

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Order No. 1013

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served February 13, 1970

Cost Allocation Study of )  
Fares Charged by D. C. )  
Transit System, Inc. )

Docket No. 131R

In Payne v. WMATC, 415 F.2d 901 (D. C. Cir. 1968), on review of Commission Orders No. 656 and No. 684, the court remanded the proceedings to the Commission for consideration of "the question whether and to what extent the design of Transit's fare structure should be revised to permit more equitable apportionment of the cost of service among customers and classes of customers." 415 F.2d at 921. We contracted with Alan M. Voorhees & Associates, Inc. to perform the basic study of that question. That study was completed last fall and distributed to persons who might have an interest in it. We indicated at the time we made those distributions that we would hold a public hearing before issuing our findings and conclusions in the matter. We believe that sufficient time has now been allowed for study of the report and that we should proceed to hearing. Accordingly, we will schedule herein a prehearing conference to discuss a hearing schedule, define issues, and establish procedures.

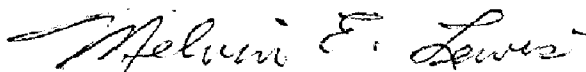
Commission rules provide that in order to have status as a formal party in a Commission proceeding, one must make known his desire to be a party no later than the first day of hearings in the matter. Hearings in this docket commenced in November 1966 and under normal application of our rules, any intervention at this stage would be untimely. However, the issue raised in this remand is one of unusually great impact and interest. Moreover, it has been touched upon in a number of rate proceedings, but has been left to be dealt with in this remand proceeding. Accordingly, because the public interest so requires, we will waive the provisions of our Rule 16 relating to time for seeking intervention and

consider petitions for that purpose filed in accordance with this order. Petitions should be in writing and received at the Commission offices by no later than Friday, February 27, 1970. Copies of the Voorhees study are available at the offices of the Commission for those who have not already been sent one.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That a prehearing conference be scheduled for Monday, March 2, 1970 at 10:30 A. M., at the offices of the Commission, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., as a preliminary to public hearings in the matter of regional discrimination in the fare structure of D. C. Transit System, Inc.
2. That any person wishing to intervene as a formal party shall so indicate to the Commission, in writing, by no later than Friday, February 27, 1970.
3. That the Commission staff shall publish newspaper notice of this conference inviting interested persons to petition to participate as formal parties by following the procedure outlined in the body of this order.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:



MELVIN E. LEWIS  
Executive Director