

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2340

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served June 4, 1982

Investigation of INTERSTATE)
TAXICAB RATES for Service within)
the Metropolitan District,)
Specifically AIR TRANSIT, INC.)

Case No. MP-82-04

On May 7, 1982, we issued Order No. 2334, our decision in Case No. MP-82-03 as it applies to interstate rates for District of Columbia taxicabs within the Metropolitan District.

As pertinent here, the rates prescribed in that order are:

\$1.70 First mile or fraction
.50 Each additional half-mile or fraction

The Commission generally prescribes rates for Air Transit, Inc., 1/ which are the same as rates prescribed for interstate service provided by District of Columbia taxicabs. However, unlike District of Columbia taxicabs which calculate interstate fares by using their odometers, Air Transit employs taximeters. So from time to time it is necessary to grant minor rate modifications to Air Transit to make its rate structure mechanically compatible with its taximeters and operating circumstances.

1/ Air Transit operates taxicab service from Dulles International Airport (Dulles) to points located within the Metropolitan District. As pertinent here, the Commission can prescribe taxicab rates from a point in one Compact signatory to a point in another Compact signatory when both points are within the Metropolitan District. See Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 8. Therefore, the rates here involved are between Dulles, which is located in Virginia, on the one hand, and on the other, points in the District of Columbia, Montgomery County, Md., and Prince George's County, Md.

By Order No. 2335, served May 7, 1982, the Commission instituted an investigation to determine whether the interstate rates prescribed in Order No. 2334 could be accommodated on the taximeters of Air Transit. Air Transit was directed to submit a report, including its alternative proposal if necessary.

On May 14, 1982, Air Transit responded that the rates (\$1.70 for the first mile or fraction, plus 50¢ for each additional half-mile or fraction) are not mechanically compatible with its taximeters. As an alternative, Air Transit proposes the following rates:

- \$1.00 First four-tenths mile or fraction
- .20 Each additional one-fifth mile or fraction
- .20 each 1 minute 20 seconds of waiting time

The resulting fare will be \$1.60 for the first mile, rather than \$1.70 as directed for District of Columbia cabs, but will be 60¢ for the first half-mile and 40¢ for the second half-mile in each additional mile after the first mile of each trip. Each mile after the first will be \$1, the same rate for additional full miles in District of Columbia taxicabs making interstate trips within the Metropolitan District. While the first-mile rate is ten cents less than the interstate rate established for District of Columbia taxicabs, the first half-mile increment is ten cents higher for Air Transit taxicabs, essentially balancing out the difference. Accordingly, we will grant Air Transit the requested increment of 20¢ per one-half mile.

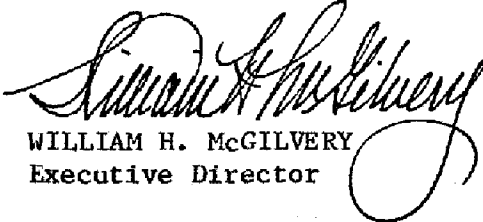
Time charges in Order No. 2334 are specifically arranged for non-metered District of Columbia taxicabs. These time charges work out to \$9 per hour, either for waiting time or for hiring a taxicab by the hour. Taximeters, such as those employed by Air Transit and all local Maryland and Virginia jurisdictions, have an integral clock mechanism for calculating all time-related charges, and we shall authorize Air Transit to establish the proposed rate of twenty cents for each one minute and twenty seconds which is the equivalent of \$9 per hour. Other appropriate charges established by Order No. 2334 will be in effect for Air Transit as set forth in the Appendix to this order.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the rates for interstate taxicab transportation between points within the Metropolitan District for taxicabs of Air Transit, Inc., are hereby prescribed as set forth in the Appendix to this order.

2. That the rates prescribed herein shall be implemented on the taximeters of Air Transit, Inc., within 30 days of the date of service of this order.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION, COMMISSIONERS CLEMENT, SCHIFTER AND SHANNON:



WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director

INTERSTATE TAXICAB RATES
FOR TAXICAB SERVICE PROVIDED BY
AIR TRANSIT, INC., WITHIN THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

- \$1.00 First 4/10 mile or fraction
- .20 Each additional 1/5 mile or fraction
- .20 Each one minute twenty seconds waiting time
- .75 Each additional passenger in a pre-formed party
(provided, however, that one child five (5)
years of age or younger shall be transported
without charge for each individual of at least
sixteen (16) years of age in a pre-formed
party.)

Hand baggage, including large bags of groceries or articles of similar size, in excess of one piece per passenger shall be charged for at the rate of 15¢ for each such piece. Briefcases and parcels of comparable size shall not be considered as hand baggage.

Trunks or similar large articles shall be charged for at the rate of \$1.25 each. A trunk is herein defined as a piece of baggage having a minimum dimension or cubic content in excess of 32 inches by 18 inches by 9 inches or 3 cubic feet.

The charge for personal service shall be 65¢. A personal service is defined as any service requested by a passenger which requires the taxicab driver to leave the vicinity of the taxicab.

There shall be no additional charge for service during traffic rush hours or snow emergency periods.