

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2221

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served April 30, 1981

Application of AIRPORT LIMO, INC., )  
 For Authority to Increase Rates )

Case No. AP-81-04

On March 31, 1981, Airport Limo, Inc., filed its WMATC Tariff No. 12 proposing to cancel its currently effective WMATC Tariff No. 11. The tariff proposes increased rates for regular-route, special and charter operations. Order No. 2217, served April 16, 1981, required Airport Limo to post notice of its application in its vehicles and publish similar notice in a newspaper of general circulation. Interested parties were invited to comment on the proposed tariff change.

A summary of the proposed changes contained in WMATC Tariff No. 12 follows:

<u>SPECIAL OPERATIONS</u>	<u>Current fare</u>	<u>Proposed Fare</u>
<u>Between</u>		
<u>Washington National Airport and Dulles International Airport</u>	\$7.00	\$7.75
<u>Washington National Airport and Washington, D. C.</u>		
Capitol Hilton Hotel	\$3.25	\$3.50
Washington Hilton Hotel	3.25	3.50
Sheraton Washington Hotel	3.75	4.00
Zone 1 (Formerly "Zone 5")	5.75	6.25
Zone 2 (Formerly "Beyond Zone 5")	5.75	6.25
	Plus \$1/mile	Plus \$1/mile
<u>Washington National Airport and Virginia</u>		
Holiday Inn, Tyson's Corner	\$7.00	\$7.75
Ramada Inn, Tyson's Corner	7.00	7.75
Sheraton Hotel, Tyson's Corner	7.00	7.75

Dulles International Airport and  
Washington, D. C.

Capitol Hilton Hotel	\$7.00	\$7.75
Washington Hilton Hotel	7.00	7.75
Sheraton Washington Hotel	7.25	8.00
Zone 1 (Formerly "Zone 5")	8.00	8.75
Zone 2 (Formerly "Beyond Zone 5")	8.00	8.75
	Plus \$1/mile	Plus \$1/mile

CHARTER OPERATION

Van -- per Live Mile	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
per Dead Mile	1.00	1.00
Rate per Hour	20.00	25.00
Minimum Charge	52.00	58.00
Bus -- per Live Mile	1.20	1.20
per Dead Mile	1.20	1.20
Rate per Hour	35.00	40.00
Minimum Charge	110.00	125.00

In support of its application Airport Limo filed financial exhibits which are available for inspection at the office of the Commission.

Title II, Article XII, Section 6(a)(1) of the Compact authorizes the Commission to suspend any fare, regulation or practice at any time prior to the effective date thereof. In considering whether such fare, regulation or tariff shall be suspended, the Commission must consider, inter alia, the financial condition of the carrier, its revenue requirements, and whether the carrier is being operated economically and efficiently. Further, the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 6(a)(2) mandates that fares, regulations or practices relating thereto must be just, reasonable, and not unduly preferential either between riders or sections of the Metropolitan District. Subsections (a)(3) and (a)(4) list additional considerations, including the need, in the public interest, of adequate and efficient transportation service by a carrier at the lowest cost consistent with the furnishing of such service, and the opportunity for a carrier to earn a net return of at least 6.5 percent after all taxes properly chargeable to transportation operations.

In response to Order No. 2217, the Commission received no protests. The staff's review of applicant's financial data indicates that one category of expenses may not be fully justified, and applicant's accountant is in the process of reanalyzing that particular account.

Pursuant to the above-cited provision of the Compact, the proposed tariff will be suspended, and new rates will not be approved pending resolution of the questions raised by the staff. In the event that such a resolution does not appear to be forthcoming, a public hearing will be scheduled.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that WMATC Tariff No. 12, filed March 31, 1981, by Airport Limo, Inc., is hereby suspended for a 90-day period beginning April 30, 1981, and continuing through July 28, 1981, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION, COMMISSIONERS CLEMENT AND SHANNON,  
COMMISSIONER SCHIFTER NOT PARTICIPATING:

  
WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY  
Executive Director

