

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

**Re: Blair Cab, Inc. t/a Yellow Cab & Transfer
Company**

**Public Meeting held August 21, 2014
1072915-OSA
Docket No. A-00106294
Docket No. C-2014-2424788**

STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN ROBERT F. POWELSON

Before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission or PUC) today is a Petition for Reinstatement of a Certificate of Public Convenience filed by Blair Cab t/a Yellow Cab and Transfer Company (Blair Cab).

The Commission originally issued Blair Cab a Certificate of Public Convenience for call and demand motor carrier authority on March 9, 1986. However, on July 10, 2014, the Commission cancelled Blair Cab's certificate for failure to maintain evidence of bodily injury and property damage liability insurance on file with the Commission, in violation of the Public Utility Code and the PUC's regulations. Additionally, Blair Cab failed to pay its assessments for the fiscal years 2012-2013 and 2013-2014. These two violations, though the most recent, are not the only ones. The Commission's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (I&E) has filed four other Complaints against Blair Cab in the last ten years, one of which previously resulted in the cancellation of Blair Cab's certificate for failure to file evidence of insurance.

In light of this history, I am concerned that Blair Cab is not taking seriously its obligation to fulfill its statutory duties as a certificated motor carrier. Failure to provide proof of insurance is a serious violation that the Commission does not take lightly. Public safety is fundamental to PUC oversight, and part of that is ensuring that motor carriers transporting the traveling public have adequate insurance.

After two instances of having its Certificate cancelled for failure to provide evidence of insurance, Blair Cab is clearly on-notice about its obligations with respect to insurance. Blair Cab has corrected its errors and filed evidence of insurance with the Commission and paid its outstanding civil penalties and overdue assessments. However, the PUC cautions the company that if it continues to overlook these obligations in the future, Blair Cab's ability to maintain a Certificate of Public convenience for call and demand service may be jeopardized.

DATE: August 21, 2014



Robert F. Powelson, Chairman