

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1350

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of GEORGETOWN	)	Served September 19, 1974
SIGHTSEEING TOURS, INC., for	)	
a Certificate of Public	)	Application No. 842
Convenience and Necessity	)	
		Docket No. 268

Pursuant to Order No. 1344, served August 9, 1974, a hearing on the subject application was commenced September 12, 1974. As required by that order, the applicant presented in evidence an affidavit attesting to newspaper publication on August 26, 1974, of a notice of the application and the hearing. Representatives of the Citizens Association of Georgetown appeared in support of the application, subject to a restriction as to the seating capacity of the vehicles. Counsel for The Gray Line, Inc., of Washington, D. C., appeared in opposition.

Testimony by the chairperson of the applicant emphasized an intent to provide "pick-up and return trip service to customers residing in major hotels and motels". While the quoted language appeared as a clause in the initial application, it had been informally interpreted by the Commission's staff as referring only to hotels and motels within the area of Georgetown. Clarification on the record asserts the applicant's proposal to provide pick-up and return trip service from and to "hotels and motels within the boundaries of the District of Columbia".

Because the notice in the newspaper had referred to proposed operations solely within Georgetown, the officiating administrative law judge directed discontinuance of the hearing because the issues had been unduly broadened without appropriate notice to other carriers and the public generally.

On September 16, 1974, the applicant filed a pertinent amendment of the initial application proposing pick-up type service at hotels and motels within the District of Columbia. The proposed amendment is accepted subject to publication of the amendment in the same newspaper as the previous notice, giving appropriate notice of a continued hearing in regard to the application.

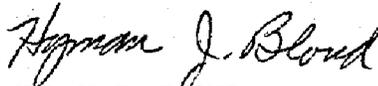
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Application No. 842 of Georgetown Sightseeing Tours, Inc., as amended, be, and it is hereby, scheduled for continued hearing to commence Tuesday, October 15, 1974, at 10:00 a.m., in the Hearing Room of the Commission, Room 314, 1625 Eye Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006.

2. That Georgetown Sightseeing Tours, Inc., publish notice of the filing of the amendment and of the scheduled continued hearing in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, to appear in the same newspaper as the previous notice on Monday, September 30, 1974.

3. That any person desiring to protest or to otherwise be heard on this matter shall notify the Commission, in writing on or before Tuesday, October 7, 1974, and mail a copy of such notification to the counsel of record for Georgetown Sightseeing Tours, Inc., Albert M. White, Esquire, 2214 Southgate Square, Reston, Virginia 22091.

FOR THE COMMISSION



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Executive Director