

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1345

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of AIR TRANSIT,)	Served: August 13, 1974
INC., for Approval )	
of Taxicab Fares )	Application No. 841

Air Transit, Inc.,<sup>1/</sup> by Application No. 841, filed July 18, 1974, requested approval of its WMATC Tariff No. 1, to be effective August 16, 1974, setting forth fares, rules and regulations governing the transportation of passengers and their baggage, in taxicab operations, between Dulles International Airport (Dulles) and points and places within the Metropolitan District located in the District of Columbia or Maryland. By letter-petition, filed July 31, 1974, Air Transit requests leave to withdraw its application and its petition to advance the effective date of the tariff.

The reason for the request to withdraw is that there is already an outstanding order of the Commission fixing taxicab fares from points in the Commonwealth of Virginia within the jurisdiction of the Commission to points and places in the District of Columbia and that part of Maryland within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

There are two outstanding orders of the Commission which are applicable to transportation by Air Transit's taxicabs operating between Dulles and points and places within the Metropolitan District located in the District of

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<sup>1/</sup> Air Transit, Inc., engages in the transportation of passengers in taxicab service between Dulles International Airport and points and places in the Metropolitan District.

Columbia and Maryland. By Order No. 67, served October 9, 1961, the Commission adopted the interstate rates prescribed and approved by the governing bodies of certain local jurisdictions, stating:

That the interstate rates to be charged by operators of taxicabs licensed and domiciled in Prince George's County and Montgomery County, Maryland, and the City of Alexandria, the City of Falls Church, Arlington County and Fairfax County, Virginia, shall be identical to those rates, charges and regulations which are presently prescribed and approved by the governing bodies of such local jurisdictions for such operators, except that the charge for each additional passenger in excess of one shall be 20¢ per passenger. Order No. 67 at 4.

Also germane is Order No. 1295, served December 28, 1973, which was later modified by Order No. 1306, served February 22, 1974. Therein, the Commission set forth the rates for transportation by taxicabs and other vehicles used in performing bona fide taxicab service subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission but not licensed in, domiciled in, and subject to the local regulation of either the District of Columbia or one of the local jurisdictions within the Metropolitan District.

At the time of the issuance of Order No. 67, the Metropolitan District did not include Dulles. As a result, the Commission had no occasion to consider taxicabs domiciled at Dulles in framing that order. Furthermore, a rational extension of the reasoning set forth in Order No. 67 would require the inclusion of Dulles within the local jurisdictions there stated. However, there is no local jurisdiction which prescribes and approves rates, charges, and regulations for operators of taxicabs domiciled at Dulles. Thus, the rates set forth in Order No. 1295 as modified by Order No. 1306, served February 22, 1974, would be applicable to Air Transit's taxicab operations between Dulles and points and places within the Metropolitan District located in either the District of Columbia or Maryland.

Accordingly, the Commission shall grant Air Transit's request to withdraw the application for approval of its

tariff, as filed, together with the petition to advance the effective date of the tariff.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the letter-petition of Air Transit, Inc., to withdraw its Application No. 841 for approval of a tariff setting forth fares, rules and regulations governing the transportation of passengers and their baggage, in taxicab operations, between Dulles International Airport and points and places within the Metropolitan District located in the District of Columbia or Maryland and to withdraw its petition to advance the effective date of the tariff be, and it is hereby, granted.

2. That Application No. 841, filed by Air Transit, Inc., July 18, 1974, together with the petition to advance the effective date of the tariff be, and it is hereby, dismissed.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:



HYMAN J. BLOND  
Executive Director

