

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1188

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served December 16, 1971

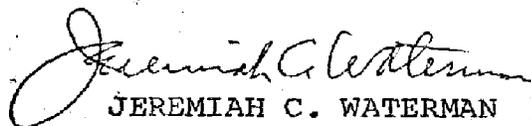
D. C. Transit System, Inc.)
Bus Purchase Program.)

In Order No. 1052, issued June 26, 1970, we ordered D. C. Transit System, Inc. to escrow \$619,998 in six equal installments beginning September 1970, to provide funds for down payments on the purchase of 85 buses. To date those buses have not been purchased.

According to company officials, commercial financing for the purchase of 85 buses is, and has been since issuance of Order No. 1052, unavailable. Further, it appears that government capital loan financing, which the company had sought through the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, will not be forthcoming. We are interested in knowing, pursuant to our regulatory responsibilities, the underlying causes of D. C. Transit's inability to secure such financing and to examine the full implications of that situation. Therefore, we will undertake a formal investigation of the failure of the company to purchase buses and the resulting implications.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that D. C. Transit System, Inc. shall submit, in writing, within fourteen (14) days of the issuance of this order, a full explanation of its failure to purchase buses as required by Order No. 1052, with appropriate documentation in support thereof.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:


JEREMIAH C. WATERMAN
Chairman