

PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Public Meeting held October 16, 1980

Commissioners Present:

Susan M. Shanaman, Chairman
Michael Johnson
James H. Cawley
Linda C. Taliaferro

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

A-00101102C802

v.

Reading Metro Taxi Cab, Inc.
615 Elm Street
Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania 19601

O R D E R

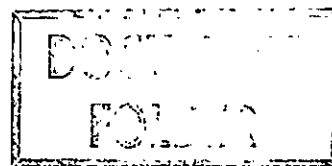
BY THE COMMISSION:

On July 30, 1980, this Commission instituted a complaint upon its own motion against Reading Metro Taxi Cab, Inc., respondent, alleging:

"That respondent, on or about April 10, 1980, between the hours of 4:20 a.m. and 5:45 a.m., received three (3) telephone calls requesting transportation service by Mrs. Mildred Strock and husband from 1316 Allegheny Avenue, Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania to a local hospital. Respondent, beginning with the initial call received at 4:20 a.m., failed to provide efficient transportation service for approximately eighty-five (85) minutes, until the arrival of a taxicab at the Strock residence at 5:45 a.m.

"That respondent, in performing the act described in Paragraph 3 of the complaint, violated the provisions of Section 1501 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. §1501, in that respondent failed to maintain safe, adequate, efficient and reasonable service and such service also shall be reasonably continuous and without unreasonable interruptions or delay."

The complaint specified that if the respondent failed to answer the complaint within twenty (20) days from the date on which




it was served, then, in accordance with Section 35.35 of the General Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure, 1 Pa. Code §35.35, this Commission would be empowered to enter an order without hearing, imposing a fine, or other appropriate penalty or remedy, including suspension or cancellation of any certificate or permit the respondent may hold.

The complaint was served on respondent on July 31, 1980 and to date, more than twenty (20) days later, no answer has been filed.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the allegations in the complaint are admitted.
2. That the complaint is sustained.
3. That the respondent, within twenty (20) days after service of this order, pay a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) by certified check or money order payable to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission at P.O. Box 3265, Harrisburg, PA 17120, as provided in Sections 3301 and 3315 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. §§3301 and 3315.
4. That the respondent cease and desist from further violations of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. §101, et seq. and the Regulations of this Commission, 52 Pa. Code §1.1, et seq.

BY THE COMMISSION,



William P. Thierfelder
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: October 16, 1980

ORDER ENTERED: **OCT 29 1980**