

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1360

IN THE MATTER OF:

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| REMANDS from United States Court )<br>of Appeals for the District of )<br>Columbia Circuit of D. C. Transit )<br>System, Inc., Proceedings: ) | Served: October 10, 1974              |
| Application of D. C. Transit )<br>System, Inc., for Authority to )<br>Increase Fares )  | Application No. 453<br>Docket No. 156 |
| Application of D. C. Transit )<br>System, Inc., for Authority to )<br>Increase Its Fleet in Lieu of )<br>Purchasing Buses )                   | Application No. 436<br>Docket No. 156 |
| Application of D. C. Transit )<br>System, Inc., for Authority to )<br>Increase Fares )  | Application No. 226<br>Docket No. 32  |
| Application of D. C. Transit )<br>System, Inc., for Authority to )<br>Increase Fares )  | Application No. 344<br>Docket No. 101 |
| Application of D. C. Transit )<br>System, Inc., for Authority to )<br>Increase Fares )  | Application No. 573<br>Docket No. 201 |
| Application of D. C. Transit )<br>System, Inc., for Suspension )<br>of the Program for the Purchase )<br>of New Buses )                       | Application No. 553<br>Docket No. 201 |
| Application of D. C. Transit )<br>System, Inc., for Authority to )<br>Increase Fares )  | Application No. 613<br>Docket No. 216 |

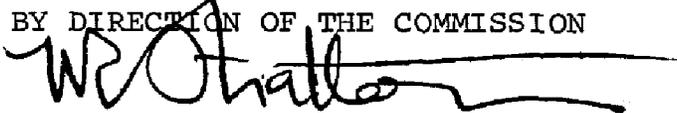
By several orders served simultaneously herewith, we have formulated the procedures and stated the issues which shall be the basis for several hearings involving remands by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (Court) of prior Commission orders involving applications by the D. C. Transit System, Inc., (Transit) for authority to increase fares.

We have directed the Commission Staff to secure the services of the consulting firm of which Pasquale Loconto is a member. In addition, we believe that a special evaluation of the remand matters, the properties involved, and underlying accounts of Transit should be performed before making certifications to the Court of our findings. The services of a qualified appraiser, a qualified consulting firm, and Pasquale Loconto entail expenses subject to Section 19 (a), Article XII, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact.

We shall assess Transit an amount estimated to be sufficient to cover the expenses of the services of a qualified appraiser, a qualified consulting firm, and Pasquale Loconto. It is our opinion that an assessment of \$150,000 represents a proper amount to cover the expenses estimated to be incurred. We shall therefore require Transit to deposit to the account of this Commission, as directed, the amount of \$150,000 in six installments as follows: One sixth to be deposited in each of the months of October, November, and December 1974, and January, February, and March 1975.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that D. C. Transit System, Inc., be, and it is hereby, assessed \$150,000 which it is directed to deposit in the name and to the credit of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission in the American Security and Trust Company, 1612 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., in six installments, one-sixth to be deposited in each of the following months: October 1974, November 1974, December 1974, January 1975, February 1975, and March 1975.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION

  
WILLIAM R. STRATTON  
Vice Chairman