

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Public Meeting held July 24, 2014

**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,
Pennsylvania.**

**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,
Pennsylvania.**

**2432304 - TUS
Docket No. A-2014-2432304**

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

Before the Commission today are applications by Lyft, Inc. (Lyft) and Rasier-PA (Rasier), a wholly owned subsidiary of Uber Technologies, Inc., for Emergency Temporary Authority to operate an experimental transportation network service between points in Allegheny County. These proposals, although temporary in nature, foster the ability for Allegheny County residents to avail themselves of regulated transportation service that uses modern technology to serve traveling customers in that county. As evidenced by our action today, the Commission strives to ensure that its current regulatory structure is not a barrier to technological advances and desirable changes in the transportation industry.

Similar to statements we previously made regarding an earlier application for experimental service in the Allegheny County area, we agree with today's findings that, as a result of our approval, there will be an immediate and substantial benefit derived from the initiation of this competitive transportation service. The introduction of these App-based transportation services in Allegheny County will provide customers with competitive alternatives to traditional call and demand service that can provide wider ranging, faster and more user-friendly scheduling of transportation services.

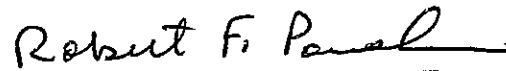
Just as important, both Rasier and Lyft have committed to, and by our orders we mandate, full compliance with our public safety regulations regarding driver integrity, vehicle safety and insurance. These attributes are important because as the agency charged with regulating motor carrier passenger transportation in the Commonwealth, this Commission has a statutory obligation when reviewing applications for transportation network service (whether for temporary or permanent authority) to protect the safety of the traveling public. This is why we are especially pleased with the commitments by both Lyft and Rasier to substantially exceed our current insurance requirements.

As we have stated during proceedings involving other industries, it is appropriate for the Commission to periodically review its regulations to determine whether or not they have kept pace with current industry standards and practices. Transportation is no different and therefore we look

forward to exploring the adequacy of current provisions of our transportation regulations including insurance requirements, the necessity for geographic territories, driver integrity standards and vehicle safety standards as well as other issues at our upcoming *en banc* hearing on August 28, 2014. Likewise, we are supportive of working with the General Assembly to craft legislation that could provide another option under which transportation network companies may legally operate in Pennsylvania.

DATE: July 24, 2014


PAMELA A. WITMER
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