

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1995

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served May 4, 1979

Prescription of Interstate Taxicab)
Rates for AIR TRANSIT, INC.)

Case No. MP-79-21

By Order No. 1985, served April 19, 1979, the Commission invited Air Transit, Inc., to submit a proposal "adapting the rates prescribed in Order No. 1984 . . . as closely as possible to its taximeters, and fully explaining the necessity for, or desirability of, any variations therefrom."

The rates prescribed by Order No. 1984, served April 19, 1979, are as follow:*/

- 80¢ First 1/2 mile, or part thereof
- 40¢ Each additional 1/2 mile, or part thereof
- 60¢ Each additional passenger

The mileage rates are designed for computation from the taxicab's odometer, but Air Transit uses taximeters to compute its fares.

By letter filed April 23, 1979, Air Transit proposes the following rates which are mechanically compatible with its meters:

- 80¢ First 1/2 mile, or part thereof
- 20¢ Each additional 1/4 mile, or part thereof
- 60¢ Each additional passenger

Inasmuch as the fares which would result from these rates are substantially the same as those previously prescribed, the proposed rates shall be approved for interstate taxicab service provided by Air Transit between Dulles International Airport, on the one hand, and on the other, points in the District of Columbia, Montgomery County, Md., and Prince George's County, Md. See Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 8.

*/ Miscellaneous charges are also specified in the Appendix to Order No. 1984.

By letter filed April 27, 1979, Air Transit raises an issue concerning the hourly rate of \$7 prescribed in the Appendix to Order No. 1984. Such charges in metered taxicabs are programmed into the meter as "waiting time". (See discussion entitled "Meter Differential" at page 8 of Order No. 1982, served April 19, 1979.) In its letter, Air Transit stated:

Because our fleet at Dulles is equipped with several different types of mechanical taximeters that have limited mechanical gear type adjustments for the waiting time function, we cannot adopt the \$7 per hour rate previously approved.

However, we can adjust all our taximeters to register \$7.20 per hour and respectfully request the Commission's approval to charge \$7.20 per hour.

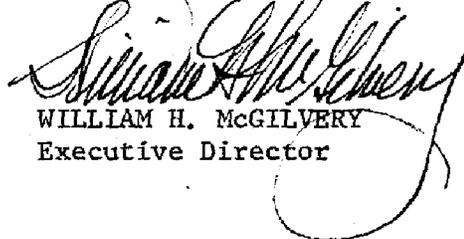
This would eliminate the necessity for the different "hourly" and "waiting time" computations prescribed by Order No. 1984, with both functions being automatically computed in the meter. We conclude that the requested variation is justified, and we will approve it.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the rates for interstate taxicab transportation between points within the Metropolitan District for taxicabs of Air Transit, Inc., are hereby prescribed as set forth in the Appendix to this Order.

2. That the rates prescribed herein shall be implemented on the taximeters of Air Transit, Inc., within 30 days of the date of service of this order.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:



WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director

INTERSTATE TAXICAB RATES
FOR TAXICAB SERVICE PROVIDED BY
AIR TRANSIT INC., WITHIN THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

- 80¢ First 1/2 mile, or part thereof
- 20¢ Each additional 1/4 mile, or part thereof
- 60¢ Each additional passenger in a pre-formed party

Hand baggage, including large bags of groceries or articles of similar size, in excess of one piece per passenger shall be charged for at the rate of 10¢ for each such piece. Briefcases and parcels of comparable size shall not be considered as hand baggage.

Trunks or similar large articles shall be charged for at the rate of \$1 each. A trunk is herein described as a piece of baggage having a minimum dimension or cubic content in excess of 32 inches by 18 inches by 9 inches or 3 cubic feet.

The charge for personal service shall be 50¢; taxicab service in response to a telephone call, 50¢ in addition to all other authorized charges; dismissal of a taxicab without using it after response to a telephone call, 50¢ in addition to the charge for responding; waiting time, \$7.20 per hour.

