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PA Public Utility Commission Attn: Secretary Chiavetta P. O. Box 3265 Harrisburg, PA 17105

A-2014-2410269

RE: Amended Application for Motor Common Carrier of Persons in

Experimental Service on behalf of The Yellow Cab Company of

Pittsburgh

Our File No.: 26002/12681

Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

Please find enclosed for filing an Amended Application for Motor Common Carrier of Persons in Experimental Service on behalf of The Yellow Cab Company of Pittsburgh.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Veryjiruly yours,

Ray F. Middleman

RFM/jmb Enclosure

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#### **AMENDED**

# Application for Motor Common Carrier of Persons in Experimental Service

THIS APPLICATION IS TO BE USED WHEN PROVIDING A NEW, INNOVATIVE, OR EXPERIMENTAL TYPE OF TRANSPORTATION WHICH IS NOT CHARACTERIZED IN THE SCHEME OF CLASSIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 52 PA. CODE §29.13.

Legal Name of Applicant (Individual, Partnership or Corporation)					
The Yellow Cab Company of Pittsburgh, Inc.					
<ul> <li>If you are an individual who has not formed any type of corporate entity, you should enter your name as it will appear on your insurance documents.</li> </ul>					
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<ul> <li>If you are liability pathe name</li> </ul>	filing for a corporate entity (corporation, limited liability company, or limited tnership), even if you are the sole shareholder member, you must enter exactly as it appears on the registration papers from the Corporation the Pennsylvania Department of State.				
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Are you a business entity registered with the PA Dept. of State? \_\_\_NO If NO, you must register (see checklist on how to register)

If YES, provide your PA Corporation Bureau Entity ID Number 396993 (see checklist and indicate type of business entity registered)

If YES, at PUC No. A- 00049926

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5.	Physical Address (do not use PO Box)						
	1825 Liverpool S Street Address	1825 Liverpool Street Street Address					
	Pittsburgh, PA 15233						
	City, State and Zip Co						
	412-323-0417		Allegheny				
	Telephone Number		County				
			tual location of the business. This is the ac procement Officers to inspect equipment.	ldress			
6.	Mailing Address (if different from Physical Address)						
	Street Address						
	City, State and Zip Coo	le .					
	Commission. If left bla	This is the address to which the Commission will send all official documents issued by the Commission. If left blank, it will be assumed that the MAILING ADDRESS is the same as the PHYSICAL ADDRESS.					
7.	Attorney (if applicable)						
	Ray F. Middleman						
	Attorney's Name & Tele	Attorney's Name & Telephone Number for this Filing					
	11676 Perry Highway, Suite 3100, Wexford, PA 15090						
	Attorney's Address						
	An attorney's name should only be entered if an attorney is filing the application for a client and the application is being sent under the attorney's cover letter.						
8.	Does applicant hold interstate operating authority?						
	_X_ No	Yes, at No					
9.	Describe the service area proposed by this application. (Use the space below or attach additional sheet if space provided is not sufficient).						
	See attached						

To transport people in their own vehicles, limited to persons who frequent establishments that serve alcohol, for the prevention of driving while intoxicated, between points within the city of Allentown, Lehigh County Pennsylvania.

Example:

#### 10. Certification:

Applicant certifies that it is not now engaged in unauthorized intrastate transportation for compensation between points in Pennsylvania and will not engage in said transportation unless and until authorization is received from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Applicant further certifies that it understands the requirements of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, especially as they relate to safety and insurance and that it may be subject to civil penalties, suspension or cancellation of the Certificate for failure to comply with Commission requirements.

Applicant further certifies that it understands that it is subject to an annual assessment based upon its reported gross Pennsylvania intrastate revenues; said assessment to help defray expenses incurred in regulating Motor Common Carriers of Persons in Experimental Service; and acknowledges that failure to report revenue and pay its annual assessment may result in civil penalties, suspension or cancellation of the certificate.

# **Verification of Application**

I/We hereby state that the statement(s) made in this application is/are true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.

The undersigned understands that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. Section 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

(Print Name)

(Fillit Name)

(Signature)

The verification of the application must be completed by the applicant appearing on Line 1 of the application by the named individual, all partners if a partnership, a member (if a limited liability company), or by the President or Secretary (if a corporation).

# RESPONSE TO #9 APPLICATION FOR EXPERIMENTAL TRANSPORTATION NETWORK SERVICE

# **AREA OF SERVICE**

This Application for experimental service proposes Transportation Network Service for passenger trips originating or terminating within Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. This service shall exclude trips originating from the Pittsburgh International Airport.

#### **DEFINING THE SERVICE**

"Transportation Network Company" (TNC) as defined herein refers to a company which uses an online enabled platform to connect passengers with qualified drivers (as defined by the PUC 52 Pa. Code §29.501-508) using their personal, insured (as per the PUC 52 Pa. Code §32.11) non-commercial vehicles. The Yellow Cab Company of Pittsburgh proposes to provide an alternative form of ground transportation service, through the use of the trade name "Yellow X," which meets the needs of a marketplace which expands and contracts on a daily basis. This service would utilize the latest electronic and social media forms of communication, including "Apps" and internet platform reservation services. The primary vehicles to be used by the Yellow X Transportation Network Company in this experimental service will be owned by the Operators and leased to Yellow X (Yellow Cab) for a specific period of high ground transportation demand.

# **BASIS FOR PROPOSAL**

Technological advancements with the use of smart phones, tablets and the internet have led to the development of "Apps", software and internet platforms which allow for wider ranging, faster and more user friendly scheduling of transportation services. This proposal

would allow for TNC's to be certificated into a new class of service so that modern technology can be put to use in servicing todays transportation customer.

## **EXPERIMENTAL SERVICE**

#### I) The Service

- A) Present PUC regulations do not allow for the type of service suggested herein;
- B) Yellow Cab/Yellow X requests that it be granted the right to operate in Experimental Service under 52 Pa Code §29.352;
- C) Yellow Cab/Yellow X will solicit Operators only for high peak service times when it is anticipated that expanded ground transportation service demand will take place. This would include, but not be limited to, weekends, coventions, sporting events, holidays and like times of high demand as determined by Yellow Cab/Yellow X;
- D) For appropriate consideration rendered by Yellow Cab/Yellow X, a short term Lease Agreement will be entered into between Yellow Cab/Yellow X and the Operator whereby the Operator will lease their privately owned vehicle to Yellow Cab/Yellow X for the duration of the lease period. A copy of the lease shall be provided to the Operator and carried with the vehicle during the lease term;
- E) By the terms of the Lease Agreement, Yellow Cab/Yellow X shall be legally and technically responsible for the PUC compliant operation of that vehicle while in this TNC experimental service;
- F) The Operator's vehicle shall be marked with a PUC number and a standard trade dress via magnetic stickers or other unique identifying demarkation or lighting which can be added at the beginning of the lease term and removed at the end. The purpose of this trade dress would be to identify the TNC experimental service vehicle in a unique manner;
- G) Operators would pay a fee (lease or other) to Yellow Cab/Yellow X and operate their service via a "tablet" or iPad type device to be provided by Yellow Cab/Yellow X during the time that the vehicle is in TNC experimental service. Operators would be able to accept trips via internet dispatch and/or via "App". There shall be no service via street hail;
- H) A tariff will be provided to the PUC for immediate consideration using an adjustable pricing method of charges for all TNC trips based upon time and distance or flat fee rate charge. Distance or time shall be computed by use of a GPS based program. Passengers would be advised of the charge prior to hiring the vehicle. It is further contemplated that the proposed tariff will use a capped

- premium pricing model (not a luxury service) which will not be completely variable or subject to unconstrained surge pricing;
- Payment for services will be made through credit card swipe technology given to each Operator as part of the "tablet" or iPad type device. A cash payment option shall also be made available to the riding public;
- J) Yellow Cab/Yellow X seeks a waiver of 52 Pa. Code §29.313(c) with respect to log sheets. Yellow Cab/Yellow X will retain trip information in electronic format for a period of 3 years after each trip;
- K) Upon booking an internet or "App" TNC trip, the passenger will receive confirmation via email or via the "App" along with a photograph of the Operator and a description of the Operators vehicle;
- L) No single TNC shall operate more than 150 vehicles at any one time; and
- M) The service provided hereunder shall be exclusive service for the person hiring the vehicle.

### II. Driver Training/Qualifications

- A) All Operators shall be required to operate under the terms of their written lease agreement;
- B) As the Certificated Carrier, Yellow Cab/Yellow X shall require that all Operators of TNC vehicles comply with 52 Pa Code §29.501 508, inclusive. To wit, all Operators shall:
  - i) Have a current valid driver's license;
  - ii) Be over the age of 21 years;
  - iii) Be subject to a Motor Vehicle license history check upon initial lease service and thereafter as per 52 Pa Code §29.504;
  - iv) A full criminal history check undertaken by an authorized service provider as per the tenets of 52 Pa Code §29.505;
  - v) Not be permitted to operate vehicles in derogation of either 52 Pa Code §29.506 or §29.507; and
  - vi) Be Act 33 compliant pursuant to the Pennsylvania Child Welfare Act.
- C) All TNC Operators shall attend the standard Yellow Cab lease driver education classes before being permitted to operate in this experimental service;

- D) All TNC Operators shall, for purposes of compliance and enforcement of PUC regulation, be under the control of the Certificated Carrier, Yellow Cab/Yellow X; and
- E) Yellow Cab/Yellow X shall have primary responsibility to deal with all PUC related passenger complaints, claims and issues which arise during the Operator's TNC lease.

#### III. Vehicle Qualifications

- A) Yellow Cab/Yellow X shall insure each TNC vehicle for the period from when the "App" is opened until the time that the "App" is closed or the last passenger is discharged from the vehicle, whichever is later. Such insurance coverage shall be primary for the vehicle during the period of time that the vehicle is in use subject to the lease. A Form E shall be filed with the PUC as may be required;
- B) Insurance for TNC vehicles shall be in the required minimums as set forth under 52 Pa Code §32.11 as interpreted under 52 Pa Code §41.21. Insurance under this experimental service will comply with Yellow Cab's existing program of self-insurance approved by the PUC under 52 Pa Code 32.15 and the requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for self-insurers as set forth in Title 75;
- C) Yellow Cab/Yellow X will provide the Operator with an insurance identification card for coverage during the use of the vehicle in this TNC experimental service;
- D) Vehicles used in this TNC experimental service must not be more than 8 model years old nor have more than 100,000 miles on its odometer;
- E) To insure that the Operator's vehicle is clean and mechanically sound, vehicles used in this TNC experimental service will be inspected by Yellow Cab/Yellow X prior to being leased by Yellow Cab/Yellow X;
- F) Vehicles used in this TNC experimental service shall have a seating capacity of eight passengers or less, including the driver;
- G) There is to be no meter in the TNC experimental service vehicle as the tariff shall be an adjustable pricing method of charges based upon time and distance or flat;
- H) Fee rate charges; and
- The requirements of SubChapter E, 52 Pa Code §29.401 et seq. as relates to Vehicle Equipment and Inspection shall be applicable to vehicles used in this experimental service.



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