

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 3289

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served February 9, 1989

Application of WASHINGTON SHUTTLE,)
INC., for a Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity to)
Conduct Special Operations)

Case No. AP-88-32

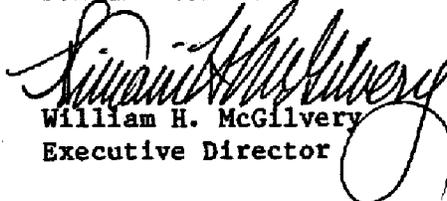
By request filed January 31, 1989, applicant seeks an "indefinite" postponement of the public hearing scheduled to begin on February 2, 1989, in the above-captioned case. Washington Shuttle, Inc. (applicant or Washington Shuttle), represents that it has been engaged in lengthy negotiations with protestant, The Airport Connection, Inc. (TAC), but has not reached a final and binding agreement. Order No. 3285 served February 1, 1989, granted a postponement of the hearing until a date to be determined by the Commission.

Applicant's case was originally set for hearing on December 6, 1988, but was postponed until December 13, 1988, at applicant's request. Applicant's case in chief was presented at hearings held on December 13, 14, and 16, 1988. The protestants were scheduled to present their respective cases on January 10, 1989; however, at the January 10 hearing, applicant made an oral motion to further postpone the proceedings until February 2, 1989. The motion was granted by Order No. 3283, served January 26, 1989.

Washington Shuttle's current request for an "indefinite" postponement cannot be viewed by the Commission as being reasonable. There are other protestants in the case who are not privy to the negotiations of the applicant and TAC. An indefinite postponement would disrupt the schedules of the protestants and Commission staff who have prepared themselves on numerous occasions to proceed. Pursuant to Order No. 3285, the hearing in the above-captioned case will be rescheduled to continue on Thursday, March 9, 1989. No further extensions of time will be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the public hearing in Case No. AP-88-32 is hereby scheduled to continue Thursday, March 9, 1989, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Commission, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


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Executive Director