

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2694

IN THE MATTER OF:

Serve April 5, 1985

Application of THE AIRPORT CONNEC- )  
TION, INC., to Change Rates )

Case No. AP-85-15

By application filed March 28, 1985, as amended, The Airport Connection, Inc. ("TAC" or "applicant"), seeks to change its rates for special operations between Washington National Airport, Gravelly Point, Va., and Dulles International Airport, Herndon, Va., on the one hand, and, on the other, the metropolitan airports and certain points in the Metropolitan District.

TAC proposes to increase its rates as follows:

(a) From \$4.25 to \$5.00 for a one-way trip between Washington National Airport, on the one hand, and, on the other, the Capitol Hilton Hotel, the Washington Hilton Hotel, the Hyatt Regency Washington, the Quality Inn-Capitol Hill, the Mayflower Hotel, the Marriott Hotel, or the Convention Center;

(b) From \$7.25 to \$8.00 for a one-way trip between Washington National Airport, on the one hand, and, on the other, any of the points applicant refers to in its tariff as the "Chevy Chase" and "Silver Spring" hotels; 1/

(c) From \$9.00 to \$10.00 for a one-way trip between Dulles International Airport, on the one hand, and, on the other, either the Capitol Hilton Hotel, the Washington Hilton Hotel, the Sheraton Washington Hotel, the Shoreham Hotel, or the Mayflower Hotel; and

(d) From \$9.00 to \$10.00 for a one-way trip, and from \$17.00 to \$18.00 for a round-trip, between Washington National Airport on the one hand, and, on the other, Dulles International Airport. 2/

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1/ No individual hotels are specifically identified in this aspect of TAC's existing tariff.

2/ Transportation directly between the airports is subject to WMATC jurisdiction only when it involves transportation that is not performed solely within Virginia. If TAC's route between the airports traverses that portion of the George Washington Parkway that lies in the District of Columbia, then the transportation is subject to WMATC jurisdiction. TAC's proposed rate for transportation between the airports shall be considered in this proceeding based on the assumption that such transportation is within WMATC jurisdiction.

TAC further proposes to decrease its rates from \$9.00 to \$8.00 for a round-trip between Washington National Airport on the one hand, and, on the other, the Sheraton Washington Hotel, or the Shoreham Hotel.

As reasons for the proposed changes, TAC states that the requested rate structure would enable it to improve revenues. In this regard, the proposed decreases in rates are expected to result in an overall increase in revenue by inducing a greater number of passengers to use TAC on return movements. TAC projects that without the requested changes, it would have insufficient revenues to cover routine salary increases and anticipated increases in the cost of equipment maintenance, and to establish a reserve against depreciation of its operating equipment.

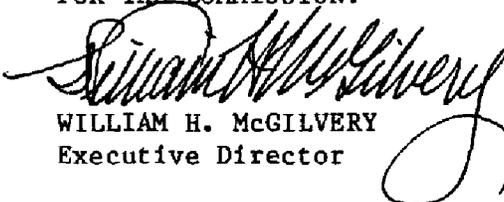
TAC's application, as amended, includes all requisite financial information and a revised tariff supplement effective May 1, 1985, containing the proposed new rates.

Pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 5(e) of the Compact, applicant is hereby directed to post notice of its proposed rate change, thereby giving notice of this application to the traveling public.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That The Airport Connection, Inc., post notice of its application for a rate change, in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, in all vehicles, no later than Friday, April 12, 1985, and that such notice remain posted continuously through Monday, April 22, 1985.
2. That The Airport Connection, Inc., file an affidavit of such posting no earlier than Tuesday, April 23, 1985, and no later than noon, Monday, April 29, 1985.
3. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule No. 14, at the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, no later than the close of business, Tuesday, April 23, 1985, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on counsel for applicant, Jere W. Glover, Esquire, Suite 308, 1725 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

  
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Executive Director