

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2068

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served December 6, 1979

Investigation of INTERSTATE TAXICAB )  
EXTRA-PASSENGER RATES within the )  
Metropolitan District )

MP-79-35

In Order No. 2067, served simultaneously herewith, the Commission promulgated new rates to be charged by taxicabs licensed and regulated by the District of Columbia. No action was taken with respect to the rate for transporting extra passengers (over one) in a preformed group inasmuch as the Commission has always prescribed a standard interstate extra-passenger rate which is to be charged by all taxicabs operating within the Metropolitan District regardless of the jurisdiction in which that taxicab may be licensed.

The following table shows the intra-jurisdictional rates now permitted by the local jurisdictions in the Metropolitan District.

LOCAL EXTRA-PASSENGER RATES

Alexandria	\$ .75	(except children under 6)
Arlington	.60	(except children under 12) <u>1/</u>
District of Columbia	.75	(except children under 6)
Fairfax-Falls Church	.60	(except children under 12)
Montgomery	.50	(except children under 5)
Prince George's	.50	(except children under 6) <u>2/</u>

The standard interstate rate prescribed by this Commission is 60 cents a passenger with no age-related differential or exception. In our view, imposition of a 75-cent extra-passenger charge with an exception for children under 6 years of age would tend to promote greater use of taxicab service by families and would also promote the uniformity between interstate and intrajurisdictional rates which has been a goal of this Commission since its assumption of jurisdiction over interstate rates in 1961.

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1/ Children aged 6 through 11 years are charged 25 cents.

2/ Prince George's permits a \$1 per extra passenger charge for intrastate transportation extending beyond Prince George's County.

The Commission, therefore, on its own motion (see Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 13), institutes this investigation to determine whether the current interstate taxicab rate for transporting more than one passenger in a preformed group is unreasonable within the meaning of Title II, Article XII, Section 6 of the Compact. If the Commission so finds, then it shall issue an order prescribing the lawful fare and practice thereafter to be in effect.

The Commission requests comments by interested parties on this proposal. These comments should be supported with such documentary evidence as may be appropriate. Comments should be filed with the Commission, in writing, on or before Thursday, January 10, 1980.

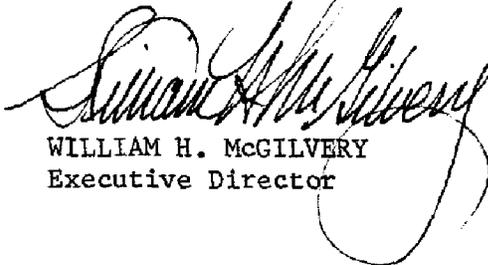
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That an investigation be made of the existing interstate taxicab rate for transporting more than one passenger in a preformed group.

2. That the staff of the Commission shall cause notice of this order to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District on or before Monday, December 10, 1979.

3. That any person desiring to file written comments on this matter shall file such comments at the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006, on or before Thursday, January 10, 1980.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION, COMMISSIONERS SCHIFTER AND SHANNON:

  
WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY  
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