

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17105

Application of Rasier-PA LLC, a
Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Uber
Technologies, Inc., For Emergency
Temporary Authority to Operate An
Experimental Ride-Sharing
Network Service Between Points in
Allegheny County PA

Public Meeting July 24, 2014
2429993-TUS
Docket No. P-2014-2429993

Application of Lyft Inc., For
Emergency Temporary Authority to
Operate An Experimental
Transportation Network Service
Between Points in Allegheny
County PA

2432304-TUS
Docket No. P-2014-2432304

Combined Statement of Commissioner James H. Cawley

Before the Commission are two orders granting Emergency Temporary Authority for Experimental Service.

The principal reason that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission has jurisdiction over taxicab service is protection of the public safety.

Is the vehicle safe? Is the driver a responsible operator and a law abiding citizen?
Is there adequate automobile liability insurance in place if personal injury or property damage occurs?

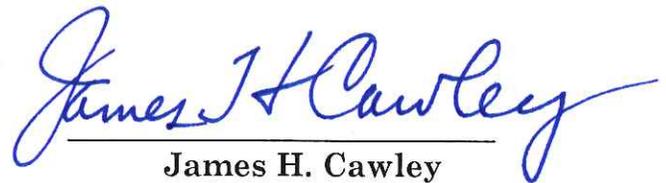
Rasier-PA (Uber) and Lyft promise to improve upon the current taxicab model with application-based services. Independent contractor drivers using their own vehicles covered by their own personal automobile insurance policies provide the service.

The orders today confirm this Commission's insistence that the public's safety be preserved. We have ordered improvements in the required insurance by making Rasier-PA (Uber) and Lyft have the primary, not merely excess, responsibility for insurance coverage. We have also reduced the maximum age of the vehicles that can be used to provide service. These changes will benefit the operators, passengers, and the public.

With these changes, I can support granting temporary authority, but whether either of these carriers deserves a permanent certificate of public convenience (and, if so, under what conditions) remains to be seen.

I also support temporary authority out of my respect for the efforts of certain legislators, chiefly Senator Wayne Fontana, to amend the law to provide for "transportation network companies" with public protections absent from Rasier-Pa's (Uber's) and Lyft's service.

My thanks go out to the staff members of the various Commission bureaus who have worked diligently to serve the public interest despite adverse comments from public officials, the media, and the applicants regarding our insistence that the law be obeyed.


James H. Cawley

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