

BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.
GENERAL ORDER NO. 5

Served March 26, 1962

IN THE MATTER OF:

Adoption of Regulations Prescribing)
Loading Standards for Rush and Non-)
Rush Scheduling of Service.)

By virtue of the authority granted this Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact, and it appearing that the Commission should promulgate load standard regulations in order to provide uniform standard of service by all regular route bus companies in the Metropolitan District, the Commission, by Order No. 62, served September 13, 1961, issued proposed regulations relating thereto, and ordered that an investigation be made and hearing held, in order to determine the propriety and reasonableness of said proposed regulations.

Notice of the investigation and hearing was given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, in the District of Columbia Register, and by service of Order No. 62 on all known interested parties.

A hearing was held on October 27, 1961, before Examiner Delmer Ison, at which representatives of A. B. & W. Transit Company, D. C. Transit System, Inc., W. V. & M Coach Company, WMA Transit Company, and the Staff of the Commission appeared and gave testimony.

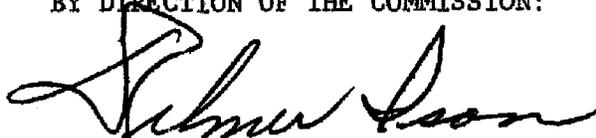
Upon the entire record in the proceeding, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the regulations set forth below are proper and reasonable in that they will serve the interest of the riding public and the carriers alike, will provide uniform standard of service by all regular route carriers, and will prohibit excessive loadings and at the same time permit the carrier to carry a reasonable number of standees during the rush hours.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the following regulations be, and they are, hereby prescribed and adopted, effective April 25, 1962:

70.00. REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO LOADING STANDARDS FOR RUSH AND NON-RUSH SCHEDULING OF SERVICE.

- 70.01. Between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 9:30 A.M., and between 3:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M., on a normal weekday (Monday-Friday) the ratio of passengers to seats shall not exceed 140% during any 30 minute period at the maximum load point on each individual line. This ratio may be increased to 150% during any 30 minute period, provided all buses in the 30 minute period are air-conditioned.
- 70.02. Between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., on a normal Saturday, the ratio of passengers to seats shall not exceed 120% during any 30 minute period.
- 70.03. The half-hour period is to be measured commencing on the hour and quarter-hour points of the hour.
- 70.04. At all other times a seat per passenger shall be furnished.
- 70.05. The seating capacity of all buses shall be the manufacturer's rated seating capacity.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:



DELMER ISON
Executive Director