

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3265

Uber Technologies, Inc.

v.

Pa. Public Utility Commission

Public Meeting April 6, 2017

2569511-LAW

Docket No. B-2016-2569511

C-2014-2422723

STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN GLADYS M. BROWN

Before the Commission for consideration and disposition is the Settlement Agreement between the Commission and Uber Technologies, Inc. Gegen, LLC, Raiser, LLC and Raisier-PA, LLC (Uber).

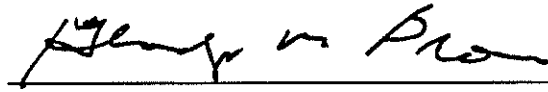
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Commission's staff, especially those individuals in the Law Bureau, who worked very long hours on this intense, complex and contentious case. While all of the cases that are brought before the Commission are important, some like this one take a little bit more time and effort from both parties to resolve. I thank you for your dedication and for a job well done.

This settlement, in my opinion, represents an acceptable solution to a challenge the Commission has been dealing with for some time. The resolution of this case will allow us to eliminate the uncertainty of the legislation that was passed by the General Assembly (Act 164 of 2016) which provided for permanent statewide authority for ride-hailing services but limited any fine for unlicensed operations within the state to \$250,000. While we are certain of our interpretation of the law, that this statutory change is prospective, the Commonwealth Court's interpretation might be contradictory to our interpretation. In addition, I agree with the staff recommendation that by settling this matter, the Commission avoids litigation risks. The terms and the amount of the settlement, I believe are fair and just in that Uber will pay \$3.5 million to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The company will also file a praecipe at Commonwealth Court to discontinue its appeal of the Commission's prior Order.

This settlement is substantial and serves the interest of both parties. Again, I applaud the efforts of all of those involved in this case.

April 6, 2017

Date

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gladys M. Brown", written over a horizontal line.

Gladys M. Brown, Chairman