

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1249

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served March 12, 1973

Amendment of Certificates)	Docket No. 250
of Public Convenience and)	
Necessity of:)	
D. C. Transit System, Inc.;)	
W. V. & M. Coach Company;)	
A. B. & W. Transit Company;)	
WMA Transit Company.)	

Between January 14, 1973 and February 4, 1973, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), acting pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 92-517 and companion legislation enacted in Maryland and Virginia, assumed, on behalf of the public, the operation of the regular route bus services in the Washington area which were formerly operated by four private bus operators, namely: D. C. Transit System, Inc.; W. V. & M. Coach Company; A. B. & W. Transit Company; and WMA Transit Company.

At the time of WMATA takeover, each of the private operators held a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, issued by this Commission pursuant to the provisions of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact, authorizing regular and irregular route operations. Inasmuch as those carriers no longer perform the regular route services delineated in those certificates, the certificates should be amended to delete the regular route authorizations.

Moreover, it may be appropriate to amend the irregular route portions of the certificates as well. In a matter now pending before the Commission^{1/}, WMATA has asserted that on takeover it assumed all of the certificate rights of D. C.

^{1/} In the matter of the Application of Diamond Tours, Inc., Amendment of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 2.

Transit System, Inc. and W. V. & M. Coach Company held by those two companies. We will want to know the companies' response to that assertion and WMATA's and the companies' views concerning the certificate authority which was held by A. B. & W. Transit Company and WMA Transit Company.

In order to develop a proper record for amendment of the certificates involved, we will schedule a hearing for the purpose of receiving pertinent information and to hear whatever positions the various interested parties may wish to present. However, we believe it would also be helpful in this matter to hold a pre-hearing conference to identify issues so that the Commission and the parties will be able to proceed as expeditiously as possible at hearing.

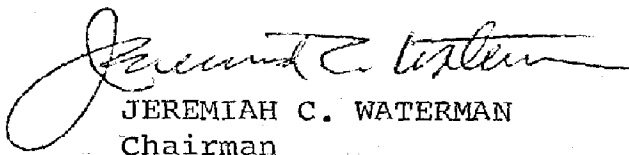
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That a hearing be, and it is hereby, scheduled for 10:00 A.M., May 3, 1973, at the Commission Hearing Room, Room 314, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006 for the purpose of receiving evidence and the positions of the various parties regarding the amendment of the Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity held by D. C. Transit System, Inc. (Certificate No. 5), W. V. & M. Coach Company (Certificate No. 4), A. B. & W. Transit Company (Certificate No. 11), and WMA Transit Company (Certificate No. 8).

2. That D. C. Transit System, Inc., W. V. & M. Coach Company, A. B. & W. Transit Company, WMA Transit Company, and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority be, and they are hereby, made formal parties to this proceeding.

3. That a pre-hearing conference in this matter be, and it is hereby, scheduled for 10:00 A.M., March 27, 1973, at the Commission Hearing Room, Room 314, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:


JEREMIAH C. WATERMAN
Chairman