

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1026

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served March 13, 1970

Application of WMA Transit)
Company for Authority to)
Increase Fares.)

Application No. 612

Docket No. 215

On March 9, 1970, WMA Transit Company (WMA) filed its WMATC Tariff No. 31 setting forth new increased fares to be effective April 9, 1970. The fares proposed for all regular route service in all zones are 15 cents higher than the fares presently in effect; fares for school children would increase 10 cents in Maryland and remain unchanged in the District of Columbia.

Notice of the proposed new fares was posted on WMA's buses beginning March 9, 1970. In addition to the listing of the proposed fare increases, the sign also advised that any person affected may object by filing notice with this Commission on or before March 30, 1970.

WMA, as part of its tariff filing, asked that the tariff be made effective on less than 30 days' notice or, in the alternative, that an interim increase in fares be granted, due to the need for immediate financial relief. The Commission will not grant these requests; however, in view of the apparent financial difficulty of this carrier at the present time, we will proceed expeditiously in the consideration of its application for increased fares.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

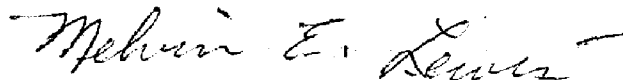
1. That WMA Transit Company's WMATC Tariff No. 31, be, and it is hereby, suspended, and the use of the fares stated therein be, and they are hereby, deferred pending investigation and hearing thereon.

2. That this matter be, and it is hereby, set for hearing on Thursday, April 9, 1970, at 10:00 A. M., in the Hearing Room of the Commission, Room 314, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

3. That applicant post notice in its buses advising the public of the time and place of hearing.

4. That the applicant publish one notice of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, and another in a newspaper published and circulated in Prince George's County, Maryland, once, at least 25 days prior to April 9, 1970.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melvin E. Lewis".

MELVIN E. LEWIS
Executive Director