

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1972

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served March 16, 1979

Application of DAWSON'S CHARTER )  
SERVICE, INC., for Authority to )  
Increase Rates )

Case No. AP-79-3

On February 16, 1979, Dawson's Charter Service, Inc. (Dawson) filed Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission (WMATC) Tariff Supplement No. 6 to WMATC Tariff No. 2, to cancel, in part, Supplement No. 2 to Tariff No. 2, increasing the minimum live-operation charge, the minimum deadhead charge, and additional charges for service in excess of these minimum time periods for charter service which Dawson is now authorized to perform pursuant to its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 9.

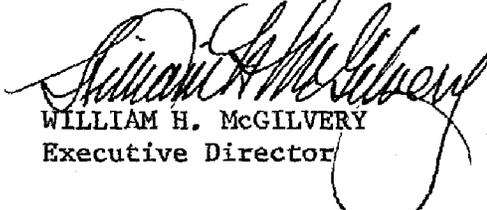
The existing fare structure is a five hour minimum charge of \$65 which includes a one-hour deadhead charge from Dawson's garage to starting point of trip and return. An additional charge of \$10 per hour is assessed for each hour of service in excess of five hours. The proposed charge is for a four-hour minimum live operation at \$75 in addition to a one-hour minimum deadhead charge of \$15. All live operations over four hours and all deadhead operations over one hour will be charged at \$15 per hour or fraction thereof. The proposed increase would be effective March 18, 1979.

The Commission has recently held hearings on Dawson's application in Case No. AP-78-52 which is a request for charter authority throughout a large portion of the Metropolitan District. The proposed tariff therein contains a rate structure identical to that requested in the instant application. The evidence before us in Case No. AP-78-52, including developed financial statements and testimony from Dawson's certified public accountant, should enable us to determine the propriety of the requested rate increase. Rather than schedule this proceeding for hearing or require the filing of financial data to justify the rate increase proposed herein, we believe it is appropriate under these circumstances to suspend the proposed tariff supplement pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XII,

Section 6(a)(1) while the Commission completes its investigation of the evidence before us in Case No. AP-78-52.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the proposed effective date of the above-described supplement to WMATC Tariff No. 2 of Dawson's Charter Service, Inc., is hereby suspended effective March 18, 1979, through June 16, 1979, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:



WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY  
Executive Director