

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1788

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served December 23, 1977

THE GRAY LINE, INC. - Tariff)
No. 14 for Charter Service from)
and to the City of Fairfax, Va.)

Docket No. 401

By WMATC Tariff No. 14, filed November 21, 1977, as supplemented December 16, 1977, The Gray Line, Inc. (Gray Line), has issued rates and regulations for the initiation of charter operations pursuant to a contract with the City of Fairfax, Va. The proposed effective date of this tariff is January 1, 1978.

On December 22, 1977, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro) filed a motion to suspend the effective date of Gray Line's Tariff No. 14. Metro now provides regular-route service from and to the City of Fairfax. In support of its motion, Metro states that it has scheduled a public hearing on January 4, 1978, to assess the impact of the proposed Gray Line service on the operations of Metro. The Commission is urged to suspend the subject tariff to afford Metro an opportunity to develop a record at said hearing and evaluate its position in light thereof.

Due to the proximity of the proposed effective date, the Commission must schedule a hearing on this motion prior to the filing of an answer by Gray Line, and must waive the normal 25-day notice requirement. Accordingly, we hereby waive the time requirement of Rules 6-01 and 15-02 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. A hearing on the motion shall be held at the time and place set forth below.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That The Gray Line, Inc., be, and it is hereby, directed to file its answer to the above-referenced motion with the Commission no later than 10 a.m., Tuesday, December 27, 1977, and to hand-deliver a copy thereof to Jordan Himelfarb, Esquire, counsel of record for Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 Fifth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20001.

2. That a public hearing on the above-referenced motion be, and it is hereby, scheduled to commence Tuesday, December 27, 1977, at 2 p.m. in the Hearing Room of the Commission, Room 314, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:



WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director

BARNES, Vice Chairman, not participating.