

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 5633

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served June 23, 1999

Dispatch Fee for Interstate)
Taxicab Trips Originating at)
Ronald Reagan Washington National)
Airport)

Case No. MP-99-29

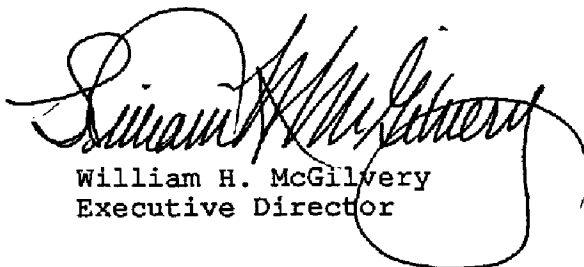
Pursuant to Title II of the Compact, Article XI, Section 18, Subsection (a), the Commission is responsible for prescribing rates for transportation by taxicab when the trip is between a point in the jurisdiction of one signatory and a point in the jurisdiction of another signatory and both points are within the Metropolitan District. Under Subsection (b), the fare or charge for taxicab transportation may be calculated on a mileage basis, a zone basis, or on any other basis approved by the Commission.

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) imposes a dispatch fee of \$1.25 for each on-demand taxicab trip originating at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (National Airport) under the MWAA taxicab permit system. The practice of charging a dispatch fee dates back to 1974 when the airport was operated by the Federal Aviation Administration and the fee was \$0.50.¹ Since 1975, the Commission has permitted taxicab drivers to add the dispatch fee as a surcharge to the applicable base fare when transporting a single passenger or single preformed group.²

The MWAA recently increased the dispatch fee to \$1.75 per trip, effective August 1, 1999. We shall increase the surcharge accordingly.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that effective August 1, 1999, a surcharge of \$1.75 may be added to the applicable base fare when transporting a single passenger or single preformed group from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport on an interstate taxicab trip within the Metropolitan District; provided, that the driver has paid the dispatch fee for that trip.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION; COMMISSIONERS ALEXANDER, LIGON, AND MILLER:


William H. McGilvery
Executive Director

¹ In re Interstate Taxicab Fares, No. 265, Order No. 1439 at 1-2 (June 20, 1975).

² Id.