

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 11,313

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served April 28, 2008

Petition of DULLES AIRPORT TAXI,)
INC., Trading as WASHINGTON FLYER,)
for an Airport Access Fee Surcharge)

Case No. MP-2008-125

Pursuant to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact,¹ the Commission is responsible for prescribing the rates, charges, regulations, and minimum insurance requirements for interstate taxicab trips between one Compact signatory and another² where the origin and destination are both within the Metropolitan District.³ The Metropolitan District includes Washington Dulles International Airport.⁴

Dulles Airport Taxi, Inc., (DAT), operates a taxicab concession at Dulles Airport under the trade name "Washington Flyer." DAT has filed a petition requesting that the Commission issue an order authorizing a \$2.50 surcharge to the fare of each interstate taxicab trip originating in a Washington Flyer taxicab at Dulles Airport.

The current interstate rates for trips in Washington Flyer taxicabs went into effect February 5, 2006.⁵ Since then, according to the petition, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, which operates Dulles Airport, has begun charging Washington Flyer taxicab operators a \$2.50 access fee each time a Washington Flyer taxicab enters and exits the Dulles Airport "Commercial Vehicle Curbside" area through the Airport's taxicab dispatch system.

The Commission has authorized taxicab drivers to pass through to passengers a similar access fee paid to MWAA for taxicab trips originating at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport since 1975.⁶

¹ Pub. L. No. 101-505, § 1, tit. II, art. XI, § 1(b), 104 Stat. 1300, 1304, (1990) (codified at D.C. CODE ANN. § 9-1103.01 (2007); MD. TRANSP. CODE ANN. § 10-203 (2007); & VA. CODE ANN. §§ 56-529, 530 (2007)).

² The Compact signatories are the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the State of Maryland.

³ Compact, tit. II, art. XI, § 18(a).

⁴ Compact, tit. II, art. I.

⁵ *In re Interstate Taxicab Rates and Charges*, No. MP-05-132, Order No. 9240 (Jan. 6, 2006).

⁶ See *In re Interstate Taxicab Fares*, No. 265, Order No. 1439 (June 20, 1975) (approving pass-through of National Airport taxicab fee).

Consistent with Commission precedent, we will issue public notice of this proceeding and establish a period for receiving comments before ruling on the petition.⁷

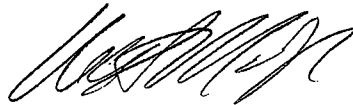
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. This proceeding is hereby initiated under Title II of the Compact, Article XI, Section 18.

2. Commission staff shall cause notice of this consolidated proceeding to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District and posted to the Commission's website no later than ten days after the date of this order.

3. Any person desiring to comment on this proceeding may do so by filing an original and four copies of written remarks no later than thirty days after the date of this order.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION; COMMISSIONERS YATES AND CHRISTIE:



William S. Morrow, Jr.
Executive Director

⁷ See *In re Interstate Taxicab Fares*, No. 265, Order No. 1330 (June 5, 1974) (requiring same in National Airport taxicab rate proceeding).