

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1196

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served January 28, 1972

Investigation of Joint Sight-)
seeing Agreement Between D. C.)
Transit System, Inc., and Wash-)
ington, Virginia and Maryland)
Coach Company, Inc.)

Docket No. 175-R

Order No. 888, issued December 6, 1968, denied D. C. Transit System, Inc. (Transit) and Washington, Virginia and Maryland Coach Company, Inc. (W. V. & M.) permission to run a joint sightseeing operation under tariffs filed pursuant to a contract dated April 16, 1968, and filed with the Commission April 18, 1968. Transit and W. V. & M. appealed that decision and Alexandria, Barcroft and Washington Transit Company and The Gray Line, Inc., joined as intervenors in support of the Commission. The United States Court of Appeals remanded the matter to us D. C. Transit System, Inc. v. WMATC, 429 F2d 197 (CADC 1970). The issues requiring further investigation are (1) the exact details of the operation planned by Transit and W. V. & M. subject to their agreement and (2) whether such an operation constitutes a "through route", as that term is used in the Compact Article XII, Section 7(a).

On October 26, 1971, we issued Order No. 1173 establishing this matter for hearing as Docket 175-R, and Order No. 1178 granted Transit and W. V. & M. a postponement of that hearing until February 7, 1972. On January 24, 1972, Transit and W. V. & M. moved for further postponement, as W. V. & M. was engaged in negotiations which might moot the issues involved. We shall grant the motion for postponement, and shall set a substitute hearing date convenient for all parties at a future date if those negotiations prove fruitless.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the hearing in Docket 175-R be, and it is hereby, postponed to a date yet to be established.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


DOUGLAS N. SCHNEIDER, JR.
Executive Director