

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2390

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served January 12, 1983

Application of GOLD LINE, INC.,)
for Authority to Increase Rates)

Case No. AP-82-15

On December 13, 1982, as supplemented December 30, 1982, Gold Line, Inc., filed its WMATC Tariff No. 35 */ to cancel WMATC Tariff No. 33 effective January 13, 1983. The proposed tariff would increase certain fares for general charter and transfer service, as set forth below, and increase its deposit and cancellation charges from \$60 to \$100, as well as lengthen the time requirement for cancelling service from one to five days. The right to cancel per capita sightseeing tours is reserved, in the proposed tariff, for any tour where the number of adult passengers presenting themselves for transportation is less than 15, whereas the effective tariff establishes the cancellation right at less than seven adult passengers.

| <u>Service</u> | <u>Current Fare</u> | <u>Proposed Fare</u> |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|
| Charter Service | \$ 35/hour | \$ 38/hour |
| Transfers -- Two points within Beltway | 110 | 125 |
| -- Point inside and point outside the Beltway or Dulles Airport | 150 | 175 |

In support of its application Gold Line filed financial exhibits which are available for inspection at the office of the Commission.

*/ As filed, the proposed tariff number is 34, but applicant has filed another Tariff No. 34 in a recently approved decision. Therefore, the proposed tariff herein will be Tariff No. 35.

Title II, Article XII, Section 6(a)(1) of the Compact authorizes the Commission to suspend any fare, regulation or practice at any time prior to the effective date thereof. In considering whether such fare, regulation or tariff shall be suspended, the Commission must consider, inter alia, the financial condition of the carrier, its revenue requirements, and whether the carrier is being operated economically and efficiently. Further, the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 6(a)(2) mandates that fares, regulations or practices relating thereto must be just, reasonable, and not unduly preferential either between riders or sections of the Metropolitan District. Subsections (a)(3) and (a)(4) list additional considerations, including the need, in the public interest, of adequate and efficient transportation service by a carrier at the lowest cost consistent with the furnishing of such service, and the opportunity for a carrier to earn a net return of at least 6.5 percent after all taxes properly chargeable to transportation operations.

Pursuant to the Compact the proposed tariff will be suspended to allow additional time to review the financial data and the changes in the rules and regulations, and to assess the supplemental material filed December 30, 1982.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that WMATC Tariff No. 35, filed December 13, 1982, as supplemented December 30, 1982, by Gold Line, Inc., is hereby suspended for a 90-day period beginning January 12, 1983, and continuing through April 11, 1983, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

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


WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director