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BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 437

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served January 28, 1965

Joint Application of D. C. Transit System, Inc., and Washington, Virginia and Maryland Coach Company, Inc., for Temporary Authority to Serve Rockville, Maryland, Washington, D. C., and Seven Corners, Virginia, Routes X-4 and X-6.)	Application No. 299
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D. C. Transit System, Inc., and the Washington, Virginia and Maryland Coach Company, Inc., (W. V. & M.), have filed a joint application for ninety-day temporary authority for the joint operation of regular route bus service connecting the city of Rockville, Maryland, Montgomery County, Maryland, the District of Columbia, the counties of Arlington and Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church, Virginia, Routes X-4 and X-6.

The routing for the two lines is set forth below:

CLOCKWISE OPERATION -- ROUTE X-4:

From Rockville: Leave terminal stand on the west side of North Washington Street, at the Rockville Plaza Motel, continue south on North Washington Street, southeast on East Montgomery Avenue, north on New Street, southerly on Viers Mill Road, Georgia Avenue, New Hampshire Avenue, Sherman Avenue, Florida Avenue and 9th Street,

west on Constitution Avenue, cross Theodore Roosevelt Bridge, west on Arlington Boulevard (U. S. 50), northwest on Leesburg Pike (Virginia Route 7), east on Chain Bridge Road, (Virginia 123), northerly on Interstate Routes 495, 270, and 70S, east on Montrose Road, northwest on East Montgomery Avenue, north on North Washington Street to terminal at Rockville Plaza Motel.

COUNTER-CLOCKWISE OPERATION-ROUTE X-6:

From Rockville: Leave terminal stand on the west side of North Washington Street at the Rockville Plaza Motel, continue south on North Washington Street, southeast on East Montgomery Avenue, west on Montrose Road, southerly on Interstate Routes 70S, 270, and 495, west on Chain Bridge Road (Virginia 123), southeast on Leesburg Pike (Virginia 7), east on Arlington Boulevard (U. S. 50), cross Theodore Roosevelt Bridge, east on Constitution Avenue, northerly on 9th Street, Florida Avenue, Sherman Avenue, New Hampshire Avenue, Princeton Place, Georgia Avenue and Viers Mill Road, south on New Street, west on East Montgomery Avenue, north on North Washington Street to terminal at Rockville Plaza Motel.

The proposed joint operation will provide through express peak commuter service, stopping only at specified locations, vehicles to be operated at fifteen minute intervals. Eighteen vehicles are required to operate this service and each company has proposed to furnish nine, air-conditioned GMC T. D. H-4517-type coaches.

Joint Tariff of D. C. Transit System, Inc., and Washington, Virginia and Maryland Coach Company, Inc., WMATC Tariff No. 1, filed with the application, indicates a minimum fare of 30 cents and a maximum fare between Rockville, Maryland, and Falls Church, Virginia, of \$2.20. More complete details are set forth in the Tariff and application on file

with the Commission. No other carriers are affected by this route.

The Commission is of the opinion that there appears to be an urgent and immediate need for this service, and that temporary authority should be granted for the verification thereof.

The Commission is further of the opinion that D. C. Transit System, Inc., should provide two-thirds of the vehicles to be used and W. V. & M. should provide the remaining one-third, since approximately two thirds of the route is in D. C. Transit's territory and one-third is in W. V. & M.'s territory.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That ninety (90) day temporary authority be, and it is hereby, granted D. C. Transit System, Inc., and W. V. & M. Coach Company, Inc., effective February 1, 1965, to establish an express bus service serving Rockville, Maryland, Montgomery County, Maryland, the District of Columbia, the counties of Arlington and Fairfax and the City of Fall Church, Virginia, Routes X-4 and X-6, as described in the proposed routes set forth herein above.
2. That D. C. Transit System, Inc., shall furnish twelve buses and W. V. & M. Coach Company, Inc., shall furnish six buses, to be used in the operations of this service.
3. That during the fourth and eighth weeks of operation the companies shall conduct studies to determine the origin and destination of all passengers using the service authorized by this order and shall inform the Commission of the results of such studies, including revenues received.
4. That the companies shall not reduce or impair service on any of its regular routes on account of the operations authorized by this order.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:



DELMER ISON
Executive Director