

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2078

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served January 25, 1980

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

Case No. MP-80-02

The taxicab rates of Air Transit, Inc., for interstate transportation of passengers within the Metropolitan District ^{1/} were prescribed in Case No. MP-79-21 by Order No. 1995, served May 4, 1979. The current authorized rates are:

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

The Commission generally prescribes rates for Air Transit which are the same as rates prescribed for interstate service provided by District of Columbia taxicabs. However, unlike District of Columbia taxicabs which calculate interstate fares by using their odometers, Air Transit employs taximeters. So from time to time it is necessary to grant minor rate modifications to Air Transit to make its rate structure mechanically compatible with its taximeters and operating circumstances.

By Order No. 2067, served December 6, 1979, in Case No. MP-79-33, the Commission prescribed an increase in the interstate rates for District of Columbia taxicabs from 80¢ to \$1.10 for the first 1/2 mile. That order also prescribed certain increases in charges

1/ Air Transit operates taxicab service from Dulles International Airport (Dulles) to points located within the Metropolitan District. As pertinent here, the Commission can prescribe taxicab rates from a point in one Compact signatory to a point in another Compact signatory when both points are within the Metropolitan District. See Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 8. Therefore, the rates here involved are between Dulles, which is located in Virginia, on the one hand, and on the other, points in the District of Columbia, Montgomery County, Md., and Prince George's County, Md.

for other incidental services such as luggage, waiting time, hourly rates, etc. 2/

By petition received January 21, 1980, Air Transit seeks permission to adopt the rates specified in Order No. 2067, with the exception that "Air Transit proposes to raise the first 1/2 mile rate to \$1 rather than \$1.10 . . . [because without] extensive modifications, the mechanical meters in some of our taxicabs cannot be adapted to \$1.10 'drop.'"

New rates will be prescribed for Air Transit with the requested exception. Previously granted exceptions, relating to (a) use of a 20¢ 1/4 mile rather than a 40¢ 1/2 mile and (b) \$7.20 per hour metered waiting time, shall be continued.

We note that the 60¢ extra-passenger charge prescribed (and unchanged) herein, is separately under consideration in Case No. MP-79-35. See Order No. 2068, served December 6, 1979. We take this opportunity to note that the result of that proceeding shall be applicable to all taxicabs operating interstate between points in the Metropolitan District including Air Transit, without the necessity of any further filing on Air Transit's part.

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, COMMISSIONERS, SCHIFTER AND SHANNON:


WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director

2/ See Appendix to Order No. 2067, served December 6, 1979.

Appendix to Order No. 2078

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

\$1.00 First 1/2 mile, or part thereof
20¢ Each additional 1/4 mile, or part thereof
60¢ Each additional passenger in a preformed 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 15¢ 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 \$1.25 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 65¢; taxicab service in response to a telephone call, 65¢ in addition to all other authorized charges; dismissal of a taxicab without using it after response to a telephone call, 65¢ in addition to the charge for responding; waiting time, \$7.20 per hour.

There shall be no additional charge for service during traffic rush hours or snow emergency periods.