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Re: Clarion County Taxi, Inc.  
Proposed Rulemaking Order  
Docket No. L-2015-2507592  
Our File: 5018

Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta  
Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
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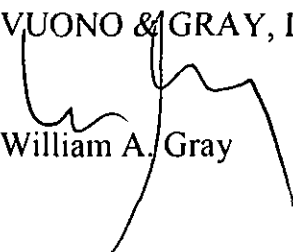
Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

We enclose for filing with the Commission the signed original of the Comments of Clarion County Taxi, Inc. in opposition to the Proposed Rulemaking Order at Docket No. L-2015-2507592.

Please acknowledge receipt and filing of the enclosed on the duplicate copy of this letter of transmittal and return it to the undersigned in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided.

Very truly yours,

VUONO & GRAY, LLC

  
William A. Gray

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Enclosures

cc: Clarion County Taxi, Inc. (w/enc.)

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COMMENTS OF TIM J. WOLLASTON  
ON BEHALF OF CLARION COUNTY TAXI, INC.  
IN OPPOSITION TO  
PROPOSED RULEMAKING ORDER

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The Commission published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin dated February 27, 2016, a proposed rulemaking order to amend the existing regulations governing call or demand carriers to eliminate the public demand or need requirement. Clarion County Taxi, Inc. ("Clarion County Taxi") objects to the proposal to eliminate this requirement.

The business address of Clarion County Taxi is P.O. Box 180, 2177 East End Road, Shippenville, PA 16254. Clarion County Taxi has authority at Docket No. A-00111683 authorizing it to provide call or demand service in the counties of Clarion and Jefferson. Clarion County Taxi has provided service under its PUC authority on a regular, continuing basis since it was first certificated on December 6, 1995.

As will be discussed below, Clarion County Taxi believes that the Commission should continue to handle call or demand applications in the same manner that it has handled such applications in the past and continues to handle such applications at the present time.

Clarion County Taxi believes that there is a need to continue to regulate the number of taxicab companies that provide service in Pennsylvania and, in particular, in the territory which

Clarion County Taxi is authorized to serve, which are the rural counties of Clarion and Jefferson. If the public demand/need requirement is eliminated, the obvious result will be that anyone that wants to secure call or demand or call or demand authority will be able to secure such authority. There is already enough competition in the area served by Clarion County Taxi and the additional local competition that would result may cause existing companies to go out of business.

Most taxicab companies in rural areas in Pennsylvania, including Clarion County Taxi, are small operators who have built their business on providing local service to the public. The addition of the new competition that will result will have a negative financial effect on these companies, including Clarion County Taxi, which will far outweigh any benefit to the public. Existing companies have invested significant time and financial resources to provide the service required by the public.

Clarion County Taxi has made a substantial investment in its operating authority and in its equipment. This investment will be substantially in jeopardy if the proposed changes are put into effect.

For all of the above reasons, Clarion County Taxi opposes the proposed change set forth in the Pennsylvania Bulletin dated February 27, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

I verify that the statements made in the foregoing document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

  
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Tim J. Wollaston, President

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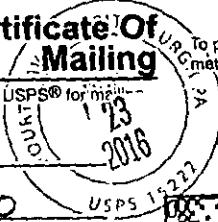


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