

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3265

**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 held July 24, 2014
2429993-TUS
Docket No. A-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. A-2014-2432304**

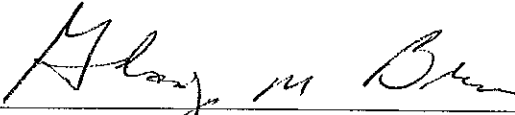
STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER GLADYS M. BROWN

Today we consider the Applications of Rasier-PA (Rasier) and Lyft, Inc. (Lyft) for Emergency Temporary Authority (ETA) to operate a ride-sharing network services in Allegheny County. The ETA sought would allow Rasier and Lyft to connect passengers with independent ride-sharing operators via a digital platform, more commonly known as an app.¹

I am voting to approve Rasier's and Lyft's ETA Applications because I believe that the Companies have met the standard established in Section 3.384(b) of our Regulations stating that grants of temporary authority or emergency temporary authority shall be made upon the establishment of an "immediate need" for the transportation of passengers. The definition of immediate need is itself broad. A showing of immediate need may involve, among other things, passenger service to an origin or destination not presently served by carriers, a failure of existing carriers to provide service, or comparable situations which require new carrier service before an application for permanent authority can be filed and processed. 52 Pa. Code § 3.384(b)(2). Rasier's and Lyft's Applications contain various statements from Pittsburgh area residents regarding the immediate need for an alternative mode of transportation in Allegheny County.

I note that approval of these Applications is solely for emergency temporary authority. I look forward to reviewing a fully developed evidentiary record regarding the Companies applications for permanent authority in the near future.

July 24, 2014
Date


Gladys M. Brown, Commissioner

¹ Such app-based service is governed by 52 Pa. Code §§ 29.351-29.356 of our Regulations, specifically Section 29.352 which defines experimental service.