

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17105-3265**

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**Public Meeting - December 18, 2014**

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**COMBINED JOINT STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER PAMELA A. WITMER  
AND CHAIRMAN ROBERT F. POWELSON**

Today, we support the Commission's approval to grant the applications of Lyft, Inc. to begin to provide experimental service in Allegheny County and throughout the Commonwealth. As set forth in the Commission's Orders, the grant of this authority is with conditions as has been done previously for other similarly situated transportation network companies (TNCs).

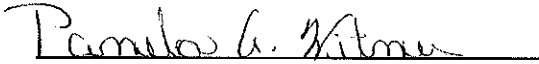
As stated previously, the pervasive use of smart phones and the Internet in our society has revolutionized various sectors of our economy, including the creation of Transportation Network Companies (TNCs). TNCs are altering the space traditionally occupied by taxicabs and the difference is much more than reinventing dispatch methods. The most fundamental change between TNCs and traditional taxicab service is the contractual use of private, personal vehicles and drivers to carry passengers, rather than ownership of vehicle fleets by the certificate holder. As we previously stated in the Rasier proceeding at Docket Nos. A-2014-2424608 and A-2014-2416127, this innovative use of the public space should be encouraged in a way that is consistent with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's (Commission) mission to both protect the public interest and foster new technologies.

Lyft, Inc. will be subject to certain conditions outlined in the Orders approved today. We continue to believe that this new type of transportation service can be of great benefit to the traveling public and should be certificated by the Commission. Given the myriad of differences between TNCs and the traditional taxicab industry, we are granting Lyft's request for experimental authority, which allows operating rights for two years. This two-year timeframe is appropriate given the dynamic and evolving nature of the TNC business model.

The Commission has fully reviewed Lyft's ETA history as well as the record in both cases, and on this basis has shaped conditions that allow for this exciting new business model to thrive in the Commonwealth, while at the same time ensuring that the necessary public protections are in place. To that end, the authority we move to grant today shall not take effect until Lyft has demonstrated full and complete compliance with the conditions set forth in the Orders. We are hopeful that Lyft takes advantage of this opportunity to legally operate in the Commonwealth, and look forward to reviewing Lyft's Compliance filing.

In the meantime, the Commission intends to continue working with the General Assembly on legislation to create a new category of passenger service designed to recognize the TNC business model and refine the regulatory approach we take here. We fully support legislative action so that TNC businesses can operate in the Commonwealth with necessary public protections. We look forward to working with the TNCs and the General Assembly to craft effective legislation.

**DATE: December 18, 2014**

  
PAMELA A. WITMER,  
COMMISSIONER

  
ROBERT F. POWELSON,  
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