

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1251

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served March 16, 1973

Petition of Greyhound Airport)
Service, Inc., of Virginia to)
Increase Taxicab Fares.)

Application No. 803

On March 9, 1973, Greyhound Airport Service, Inc., of Virginia, filed a petition requesting permission to increase its existing taxicab fares between Washington National and Dulles International Airports on the one hand, and points within the Metropolitan Transit District on the other. Under the company's request, the present fare of \$.60 for the first 1/3 mile and \$.20 for each additional 1/3 mile thereafter would be changed to \$.40 for the first 1/3 mile and \$.25 for each additional 1/3 mile thereafter. All other charges would remain the same.

As justification for the proposed increase, Greyhound asserts that the increased cost of parts, tires and gasoline; higher social security taxes; and increased wages costs paid to employees, have increased its cost of providing taxicab services by approximately \$271,000 annually over the cost experienced when we last allowed a taxicab increase for Greyhound, in 1970.^{1/}

Greyhound Airport Service, Inc. of Virginia and Greyhound Airport Service, Inc. are affiliated. The former operates airport taxicabs; the latter, buses and limousines. Many employees of Greyhound Airport Service, Inc. of Virginia are also employees of Greyhound Airport Service, Inc. Greyhound's petition asserts that its combined taxicab, limousine and coach services from the two airports were operated at a net profit in 1971, but at a loss in 1972.

^{1/} Order No. 1102, served November 17, 1970.

In considering any increase in the taxicab fares, we will require substantially more detailed information than Greyhound has thus far presented. It is essential that we have a complete cost-revenue picture of the various operations conducted by Greyhound at the two airports involved. Greyhound should submit supporting data as described in our Regulation 56-01(c). These data should not only be presented on a consolidated basis, but should be fully allocated among the taxicab, limousine and coach operations. A detailed explanation of the method and basis for determining cost and revenue, including explanation of allocations among the three types of services, should also be provided.

In order to develop a proper record, Greyhound should submit the information we have described above, along with prepared testimony as outlined in Regulation 56-01(d). Greyhound may also, if it desires, submit any additional material it feels is pertinent. In the meantime, the proposed fares will be suspended. We will assign a date for public hearing not sooner than 30 days following the submission of the material.

There is no indication in Greyhound's petition for increased fares that it has notified the public in any manner of the proposed increase. Our regulation makes no specific requirement as to the type of notice to be given to the public in taxicab fare cases, but we believe it is essential that public notice be given. Therefore, we will require Greyhound to give newspaper notice, and to post notice of the proposed increase in each of its taxicabs. We will also require proof that official notice has been given to the Federal Aviation Administration.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the taxicab fares proposed by Greyhound Airport Service, Inc., of Virginia in its petition filed on March 9, 1973, to be effective on March 19, 1973, be, and they are hereby, suspended.

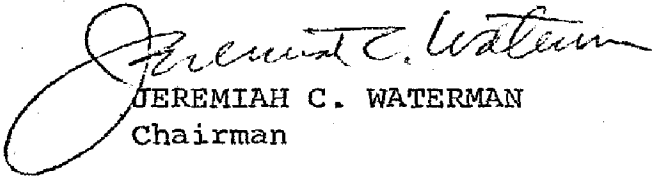
2. That applicant shall publish notice of its proposed increased fares in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan Transit District on or before April 16, 1973, in a form prescribed by the Commission.

3. That applicant shall post notice of its application prominently in each of its taxicabs on or before April 16, 1973, in a form prescribed by the staff.

4. That proof of notice to the Federal Aviation Administration of the proposed increase be provided to the staff.

5. That Greyhound Airport Service, Inc. shall submit, on or before April 16, 1973, data and materials as outlined in Regulation 56-01(c) and (d) and in this order, in support of its application for increased fares.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:



JEREMIAH C. WATERMAN
Chairman