the accounting entries which Transit and WV&M propose to use in recording this transaction on the book of each carrier, including account numbers, titles, and amounts;
- (F) a complete and detailed description of Transit's individually ticketed sightseeing operation should the application be granted;
- (G) a copy of Transit's proposed Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity should the application be granted;
- (H) a copy of Transit's proposed Tariff should the application be granted.

This requirement for pre-hearing submissions is not meant to limit or define in any way the nature and scope of questioning by parties to the proceeding or the presentation of any documents or testimony by Transit. Any relevant matter may be offered by

Transit or explored by other parties. Transit shall be prepared to support its evidence, exhibits, and pre-hearing submissions with competent and knowledgeable witnesses.

In order to afford additional time for the Commission to make a determination in this proceeding, the Commission will take advantage of the provisions of the Compact ^{2/} to extend both the temporary operating authority of Transit and the authorized suspension of WV&M through February 11, 1974.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That this matter be, and it is hereby scheduled for public hearing on Thursday, January 24, 1974, at 10:00 A.M. in the Hearing Room of the Commission, Room 314, 1625 I Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20006.

2. That D. C. Transit System, Inc., be, and it is hereby, required to publish notice of its application and hearing thereon in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, on or before Friday, January 18, 1974, in the form prescribed by the Commission staff.

3. That D. C. Transit System, Inc., be, and it is hereby, required to post notice of its application and hearing thereon in each of its vehicles on or before Friday, January 11, 1974, in the form prescribed by the Commission staff, such notice to remain posted through Thursday, January 24, 1974.

4. That any person desiring to be heard on this matter shall so indicate to the Commission in writing with a copy to applicant's Attorney of Record, William D. Hurley, Esq., 3600 M Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20007, on or before Wednesday, January 23, 1974.

5. That D. C. Transit System, Inc., be, and it is hereby, required to submit six (6) copies of the material described in the body of this Order, so as to be received at the office of the Commission not later than Monday, January 21, 1974.

6. That the temporary operating authority granted to D. C. Transit System, Inc., to conduct individually ticketed sight-seeing services over the irregular routes now authorized in Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 4-A held by

^{2/} See Title II, Article XII, Sections 4(d)(3) and 4(i).

the Washington, Virginia and Maryland Coach Company, Inc., be, and it is hereby, extended through February 11, 1974, unless otherwise modified by subsequent order of this Commission.

7. That the authority granted to Washington, Virginia and Maryland Coach Company, Inc., to suspend individually ticketed sightseeing services over the irregular routes now authorized in its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 4-A. be, and it is hereby, extended through February 11, 1974, unless otherwise modified by subsequent order of this Commission.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Acting Executive Director