

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1410

Application of CENTRAL DELIVERY)	Served March 7, 1975
SERVICE, INC., for Authority to)	
Change Dial-A-Ride Tariff)	Application No. 858

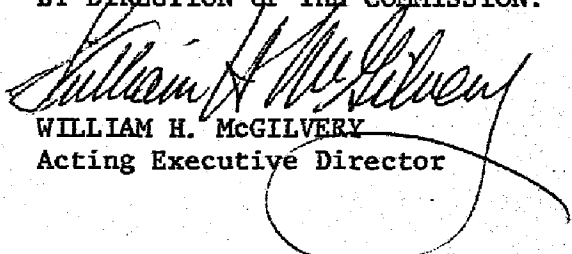
On March 6, 1975, Central Delivery Service, Inc. (Central) filed Supplement No. 1 to WMATC Tariff No. 2, seeking a change in its tariff to permit the acceptance, in lieu of the prescribed 25¢ one-way fare, of a coupon entitling a passenger to a free ride. These coupons would be printed and distributed by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) as a promotional effort to stimulate ridership.

Central is not dependent upon passenger revenues to meet the expenses of the Dial-A-Ride operation. Rather, the carrier is paid by COG according to the terms of a contract between these parties. Therefore, any reduction in revenues due to the issuance of free coupons will have no economic effect on Central's income or its ability to render adequate service. From the point of view of the public and the riders of the service, no adverse effect can be perceived.

The tariff supplement bears a proposed effective date of March 10, 1975, requiring an order of the Commission to take effect on less than thirty days notice according to the provisions of the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 5(e). In this instance we believe such authorization will be in the public interest.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Central Delivery Service, Inc., Supplement No. 1 to WMATC Tariff No. 2, be, and it is hereby, approved to become effective Monday, March 10, 1975.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:


WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Acting Executive Director