

BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. A-2013-2396211

APPLICATION OF SMITH BUS COMPANY, INC.

APPLICANT'S VERIFIED STATEMENTS

I. STATEMENT OF THE CASE

By application published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on January 25, 2014, Smith Bus Company, Inc. seeks authority to provide, as a common carrier of motor vehicle, persons in paratransit service, from points in the Counties of Armstrong, Indiana and Westmoreland, to points in Pennsylvania, and return. Protests in opposition were filed by Byers Taxi Service, Inc. Manor Valley Taxi, Inc., Veterans Cab Company, Inc., Tri County Access Co., Inc., Francis E. Criner t/d/b/a Mt. Pleasant Yellow Cab, Francis E. Criner t/d/b/a Jeannette City Transit, Barker Brothers, Inc., t/d/b/a Pittsburgh North Aire Ride and Health Ride Plus, Inc., t/d/b/a Health Ride Plus.

By Restrictive Amendment, dated April 16, 2014, which was forwarded to the Commission by letter dated April 25, 2014, the territorial scope of the Application was amended to read as follows:

To transport, as a common carrier, by motor vehicle, persons in groups of ten (10) persons or less in paratransit service, (1) from the facilities owned or currently leased by Smith Bus Company, Inc. in the Townships of Burrell

and Conemaugh and the Borough of Marion Center, Indiana County, in the Borough of Elderton, Armstrong County, and in the Township of Derry, Westmoreland County; (2) from facilities of Blairsville-Saltsburg School District located in the Township of Burrell, Indiana County, (3) from the facilities of Homer-Center School District located in the Borough of Homer City, Indiana County, (4) from the facilities of Derry Area School District located in the Township of Derry, Westmoreland County, and (5) from the facilities of the Marion Center School District located in the Borough of Marion Center, Indiana County, to points in Pennsylvania, and return.

Counsel for the Protestants advised the Commission that their clients' interests in the Application were satisfied by the Restrictive Amendment and that the Protests of all of the Protestants were withdrawn. This Application is now unopposed.

By notice dated July 15, 2014, the Commission advised Applicant that the case had been assigned for review without an oral hearing and that Verified Statements in support of the Application were due on or before August 14, 2014.

II. VERIFIED STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES

Applicant now submits Verified Statements in support of the Application and on behalf of the following witnesses:

1. Randall L. Smith on behalf of Applicant
2. Donna W. Bennett
3. Ronald Corradini
4. Betty J. Decker
5. Jon Fair on behalf of the Armstrong School District
6. Leigh Free on behalf of Blairsville-Saltsburg School District
7. Wanda J. Gamble
8. Barbara L. Keeler
9. Ken Kirkland on behalf of the Marion Center School District
10. Charles J. Koren on behalf of the Homer-Center School District
11. Alphonse L. Kovacik
12. Billie S. Luther
13. Alan R. Martin
14. Mary McGarvey
15. Brett Miller on behalf of the Derry Area School District
16. Dwaine Shupe
17. Sharon L. Wakefield

VERIFIED STATEMENT OF RANDALL L. SMITH ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT

1. IDENTITY OF OPERATING WITNESS ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT.

My name is Randall L. Smith, and I am the President and majority Stockholder of Smith Bus Company, Inc. (“Applicant or Smith Bus”), which filed the pending paratransit application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) at Docket No. A-2013-2396211 (“Paratransit Application”). I authorized our attorney to file with the Commission the Restrictive Amendment, dated April 16, 2014, which I signed amending the scope of the Paratransit Application. As President, I am responsible for managing and supervising the day-to-day operations of Smith Bus. I am authorized by the other Stockholder of Smith Bus, who is my son, Matthew L. Smith, and by the Board of Directors of Smith Bus to submit this Verified Statement on behalf of Smith Bus in support of its Paratransit Application.

2. APPLICANT’S AFFILIATION WITH OTHER CERTIFICATED CARRIER.

Applicant is affiliated with Smith Auto Division, Inc. d/b/a Smith Tours, which holds a Certificate of Public Convenience from the Commission at Docket No. A-6413560 to transport persons in group and party service in vehicles with a seating capacity of 16 to 28 passengers, including the driver, and more than 28 passengers, including the driver, between points in Pennsylvania, excluding service that is under the jurisdiction of the Philadelphia Parking Authority. This grant of authority was issued in 2011. Randall L. Smith is the sole owner of the stock of Smith Auto Division, Inc. d/b/a Smith Tours, and the same personnel who manage and supervise Smith Bus are also in charge of the operations of this affiliated company.

3. DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT’S BUSINESS EXPERIENCE.

Applicant has been in business as a school bus contractor for approximately 47 years. Applicant’s operations involve contracting with school districts to provide transportation of

school students to and from school facilities each day of the school week and also to transport students in connection with extra curricular activities sponsored by schools. In addition, Applicant holds group and party authority to transport passengers in vehicles with a seating capacity of more than 28 passengers. Applicant has conducted operations pursuant to this grant of authority since 1999 when the authority was first issued.

4. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS FACILITIES, OFFICE OPERATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK.

Applicant operates out of five terminal facilities, and it has a communication network which includes telephone lines, 2-way radios, cellular phones, fax and computers. We have facilities located throughout the three county application territory including in the following municipalities: Burrell Township, Indiana County, Elderton Borough, Armstrong County, Marion Center Borough, Indiana County, Derry Township, Westmoreland County, and Conemaugh Township, Indiana County. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is a list of terminal facilities which provides more information with regard to the size of the lot on which each facility is located, the number of service bays at each facility, the size of our offices and repair facilities at each facility and the number of waiting rooms at each facility.

If the Paratransit Application is approved, Applicant intends to utilize its existing facilities to expand its operation to provide paratransit service to the public. Applicant will provide service to the public on an as-needed basis with service being available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, except that no service will be offered on the following four holidays so that our employees will be able to spend time with their families or as they choose: New Years day, Easter, Thanksgiving day and Christmas. Applicant's normal business hours will be from

7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. However, Applicant plans to make arrangements for any calls received during off-business hours to be forwarded to a cell phone which will be answered by one of Applicant's staff members so as not to miss a call from a customer.

5. STAFFING OF APPLICANT'S OPERATIONS.

Applicant has a substantial work force that it currently employs in connection with its operations. This includes 8 office staff at our five terminals, 150 drivers, 7 mechanics and 5 supervisory personnel. Applicant intends to utilize its existing staff which is already on its payroll for purposes of managing and providing the proposed paratransit service.

6. DRIVER PERSONNEL.

Applicant plans to utilize its existing pool of school bus drivers as needed in order to operate vehicles in the proposed paratransit operation. Our school bus drivers are required to attend 20 hours of classroom training and 6 hours of on the road driver training. The drivers also are subject to mandatory criminal background checks, fingerprinting, motor vehicle reports and FBI checks prior to being hired. Drivers are also required to report any traffic violations that they are cited for, and Motor Vehicle Reports are run annually on each driver. Applicant also conducts random drug and alcohol testing on all drivers because Applicant has a zero tolerance for drivers being on duty when he or she has any alcohol or non-prescription drugs in his or her system.

7. DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT'S EQUIPMENT.

In connection with the proposed paratransit operation, Applicant intends to utilize three motor vehicles that it owns and which have a seating capacity from 7 passengers to 12

passengers. Attached as Exhibit "B" is a Vehicle Equipment List which provides more detailed information concerning these three vehicles.

8. APPLICANT'S SAFETY PROGRAM.

Applicant employs its own crew of certified mechanics at its terminal locations and they perform maintenance on all of Applicant's vehicles on a regularly scheduled basis. Applicant has its own official Inspection Station, and Applicant is in compliance with 67 PA Code Chapter 175 with regard to employing certified mechanics. The Certificates of mechanics and station signs are displayed as required. Applicant's shop area complies with the requirements of the 67 Pa. Code Section 175.25 with regard to having the proper tools and equipment to service the vehicles. Applicant is also in compliance with the Commission's safety code as set forth in 52 PA Code Section 29.403. Applicant is very knowledgeable of the safety regulations for passenger carriers.

Preventative maintenance is performed on all of our vehicles on a regular basis in order to minimize costly repairs and reduce the risk of a vehicle breaking down while transporting passengers. Applicant follows a maintenance schedule which includes changing the oil on its vehicles every three months or every 5,000 miles, whichever occurs first. Drivers, as well as mechanics, routinely check such items as power steering, air conditioning, tire pressure and brake fluid. Most mechanical repairs are performed by Applicant's own mechanics, but on occasion a major repair job may be contracted out to a third party which is better equipped to perform the repairs in a cost effective manner.

As previously indicated, Motor Vehicle Reports are run on each driver on an annual basis in order to check the driving record of drivers to be sure that a driver's license is in good standing

and that there are no serious driving incidents in PennDOT's records to indicate that a driver may have a problem in operating a passenger vehicle safely.

9. INSURANCE.

Applicant currently holds a commercial lines insurance policy through Nationwide Insurance which is in effect for the period of September 1, 2013 through September 1, 2014. This policy provides a \$5,000,000 umbrella coverage. Since a few of the same vehicles will be utilized in providing the paratransit service as are used in Applicant's current operations, Applicant does not anticipate any increase in the premium for its insurance policy. Upon approval of this Application, Applicant will file with the Commission evidence of its insurance coverage.

10. COMPLAINT PROCEDURE.

Applicant intends to provide passengers with information on how to file a Complaint with the Commission by posting the following notice in each vehicle or attaching it to the receipt given to a customer, either before or at the start of a trip:

For complaints or information, contact the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission at 1-800-692-7380 or at www.state.pa.us.

Upon receiving a complaint from a customer, Applicant will provide the customer with the information concerning the telephone number and address where customers can file a complaint with the PUC. Attached as Exhibit "C" is a copy of the Motor Carrier Complaint Form which will be provided to customers who notify Applicant that they have a complaint.

Every effort is made to address each and every complaint by any customer in order to determine what the circumstances are and how service can be improved so as to avoid in the

future the problem that the customer encountered. The fact that Applicant has been in business for 47 years speaks volumes of how well we have fine tuned our efforts to keep customers satisfied.

11. CERTIFICATION OF NO CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS.

Applicant, its officers and stockholders have never been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony, and none of those parties has ever been subject to supervision by a court or correctional institution.

12. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Attached as Exhibit "D" are Applicant's financial statements including Applicant's Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity Income Tax Basis as of December 31, 2013 ("Balance Sheet"), and Applicant's Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Retained Earnings - Income Tax Basis - Year Ended December 21, 2013 ("Income Statement"). The Balance Sheet indicates that Applicant has total assets of \$2,821,188. The majority of Applicant's debt consists of long term loans in connection with purchasing equipment in order to up-date Applicant's fleet. The average age of Applicant's equipment is less than 6 years old. One reason Applicant is seeking to expand its operations to provide paratransit service is so that it can better utilize its equipment to generate revenue in order to increase the company's profitability and net worth. Applicant's Income Statement indicates that Applicant had total revenues in 2013 of \$5,720,446 and total operating expenses of \$3,994,237 with a net profit from operations of \$1,726,209. After deducting depreciation and interest expenses, Applicant's net income for 2013 was \$450.00. However, this was after deducting \$1,580,258 in depreciation, which is a paper expense and not an actual operating expense.

Attached as Exhibit “E” is a Projected Income Statement which indicates that Applicant expects to receive an additional \$45,150.00 in revenues from its paratransit operations during the first year that it is authorized to conduct operations. It also indicates that expenses are projected to be \$28,934.00 with net revenue before taxes of \$ 16,216.00. These revenues will help improve Applicant’s bottom line and Applicant’s financial condition, especially since Applicant will not have to incur any capital costs in starting up the proposed paratransit operations because Applicant has the equipment it will use to provide service and the equipment is already covered by the required amount of insurance.

13. ADDITIONAL RELEVANT INFORMATION.

Smith Bus has terminals located within close proximity to school buildings that are operated by most of the five supporting school districts. For instance, Smith Bus’ Saltsburg terminal, which is located in Conemaugh Township, Indiana County, is located next door to the Saltsburg campus of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District. Its Blairsville terminal, which is located in Burrell Township, Indiana County, is only about 1 ½ miles from the Blairsville campus of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District. The Marion Center School District facilities are about one to two blocks from Smith Bus’ terminal in Marion Center, Indiana County. The Elderton Elementary School in the Armstrong School District is about two blocks from the Smith Bus terminal in Elderton. The only school district with buildings that are a distance from one of our terminals is the Derry Area School District, and its buildings are about ten miles from our closest terminal. Smith Bus has entered into school bus contracts with all five of the supporting school districts, which are as follows: Blairsville-Saltsburg School District, Homer-Center School District, Derry Area School District, Marion Center School District and Armstrong

School District. Smith Bus provides services to those school districts with daily transportation of students to and from schools and transportation of students for extra-curricular activities.

One of the reasons that Applicant has agreed to limit the scope of its paratransit operations to providing service from the facilities of certain school districts and from the facilities where Applicant operates is because Applicant sees a need that it can fulfill in providing service to a certain niche of the public. The proposed paratransit service would compliment both its school bus operations and group and party service and provide another service option for the customers of Smith Bus. Applicant will be able to utilize its vehicles that have a seating capacity of less than 16 passengers to provide service for families and friends of school students who would like to take trips to attend extracurricular activities and other functions of their children, relatives or friends.

Applicant will also make its service available to other individuals who would like to drive to either a parking lot at a school building or to one of Applicant's parking lots and leave their vehicles there until they return. The advantage of this type of operation is that it would minimize the amount of travel time involved in Applicant providing shared-ride service in picking up passengers. Passengers will not have to endure a lengthy and time consuming ride to pick up other passengers before heading in the direction of their destinations. As soon as the vehicle departs the loading point, passengers will be on their way to where they are headed, and this should significantly reduce their travel time and make it easier for them to arrive on time at social or other functions that have a designated start time. Applicant realizes that this is a new twist to a service that is offered by other paratransit carriers, but Applicant is optimistic that providing this experimental service will be well received by certain segments of the public and that it will serve a useful public purpose.

Applicant's Terminal Facilities and Communications Network:

Blairsville, Burrell Township, Indiana County

Size of Lot: 4.32 acres
Number of Bays: 60
Offices: 4,672 sq. ft.
Repair facilities: 6,605 sq. ft.
Waiting room: 2
Communications system: Telephone lines, 2-way radios, cellular phones, fax, and computers.

Elderton Borough, Armstrong County

Size of Lot: 3.45 acres
Number of Bays: 15
Offices: 2,320 sq. ft.
Repair facilities: 4,800 sq. ft.
Waiting room: 1
Communications system: same as above

Marion Center Borough, Indiana County

Size of Lot: 4 acres
Number of Bays: 25
Offices: 400 sq. ft.
Repair facilities: 3,000 sq. ft.
Waiting room: 1
Communications system: same as above

Derry Township, Westmoreland County

Size of Lot: 8 acres
Number of Bays: 25
Offices: 1,056 sq. ft.
Repair facilities: 0
Waiting room: 1
Communications system: same as above

Saltsburg, Conemaugh Township, Indiana County

Size of Lot: 2 acres
Number of Bays: 15
Offices: 880 sq. ft.
Repair facilities: 3,000 sq. ft.
Waiting room: 1
Communications systems: same as above

VEHICLE EQUIPMENT LIST

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	SEATING CAPACITY	VEHICLE ID No.
2010	FORD	VAN	12	1FBNE3BL7ADA88950
2009	DODGE	VAN	7	2D8HN44E19R615243
2013	CHEVROLET	VAN	7	1GNSKBEO8DR168985

EXHIBIT "B"

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

MOTOR CARRIER COMPLAINT FORM

If you have a complaint with a household goods carrier, passenger carrier (except taxis), or trucking company, please use this form to file a complaint. **Please print or type all information.** To file a complaint against a taxi, call the District Office nearest you to obtain a Taxi Complaint Form.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

NAME	
ADDRESS	
CITY, STATE, ZIP	
DAYTIME PHONE	
E-MAIL	

INCIDENT INFORMATION:

DATE		TIME:	AM/PM
LOCATION OF INCIDENT			
COMPANY NAME			
PUC # (If available)			
ADDRESS			
CITY, STATE, ZIP			
TELEPHONE NO.			

NATURE OF COMPLAINT:

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SMITH BUS COMPANY, INC.
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY - INCOME TAX BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2013

ASSETS

Current assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 389,296
Due from stockholder	114,433
Due from related entity	145,294
Investment	<u>19,800</u>

Total current assets 668,823

Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$9,905,950 2,152,365

Total assets \$ 2,821,188

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Current liabilities

Current portion of long-term debt \$ 617,098

Total current liabilities 617,098

Long-term liabilities

Loans payable, less current portion 2,468,390

Total liabilities 3,085,488

Stockholders' equity

Capital stock 10,000

Retained earnings (deficit) (274,300)

Total stockholders' equity (264,300)

Total liabilities and stockholders' equity \$ 2,821,188

SMITH BUS COMPANY, INC.
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND RETAINED EARNINGS - INCOME TAX BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

Revenues	
School transportation	\$ 5,598,330
Miscellaneous income	109,783
Tour department	<u>12,333</u>
Total revenues	<u>5,720,446</u>
Expenses	
Driver costs	1,957,515
Staff payroll	670,742
Repair and maintenance	379,867
Insurance	354,789
Rent expense	178,500
Building leases	90,574
Payroll taxes	63,714
Fuel	63,477
Taxes	56,774
Utilities	42,831
Professional fees	28,047
Office expense	23,951
Licenses and permits	18,887
Contributions	10,960
Janitorial services	8,324
Travel	8,028
Contract services	7,657
Pension expense	7,147
Equipment rental	6,927
Advertising	4,162
Dues, subscriptions, memberships	3,657
Bank charges	2,199
Consulting fees	2,015
Staff recognition dinner and meetings	1,947
Miscellaneous expense	<u>1,546</u>
Total expenses	<u>3,994,237</u>
Net profit from operations	<u>1,726,209</u>
Other income (expenses)	
Interest and dividend income	84
Depreciation expense	(1,580,258)
Interest expense	<u>(145,585)</u>
Total other income (expenses)	<u>(1,725,759)</u>
Net income (loss)	450
Retained earnings (deficit) - beginning of year	<u>(274,750)</u>
Retained earnings (deficit) - end of year	<u>\$ (274,300)</u>

Smith Bus Company
Statement of Financial Position
One Year Projected Income Statement

REVENUE and GAINS

Operating Revenue	\$45,150.00
Net Revenue from non-carrier operations	
Dividend and interest revenues	
Other non-operating revenue	
Gains	
Total Revenue and Gains	\$45,150.00

EXPENSES

Equipment Maintenance and Garage Expenses	\$750.00
Insurance Expense	--
Employee Salaries	\$4,620.00
Supervisory Salaries	--
Officer Salaries	--
Fuel Expense	\$10,800.00
Purchased Transportation (Lease Expense)	--
Materials and Supplies Expense	\$2,964.00
General Office Expense	\$500.00
Advertising Expense	--
Telephone Expense	--
Accounting Expense	\$500.00
Legal Expense	--
Uncollectible Revenue	--
Depreciation Expense	\$8,300.00
Amortization	--
Operating Taxes and Licenses	\$500.00
Rent Expense	--
Loss	
Total Operating Expenses and Losses	\$28,934.00

NET INCOME BEFORE TAXES


	\$16,216.00
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VERIFICATION OF STATEMENT

The undersigned, Randall L. Smith, deposes and says that he is authorized to and does make this Verification, and that the facts set forth in the foregoing Verified Statement of Randall L. Smith on behalf of Applicant are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

The Undersigned understands that any false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: 8-12-14



Randall L. Smith

VERIFIED STATEMENT OF DONNA W. BENNETT

1. NAME AND DOCKET NO. OF APPLICANT BEING SUPPORTED.

This Verified Statement is being submitted in support of the paratransit application of Smith Bus Company, Inc. ("Smith Bus" or "Applicant"). I understand that Smith Bus has filed an application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission at Docket No. A-2013-2396211 and, as amended, the application seeks the following operating rights:

To transport, as a common carrier, by motor vehicle, persons in groups of ten (10) persons or less in paratransit service,

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- (2) from facilities of Blairsville-Saltsburg School District located in the Township of Burrell, Indiana County,
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- (4) from the facilities of Derry Area School District located in the Township of Derry, Westmoreland County, and
- (5) from the facilities of the Marion Center School District located in the Borough of Marion Center, Indiana County, to points in Pennsylvania, and return.

2. LEGAL NAME AND DOMICILE OF SUPPORTING WITNESS.

My name is Donna W. Bennett, and my home address is P.O. Box 322, 212 Ligonier Street, New Florence, PA 15944.

3. IDENTITY AND QUALIFICATIONS OF SUPPORTING PARTY.

I am an individual, and I am supporting Smith Bus' paratransit application because I occasionally need public transportation service from and to places within the application territory as described below. I would be responsible for paying the fare or charges for Smith Bus's services in transporting me.

4. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUPPORTING PARTY

I would like to be able to use the paratransit service proposed by Smith Bus in order to have transportation available to me from either Smith Bus’ facilities or the named facilities of local school districts for transportation to wherever and whenever I need service. I understand that service would be provided in a vehicle with a seating capacity of 15 passengers or less. I am interested in being able to make reservations at specific times in advance of when I need service. I also understand that service would be provided on a shared-ride basis so that I would be transported in a vehicle with other fare paying passengers. I would use Smith Bus’ service for the following purposes:

Accompany my elderly aunt to doctor appointments, grocery shopping and any other activity she needs as she cannot travel alone.

5. VOLUME AND FREQUENCY OF INTENDED USE.

I estimate that I would use Smith Bus’ service approximately 8 to 10 times per year.

6. SPECIFIC OR REPRESENTATIVE ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS.

I reside in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and the origins and destinations for my trips would include such places as the following:

<u>Pick-up Points</u>	<u>Location of Destination (City, Borough/Township & County)</u>	<u>Names of Events or Establishments at Destinations</u>
Smith Bus Blairsville	Borough of Indiana	Doctor, Acct./Fin. Advisor,

If members of my family or friends have a special request to attend a specific social event or patronize certain restaurants, bars or other establishments, I would like to be able to use Smith Bus’ services, to travel to those events either with or without my family or friends, no matter where the events or establishments are located in the application territory.

7. TYPES OF SERVICES NEEDED.

I would like to have available professional, dependable and reasonably priced service which I could request on an advance reservation basis so that I would be picked up at designated times. This would be on a shared-ride basis so that I would pay for my ride just like other individual passengers who would ride in the same vehicle with me. It is important to me that service be provided in a friendly and reliable fashion so that I can enjoy the ride and count on being picked up on time.

8. SIMILAR APPLICATIONS SUPPORTED.

I have not supported any other application for paratransit service from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

9. OTHER INFORMATION DEEMED PERTINENT

The following are reasons why I am supporting Smith Bus's application to provide paratransit service, and why approval of this application would be of benefit to me:

Save wear and tear on my older (and not always reliable automobile) as I accompany my aunt (who has also completed one of these Forms) to her various appointments or activities. Especially avoiding weather issues.

I request that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission grant the paratransit application of Smith Bus Company, Inc. so that it may provide me with transportation service in the application territory.

VERIFICATION

The Undersigned verifies that he/she is the person who signed the attached Verified Statement in support of the application of Smith Bus Company, Inc. that he/she is authorized to and does make this Verification and that the facts set forth in the attached Verified Statement are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge, information, and belief.

The Undersigned understands that any false statements herein are made subject to penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: 6/8/14

Donna W Bennett

Signature

DONNA W BENNETT

Print Name

VERIFIED STATEMENT OF RONALD CORRADINI

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- (5) from the facilities of the Marion Center School District located in the Borough of Marion Center, Indiana County, to points in Pennsylvania, and return.

2. LEGAL NAME AND DOMICILE OF SUPPORTING WITNESS.

My name is Ronald Corradini, and my home address is 607 Market St., Saltsburg, PA 15681.

3. IDENTITY AND QUALIFICATIONS OF SUPPORTING PARTY.

I am an individual, and I am supporting Smith Bus’ paratransit application because I occasionally need public transportation service from and to places within the application territory as described below. I would be responsible for paying the fare or charges for Smith Bus’s services in transporting me.

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I would like to be able to use the paratransit service proposed by Smith Bus in order to have transportation available to me from either Smith Bus’ facilities or the named facilities of local school districts for transportation to wherever and whenever I need service. I understand that service would be provided in a vehicle with a seating capacity of 15 passengers or less. I am interested in being able to make reservations at specific times in advance of when I need service. I also understand that service would be provided on a shared-ride basis so that I would be transported in a vehicle with other fare paying passengers. I would use Smith Bus’ service for the following purposes:

Doctor and dentist appointments. Shopping when necessary.

5. VOLUME AND FREQUENCY OF INTENDED USE.

I estimate that I would use Smith Bus’ service approximately 3 times per month.

6. SPECIFIC OR REPRESENTATIVE ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS.

I reside in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, and the origins and destinations for my trips would include such places as the following:

<u>Pick-up Points</u>	<u>Location of Destination (City, Borough/Township & County)</u>	<u>Names of Events or Establishments at Destinations</u>
Smith Bus’ Saltsburg Facility Conemaugh Township, Indiana County	Borough of Indiana, Co., and City of Greensburg, Westmoreland Co.	Doctor, dentist, Wal-Mart, Giant Eagle and eye doctor

If members of my family or friends have a special request to attend a specific social event or patronize certain restaurants, bars or other establishments, I would like to be able to use Smith Bus’ services, to travel to those events either with or without my family or friends, no matter where the events or establishments are located in the application territory.

7. TYPES OF SERVICES NEEDED.

I would like to have available professional, dependable and reasonably priced service which I could request on an advance reservation basis so that I would be picked up at designated times. This would be on a shared-ride basis so that I would pay for my ride just like other individual passengers who would ride in the same vehicle with me. It is important to me that

service be provided in a friendly and reliable fashion so that I can enjoy the ride and count on being picked up on time.

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I have not supported any other application for paratransit service from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

9. OTHER INFORMATION DEEMED PERTINENT

The following are reasons why I am supporting Smith Bus's application to provide paratransit service, and why approval of this application would be of benefit to me:

For the satisfaction of knowing there would be a reliable service provided to me when needed.

I request that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission grant the paratransit application of Smith Bus Company, Inc. so that it may provide me with transportation service in the application territory.

VERIFICATION

The Undersigned verifies that he/she is the person who signed the attached Verified Statement in support of the application of Smith Bus Company, Inc. that he/she is authorized to and does make this Verification and that the facts set forth in the attached Verified Statement are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge, information, and belief.

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Date: 6/2/2014

Ronald Corradini
Signature

Ronald Corradini
Print Name

VERIFIED STATEMENT OF BETTY J. DECKER

1. NAME AND DOCKET NO. OF APPLICANT BEING SUPPORTED.

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- (2) from facilities of Blairsville-Saltsburg School District located in the Township of Burrell, Indiana County,
- (3) from the facilities of Homer-Center School District located in the Borough of Homer City, Indiana County,
- (4) from the facilities of Derry Area School District located in the Township of Derry, Westmoreland County, and
- (5) from the facilities of the Marion Center School District located in the Borough of Marion Center, Indiana County, to points in Pennsylvania, and return.

2. LEGAL NAME AND DOMICILE OF SUPPORTING WITNESS.

My name is Betty J. Decker, and my home address is 175 17th St., New Florence, PA 15944.

3. IDENTITY AND QUALIFICATIONS OF SUPPORTING PARTY.

I am an individual, and I am supporting Smith Bus’ paratransit application because I occasionally need public transportation service from and to places within the application territory as described below. I would be responsible for paying the fare or charges for Smith Bus’s services in transporting me.

4. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUPPORTING PARTY

I would like to be able to use the paratransit service proposed by Smith Bus in order to have transportation available to me from either Smith Bus’ facilities or the named facilities of local school districts for transportation to wherever and whenever I need service. I understand that service would be provided in a vehicle with a seating capacity of 15 passengers or less. I am interested in being able to make reservations at specific times in advance of when I need service. I also understand that service would be provided on a shared-ride basis so that I would be transported in a vehicle with other fare paying passengers. I would use Smith Bus’ service for the following purposes: To go to the doctor.

5. VOLUME AND FREQUENCY OF INTENDED USE.

I estimate that I would use Smith Bus’ service approximately 3 to 4 times per year.

6. SPECIFIC OR REPRESENTATIVE ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS.

I reside in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and the origins and destinations for my trips would include such places as the following:

<u>Pick-up Points</u>	<u>Location of Destination (City, Borough/Township & County)</u>	<u>Names of Events or Establishments at Destinations</u>
Smith Bus Blairsville	Borough of Latrobe	Dr. appointments

If members of my family or friends have a special request to attend a specific social event or patronize certain restaurants, bars or other establishments, I would like to be able to use Smith Bus’ services, to travel to those events either with or without my family or friends, no matter where the events or establishments are located in the application territory.

7. TYPES OF SERVICES NEEDED.

I would like to have available professional, dependable and reasonably priced service which I could request on an advance reservation basis so that I would be picked up at designated times. This would be on a shared-ride basis so that I would pay for my ride just like other individual passengers who would ride in the same vehicle with me. It is important to me that service be provided in a friendly and reliable fashion so that I can enjoy the ride and count on being picked up on time.

8. SIMILAR APPLICATIONS SUPPORTED.

I have not supported any other application for paratransit service from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

9. OTHER INFORMATION DEEMED PERTINENT

The following are reasons why I am supporting Smith Bus's application to provide paratransit service, and why approval of this application would be of benefit to me:

In case I need a way to get to an appointment.

I request that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission grant the paratransit application of Smith Bus Company, Inc. so that it may provide me with transportation service in the application territory.

VERIFICATION

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Date: May 20, 2014

Betty J Decker
Signature

Betty J Decker
Print Name

VERIFIED STATEMENT OF JON FAIR

1. NAME AND DOCKET NO. OF APPLICANT BEING SUPPORTED.

This Verified Statement is being submitted in support of the paratransit application of Smith Bus Company, Inc. ("Smith Bus" or "Applicant"). I understand that Smith Bus has filed an application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission at Docket No. A-2013-2396211 and, as amended, the application seeks the following operating rights:

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- (3) from the facilities of Homer-Center School District located in the Borough of Homer City, Indiana County,
- (4) from the facilities of Derry Area School District located in the Township of Derry, Westmoreland County, and
- (5) from the facilities of the Marion Center School District located in the Borough of Marion Center, Indiana County, to points in Pennsylvania, and return.

2. LEGAL NAME AND DOMICILE OF SUPPORTING WITNESS.

My name is Jon Fair, and my home address is 2406 Oneida Valley Road, Petrolia, PA 16050. My business address is 181 Heritage Park Drive, Suite #2, Kittanning, PA 16201. I am the Director of Transportation for the Armstrong School District, and I am authorized to submit this Verified Statement on behalf of the Armstrong School District.

3. IDENTITY AND QUALIFICATIONS OF SUPPORTING PARTY.

The supporting witness is the Armstrong School District. As the Transportation Director of the Armstrong School District, I am supporting Smith Bus' application because the

proposed service of Smith Bus would be of benefit to the parents, siblings, friends or sponsors of students who attend the West Shamokin and Elderton Elementary Schools within the Armstrong School District (“District”).

4. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUPPORTING PARTY.

The District is located in southwestern Pennsylvania in central Armstrong County, with a portion located in western Indiana County. Our District’s 2013-2014 enrollment consisted of over 5,000 students. We have 6 elementary schools and 4 secondary schools. Within the District, there are a total of 30 municipalities, including townships and boroughs. We at the Armstrong School District believe in the following priority goals: advocacy for children and youth; effective teaching and learning; student achievement and success; parental involvement; and positive school and community relations. Our core beliefs are best summed up by our Mission Statement, which is as follows: The Armstrong School District, in partnership with our families and communities, will graduate educationally prepared, productive, morally responsible individuals.

Smith Bus’ service would be used to provide transportation of parents, siblings, friends or sponsors of students in our District, who do not want to drive on their own, to students’ extra-curricular activities and athletic events located off of school property.

5. VOLUME AND FREQUENCY OF INTENDED USE.

It is estimated that Smith Bus’ proposed service would be used approximately 1 - 2 times per week.

6. SPECIFIC OR REPRESENTATIVE ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS.

The Elderton Elementary School is located in Elderton Borough, Armstrong County, and the trips would originate at Smith Bus’ Elderton facility. A representative list of destinations for trips include the City of Pittsburgh, Borough of Kittanning, City of Clearfield and Borough of State College. These trips would be for the purpose of attending athletic events involving students of the Armstrong School District.

7. TYPES OF SERVICES NEEDED.

It would be advantageous to have available professional, dependable and reasonably priced paratransit service for parents, siblings, friends or sponsors of students attending the Armstrong School District to use on an advance reservation basis so that they could be picked up

at designated times. Service would be provided on a shared-ride basis vehicles with a seating capacity of 15 passengers or less so that small groups of individuals could ride together in the same vehicle.

8. SIMILAR APPLICATIONS SUPPORTED.

I have not supported any other application for paratransit service from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

9. OTHER INFORMATION DEEMED PERTINENT.

As the Transportation Director of the Armstrong School District, I believe that the proposed service of Smith Bus would be beneficial to our District and its residents because it would allow the parents, siblings, friends or sponsors of students participating in clubs and sport teams to have access to public transportation and enhance their ability to travel to other schools and events where our students are participating in extra-curricular activities.

On behalf of the Armstrong School District, I request that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission grant the paratransit application of Smith Bus Company, Inc. so that it may provide paratransit service in the application territory.

VERIFICATION

The Undersigned verifies that he/she is the person who signed the attached Verified Statement in support of the application of Smith Bus Company, Inc. that he/she is authorized to and does make this Verification and that the facts set forth in the attached Verified Statement are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge, information, and belief.

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Date: 8/8/14



Jon Fair

Jon A. Fair

Print Name

VERIFIED STATEMENT OF LEIGH FREE

1. NAME AND DOCKET NO. OF APPLICANT BEING SUPPORTED.

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- (4) from the facilities of Derry Area School District located in the Township of Derry, Westmoreland County, and
- (5) from the facilities of the Marion Center School District located in the Borough of Marion Center, Indiana County, to points in Pennsylvania, and return.

2. LEGAL NAME AND DOMICILE OF SUPPORTING WITNESS.

My name is Leigh A. Free, and my home address is 1564 Shellbark Rd., Armagh, PA 15920. I am the Transportation Coordinator of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District, and my business address is 102 School Lane, Blairsville, PA 15717.

3. IDENTITY AND QUALIFICATIONS OF SUPPORTING PARTY.

The supporting party is the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District (“School District”), and I am authorized on its behalf to submit this Verified Statement in support of the paratransit application of Smith Bus.

4. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUPPORTING PARTY

Our School District is located along the scenic U.S. Route 22 corridor in southwestern Pennsylvania approximately 45 miles east of the City of Pittsburgh. The District encompasses approximately 142 square miles in southern Indiana County and a portion of northern Westmoreland County. Our School District is the second largest School District in Indiana County. We serve approximately 1616 students at our Blairsville and Saltsburg campuses. Students residing in Burrell and Blacklick Townships and Blairsville Borough in Indiana County attend our Blairsville campus in Burrell Township. Students residing in Conemaugh Township, a portion of Young Township and Saltsburg Borough in Indiana County and Loyalhanna Township in Westmoreland County attend elementary, middle school and high school at our Saltsburg campus located in Conemaugh Township, Indiana County.

Our School District has a contract with Smith Bus to provide services in transporting our students on a daily basis. The proposed paratransit service of Smith Bus would be used to transport parents of students, chaperones or sponsors to and from school related activities. Smith Bus has facilities which are located within one and one-half miles of our Blairsville school campus in Burrell Township, Indiana County, and it also has facilities located within a very short distance (approximately one block) from our school facilities located in Conemaugh Township, Indiana County.

5. VOLUME AND FREQUENCY OF INTENDED USE.

It is estimated that Smith Bus' service would be used approximately 10 times per year.

6. SPECIFIC OR REPRESENTATIVE ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS.

The origins and destinations for trips would include such places as the following:

<u>Pick-up Points</u>	<u>Location of Destination (City, Borough/Township & County)</u>	<u>Names of Events or Establishments at Destinations</u>
Blairsville School Campus Burrell Twp., Indiana County	Points where competitions are held in the Eastern part of the state or Pittsburgh area and other miscellaneous trips.	Sports and academic competitions

Smith Bus' Facilities
in Conemaugh Township,
Indiana County

State College Borough, Schools
Center Co., Shippensburg
Borough, Franklin County,
City of Hershey, Dauphin
County, City of Altoona,
Blair County

7. TYPES OF SERVICES NEEDED.

It would be beneficial to our School District to have available professional, dependable, safe and reasonably priced transportation service for individuals who are interested in attending activities that our school students are involved with at other schools or at sporting and academic competitions. Service would be provided in vehicles with a seating capacity of 15 passengers or less so as to accommodate small groups. It would be advantageous to have service provided on a shared-ride basis in order to make the service more economical with passengers riding in the same vehicle with other fare paying passengers. This service would be used by parents of students, chaperones and sponsors to and from school related activities that take place at points other than where our school buildings are located.

8. SIMILAR APPLICATIONS SUPPORTED.

I have not supported any other application for paratransit service from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

9. OTHER INFORMATION DEEMED PERTINENT

As Transportation Coordinator of Blairsville-Saltsburg School District, I work closely with Smith Bus as they provide our students with daily transportation services. I am confident in the quality of vehicles they provide, knowing that I am able to secure a vehicle that has been well maintained and in compliance with all safety standards is of the utmost importance to me. Smith Bus demonstrates skill and knowledge with scheduling vehicles and maintaining required information. Additionally, their employees are well trained and courteous. All of the above are of great benefit to me in my position as Transportation Coordinator and to our School District.

On behalf of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District, I request that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission grant the paratransit application of Smith Bus Company, Inc. so that it may provide paratransit transportation service in the application territory.

VERIFICATION

The Undersigned verifies that he/she is the person who signed the attached Verified Statement in support of the application of Smith Bus Company, Inc. that he/she is authorized to and does make this Verification and that the facts set forth in the attached Verified Statement are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge, information, and belief.

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Date: 7/22/14

Leigh A. Free
Leigh Free

Leigh A. Free
Print Name

VERIFIED STATEMENT OF WANDA J. GAMBLE

1. NAME AND DOCKET NO. OF APPLICANT BEING SUPPORTED.

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- (5) from the facilities of the Marion Center School District located in the Borough of Marion Center, Indiana County, to points in Pennsylvania, and return.

2. LEGAL NAME AND DOMICILE OF SUPPORTING WITNESS.

My name is Wanda J. Gamble, and my home address is 220 Mary St., Unit #105, Robinson, PA 15949.

3. IDENTITY AND QUALIFICATIONS OF SUPPORTING PARTY.

I am an individual, and I am supporting Smith Bus' paratransit application because I occasionally need public transportation service from and to places within the application territory as described below. I would be responsible for paying the fare or charges for Smith Bus's services in transporting me.

4. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUPPORTING PARTY

I would like to be able to use the paratransit service proposed by Smith Bus in order to have transportation available to me from either Smith Bus' facilities or the named facilities of local school districts for transportation to wherever and whenever I need service. I understand that service would be provided in a vehicle with a seating capacity of 15 passengers or less. I am interested in being able to make reservations at specific times in advance of when I need service. I also understand that service would be provided on a shared-ride basis so that I would be transported in a vehicle with other fare paying passengers. I would use Smith Bus' service for the following purposes: Doctor appointments.

5. VOLUME AND FREQUENCY OF INTENDED USE.

I estimate that I would use Smith Bus' service approximately 4 times per year.

6. SPECIFIC OR REPRESENTATIVE ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS.

I reside in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, and the origins and destinations for my trips would include such places as the following:

<u>Pick-up Points</u>	<u>Location of Destination (City, Borough/Township & County)</u>	<u>Names of Events or Establishments at Destinations</u>
Smith Bus - Blairsville	Boroughs of Indiana and Johnstown	Appointments

If members of my family or friends have a special request to attend a specific social event or patronize certain restaurants, bars or other establishments, I would like to be able to use Smith Bus' services, to travel to those events either with or without my family or friends, no matter where the events or establishments are located in the application territory.

7. TYPES OF SERVICES NEEDED.

I would like to have available professional, dependable and reasonably priced service which I could request on an advance reservation basis so that I would be picked up at designated times. This would be on a shared-ride basis so that I would pay for my ride just like other individual passengers who would ride in the same vehicle with me. It is important to me that service be provided in a friendly and reliable fashion so that I can enjoy the ride and count on being picked up on time.

8. SIMILAR APPLICATIONS SUPPORTED.

I have not supported any other application for paratransit service from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

9. OTHER INFORMATION DEEMED PERTINENT

The following are reasons why I am supporting Smith Bus's application to provide paratransit service, and why approval of this application would be of benefit to me:

I live alone.

I request that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission grant the paratransit application of Smith Bus Company, Inc. so that it may provide me with transportation service in the application territory.

VERIFICATION

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Date: 5-30-14

Wanda Jean Gamble
Signature

Wanda Jean Gamble
Print Name

VERIFIED STATEMENT OF BARBARA L. KEELER

1. NAME AND DOCKET NO. OF APPLICANT BEING SUPPORTED.

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- (3) from the facilities of Homer-Center School District located in the Borough of Homer City, Indiana County,
- (4) from the facilities of Derry Area School District located in the Township of Derry, Westmoreland County, and
- (5) from the facilities of the Marion Center School District located in the Borough of Marion Center, Indiana County, to points in Pennsylvania, and return.

2. LEGAL NAME AND DOMICILE OF SUPPORTING WITNESS.

My name is Barbara L. Keeler, and my home address is 214 Ligonier St., New Florence, PA 15944.

3. IDENTITY AND QUALIFICATIONS OF SUPPORTING PARTY.

I am an individual, and I am supporting Smith Bus' paratransit application because I occasionally need public transportation service from and to places within the application territory as described below. I would be responsible for paying the fare or charges for Smith Bus's services in transporting me.

4. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUPPORTING PARTY

I would like to be able to use the paratransit service proposed by Smith Bus in order to have transportation available to me from either Smith Bus' facilities or the named facilities of local school districts for transportation to wherever and whenever I need service. I understand that service would be provided in a vehicle with a seating capacity of 15 passengers or less. I am interested in being able to make reservations at specific times in advance of when I need service. I also understand that service would be provided on a shared-ride basis so that I would be transported in a vehicle with other fare paying passengers. I would use Smith Bus' service for the following purposes:

I need transportation as I am a widow and live alone, and have some health issues.

5. VOLUME AND FREQUENCY OF INTENDED USE.

I estimate that I would use Smith Bus' service approximately 4 to 5 times per year.

6. SPECIFIC OR REPRESENTATIVE ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS.

I reside in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and the origins and destinations for my trips would include such places as the following:

<u>Pick-up Points</u>	<u>Location of Destination (City, Borough/Township & County)</u>	<u>Names of Events or Establishments at Destinations</u>
Smith Bus - Blairsville	Seward, Johnstown, Pittsburgh	Doctor appointments

If members of my family or friends have a special request to attend a specific social event or patronize certain restaurants, bars or other establishments, I would like to be able to use Smith Bus' services, to travel to those events either with or without my family or friends, no matter where the events or establishments are located in the application territory.

7. TYPES OF SERVICES NEEDED.

I would like to have available professional, dependable and reasonably priced service which I could request on an advance reservation basis so that I would be picked up at designated times. This would be on a shared-ride basis so that I would pay for my ride just like other individual passengers who would ride in the same vehicle with me. It is important to me that service be provided in a friendly and reliable fashion so that I can enjoy the ride and count on being picked up on time.

8. SIMILAR APPLICATIONS SUPPORTED.

I have not supported any other application for paratransit service from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

9. OTHER INFORMATION DEEMED PERTINENT

The following are reasons why I am supporting Smith Bus's application to provide paratransit service, and why approval of this application would be of benefit to me:

I live alone. To get this type of service I need to call Greensburg, which is 35 miles away, while Smith Bus in Burrell Township is only 15 miles away.

I request that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission grant the paratransit application of Smith Bus Company, Inc. so that it may provide me with transportation service in the application territory.

VERIFICATION

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Date: May 30, 2014

Barbara L. Keeler
Signature

BARBARA L. KEELER
Print Name

VERIFIED STATEMENT OF KEN KIRKLAND

1. NAME AND DOCKET NO. OF APPLICANT BEING SUPPORTED.

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- (4) from the facilities of Derry Area School District located in the Township of Derry, Westmoreland County, and
- (5) from the facilities of the Marion Center School District located in the Borough of Marion Center, Indiana County, to points in Pennsylvania, and return.

2. LEGAL NAME AND DOMICILE OF SUPPORTING WITNESS.

My name is Ken Kirkland, and my home address is 1865 Kirkland Road, Clymer, PA 15728. I am the Transportation Director of Marion Center School District, and my business address is 22810 Rt. 403, Marion Center, PA 15759.

3. IDENTITY AND QUALIFICATIONS OF SUPPORTING PARTY.

The supporting party is the Marion Center School District (“School District”), and I am authorized to submit this Verified Statement in support of the application of Smith Bus.

4. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUPPORTING PARTY

Our School District contracts with Smith Bus to provide school bus transportation services for our students in transporting them to and from school on a daily basis and also to and from school sponsored trips. Our School District has an enrollment of approximately 1500 students. For many years, the Marion Center School District and Smith Bus Company have maintained an extremely close and productive work relationship. The Transportation Department of the Marion Center School District and Smith Bus are in constant contact each day to ensure the smooth, safe and efficient operations of the School District’s transportation.

The Transportation Department and Smith Bus provide services to the public, non-public and special needs students within the Marion Center School District. Each year, routes and bus stops are evaluated to insure their safety, efficiency, and cost effectiveness. Smith Bus also provides transportation services are also provided for extra curricular activities and athletic events scheduled by the School District.

Our School District is supporting the paratransit application of Smith Bus so that Smith Bus may provide paratransit service in order to transport parents of students and other interested persons to away athletic events.

5. VOLUME AND FREQUENCY OF INTENDED USE.

I estimate Smith Bus’ service would be used approximately 2 times per month.

6. SPECIFIC OR REPRESENTATIVE ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS.

The origins and destinations for trips would include such places as the following:

<u>Pick-up Points</u>	<u>Location of Destination (City, Borough/Township & County)</u>	<u>Names of Events or Establishments at Destinations</u>
Marion Center School District, Marion Center Borough, Indiana Co.	East Mahoning Township, Indiana Co. City of DuBois, Clearfield Co. City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co. Punxsutawney Borough, Clearfield Co. City of Altoona, Blair Co. Borough of Mt. Union, Huntington Co.	Athletic events at schools

7. TYPES OF SERVICES NEEDED.

Our School District is interested in having available additional transportation service from our school bus contractor, Smith Bus, in order to meet the demands and needs of relatives and friends of our students who would like to be transported to events which our school students

are participating in. I believe it is important that this service be provided by a dependable bus company and that the service be provided in a professional and safety conscious manner, which is how Smith Bus conducts its operations. It would be helpful to have service provided on an advance reservation basis so that passengers could be picked up at designated times so that they can arrive on schedule prior to the start of our students' extra-curricular activities which they are attending. It would be desirable for service to be provided on a share-ride basis in vehicles with a seating capacity of 15 passengers or less so that family and friends could ride together in the same vehicle.

8. SIMILAR APPLICATIONS SUPPORTED.

I have supported one other applicant for service from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission: Krise Bus Service

9. OTHER INFORMATION DEEMED PERTINENT

The Marion Center School District is currently contracted with Smith Bus Company for our student transportation, and it would be beneficial to use Smith Bus' services for everything, including the proposed paratransit service.

On behalf of the Marion Center School District, I request that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission grant the paratransit application of Smith Bus Company, Inc. so that it may provide the proposed paratransit service in the application territory.

VERIFICATION

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Date: August 11, 2014



Ken Kirkland

Ken Kirkland

Print Name

VERIFIED STATEMENT OF CHARLES J. KOREN

1. NAME AND DOCKET NO. OF APPLICANT BEING SUPPORTED.

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- (1) from the facilities owned or currently leased by Smith Bus Company, Inc. in the Townships of Burrell and Conemaugh and the Borough of Marion Center, Indiana County, in the Borough of Elderton, Armstrong County, and in the Township of Derry, Westmoreland County;
- (2) from facilities of Blairsville-Saltsburg School District located in the Township of Burrell, Indiana County,
- (3) from the facilities of Homer-Center School District located in the Borough of Homer City, Indiana County,
- (4) from the facilities of Derry Area School District located in the Township of Derry, Westmoreland County, and
- (5) from the facilities of the Marion Center School District located in the Borough of Marion Center, Indiana County, to points in Pennsylvania, and return.

2. LEGAL NAME AND DOMICILE OF SUPPORTING WITNESS.

My name is Charles J. Koren, and my home address is 108 Rosewood Rd., Ebensburg, PA 15931. I am the Transportation Director of the Homer-Center School District, and my business address is 65 Wildcat Lane, Homer City, PA 15748.

3. IDENTITY AND QUALIFICATIONS OF SUPPORTING PARTY.

The supporting party is the Homer-Center School District (“School District”) and I am authorized on behalf of the School District to submit this Verified Statement in support of the paratransit application of Smith Bus.

4. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUPPORTING PARTY.

Our School District is a public school district, which serves Homer City and Center Township in Indiana County, and we have approximately 844 students. Our School District encourages students to participate in extra-curricular activities including various sports. Smith Bus Service would be used for transportation to extra-curricular school activities and athletic events located off of school property for the parents, siblings or friends of students who attend our School District and who do not want to drive on their own to such events.

5. VOLUME AND FREQUENCY OF INTENDED USE.

It is estimated that the proposed service of Smith Bus would be used approximately 1 - 2 times per week.

6. SPECIFIC OR REPRESENTATIVE ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS.

The origins and destinations for trips would include such places as the following:

<u>Pick-up Points</u>	<u>Location of Destination (City, Borough/Township & County)</u>	<u>Names of Events or Establishments at Destinations</u>
Homer-City Elementary School and High School Center, Homer City, Indiana Co.	City of DuBois, Clearfield Co. Borough of Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland Co.; Borough of Clairion, Clarion Co., Borough of Elizabethtown, Lancaster Co.; City of Altoona, Blair Co.; City of Hershey, Dauphin Co.	Various high schools and colleges at each location for play-off games for all sports

7. TYPES OF SERVICES NEEDED.

It would be advantageous to have available professional, dependable, safe and reasonably priced transportation service for parents, sponsors and siblings of students attending the Homer-Center School District to use on an advance reservation basis so that they could be picked up at designated times in order to arrive in time to attend activities and events at their destinations. Service would be provided on a share-ride basis in vehicles with a seating capacity of 15 passengers or less so that passengers could ride in the same vehicle with other passengers.

8. SIMILAR APPLICATIONS SUPPORTED.

I have not supported any other application for paratransit service from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

9. OTHER INFORMATION DEEMED PERTINENT

As the Transportation Director of the Homer-City School District, I believe that the proposed service of Smith Bus would benefit the parents and sponsors of our School District's students. This service would allow parents, siblings and friends of students access to vehicles to transport them to events at other schools where our students are participating in extra-curricular activities.

On behalf of the Homer-Center School District, I request that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission grant the paratransit application of Smith Bus Company, Inc. so that it may provide paratransit service in the application territory.

VERIFICATION

The Undersigned verifies that he/she is the person who signed the attached Verified Statement in support of the application of Smith Bus Company, Inc. that he/she is authorized to and does make this Verification and that the facts set forth in the attached Verified Statement are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge, information, and belief.

The Undersigned understands that any false statements herein are made subject to penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities)

Date: 24 July 2014

Charles J. Koren, EdD.
Charles J. Koren

Charles J. Koren, Superintendent
Print Name

VERIFIED STATEMENT OF ALPHONSE L. KOVACIK

1. NAME AND DOCKET NO. OF APPLICANT BEING SUPPORTED.

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- (5) from the facilities of the Marion Center School District located in the Borough of Marion Center, Indiana County, to points in Pennsylvania, and return.

2. LEGAL NAME AND DOMICILE OF SUPPORTING WITNESS.

My name is Alphonse L. Kovacik, and my home address is 270 S. Brady St., Blairsville, PA 15717.

3. IDENTITY AND QUALIFICATIONS OF SUPPORTING PARTY.

I am an individual, and I am supporting Smith Bus' paratransit application because I occasionally need public transportation service from and to places within the application territory as described below. I would be responsible for paying the fare or charges for Smith Bus's services in transporting me.

4. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUPPORTING PARTY

I would like to be able to use the paratransit service proposed by Smith Bus in order to have transportation available to me from either Smith Bus' facilities or the named facilities of local school districts for transportation to wherever and whenever I need service. I understand that service would be provided in a vehicle with a seating capacity of 15 passengers or less. I am interested in being able to make reservations at specific times in advance of when I need service. I also understand that service would be provided on a shared-ride basis so that I would be transported in a vehicle with other fare paying passengers. I would use Smith Bus' service for the following purposes:

Transport my athletic teams to and from various locations.

5. VOLUME AND FREQUENCY OF INTENDED USE.

I estimate that I would use Smith Bus' service approximately 20 times per year.

6. SPECIFIC OR REPRESENTATIVE ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS.

I reside in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, and the origins and destinations for my trips would include such places as the following:

<u>Pick-up Points</u>	<u>Location of Destination (City, Borough/Township & County)</u>	<u>Names of Events or Establishments at Destinations</u>
Smith Bus - Blairsville	Indiana	Athletic Events
Smith Bus - Blairsville	Saltsburg	Athletic Events
Smith Bus - Blairsville	Various other locations in Indiana Co.	

If members of my family or friends have a special request to attend a specific social event or patronize certain restaurants, bars or other establishments, I would like to be able to use Smith Bus' services, to travel to those events either with or without my family or friends, no matter where the events or establishments are located in the application territory.

7. TYPES OF SERVICES NEEDED.

I would like to have available professional, dependable and reasonably priced service which I could request on an advance reservation basis so that I would be picked up at designated times. This would be on a shared-ride basis so that I would pay for my ride just like other individual passengers who would ride in the same vehicle with me. It is important to me that

service be provided in a friendly and reliable fashion so that I can enjoy the ride and count on being picked up on time.

8. SIMILAR APPLICATIONS SUPPORTED.

I have not supported any other application for paratransit service from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

9. OTHER INFORMATION DEEMED PERTINENT

The following are reasons why I am supporting Smith Bus's application to provide paratransit service, and why approval of this application would be of benefit to me:

Excellent reputation and reliability.

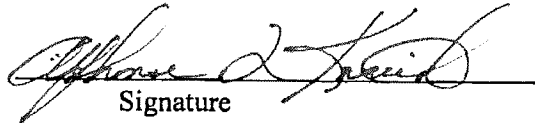
I request that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission grant the paratransit application of Smith Bus Company, Inc. so that it may provide me with transportation service in the application territory.

VERIFICATION

The Undersigned verifies that he/she is the person who signed the attached Verified Statement in support of the application of Smith Bus Company, Inc. that he/she is authorized to and does make this Verification and that the facts set forth in the attached Verified Statement are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge, information, and belief.

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Date: 5/22/14


Signature

Alphonse L. Loucic
Print Name

VERIFIED STATEMENT OF BILLIE S. LUTHER

1. NAME AND DOCKET NO. OF APPLICANT BEING SUPPORTED.

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- (3) from the facilities of Homer-Center School District located in the Borough of Homer City, Indiana County,
- (4) from the facilities of Derry Area School District located in the Township of Derry, Westmoreland County, and
- (5) from the facilities of the Marion Center School District located in the Borough of Marion Center, Indiana County, to points in Pennsylvania, and return.

2. LEGAL NAME AND DOMICILE OF SUPPORTING WITNESS.

My name is Billie S. Luther, and my home address is 226 Vine St., New Florence, PA 15944.

3. IDENTITY AND QUALIFICATIONS OF SUPPORTING PARTY.

I am an individual, and I am supporting Smith Bus' paratransit application because I occasionally need public transportation service from and to places within the application territory as described below. I would be responsible for paying the fare or charges for Smith Bus's services in transporting me.

4. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUPPORTING PARTY

I would like to be able to use the paratransit service proposed by Smith Bus in order to have transportation available to me from either Smith Bus' facilities or the named facilities of local school districts for transportation to wherever and whenever I need service. I understand that service would be provided in a vehicle with a seating capacity of 15 passengers or less. I am interested in being able to make reservations at specific times in advance of when I need service. I also understand that service would be provided on a shared-ride basis so that I would be transported in a vehicle with other fare paying passengers. I would use Smith Bus' service for the following purposes:

Transportation for appointments.

5. VOLUME AND FREQUENCY OF INTENDED USE.

I estimate that I would use Smith Bus' service approximately several times per year.

6. SPECIFIC OR REPRESENTATIVE ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS.

I reside in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and the origins and destinations for my trips would include such places as the following:

<u>Pick-up Points</u>	<u>Location of Destination (City, Borough/Township & County)</u>	<u>Names of Events or Establishments at Destinations</u>
Smith Bus, Blairsville	Greensburg and Pittsburgh	Doctor appointments

If members of my family or friends have a special request to attend a specific social event or patronize certain restaurants, bars or other establishments, I would like to be able to use Smith Bus' services, to travel to those events either with or without my family or friends, no matter where the events or establishments are located in the application territory.

7. TYPES OF SERVICES NEEDED.

I would like to have available professional, dependable and reasonably priced service which I could request on an advance reservation basis so that I would be picked up at designated times. This would be on a shared-ride basis so that I would pay for my ride just like other individual passengers who would ride in the same vehicle with me. It is important to me that service be provided in a friendly and reliable fashion so that I can enjoy the ride and count on being picked up on time.

8. SIMILAR APPLICATIONS SUPPORTED.

I have not) supported any other application for paratransit service from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

9. OTHER INFORMATION DEEMED PERTINENT

The following are reasons why I am supporting Smith Bus's application to provide paratransit service, and why approval of this application would be of benefit to me:

Due to health problems ad my husband could not take me, this would be most helpful.

I request that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission grant the paratransit application of Smith Bus Company, Inc. so that it may provide me with transportation service in the application territory.

VERIFICATION

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Date: 5/29/14

Billie S. Luther
Signature

Billie S. LUTHER
Print Name

VERIFIED STATEMENT OF ALAN R. MARTIN

1. NAME AND DOCKET NO. OF APPLICANT BEING SUPPORTED.

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- (3) from the facilities of Homer-Center School District located in the Borough of Homer City, Indiana County,
- (4) from the facilities of Derry Area School District located in the Township of Derry, Westmoreland County, and
- (5) from the facilities of the Marion Center School District located in the Borough of Marion Center, Indiana County, to points in Pennsylvania, and return.

2. LEGAL NAME AND DOMICILE OF SUPPORTING WITNESS.

My name is Alan R. Martin, and my home address is 200 Thompson St., Seward, PA

15954.

3. IDENTITY AND QUALIFICATIONS OF SUPPORTING PARTY.

I am an individual, and I am supporting Smith Bus' paratransit application because I occasionally need public transportation service from and to places within the application territory as described below. I would be responsible for paying the fare or charges for Smith Bus's services in transporting me.

4. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUPPORTING PARTY

I would like to be able to use the paratransit service proposed by Smith Bus in order to have transportation available to me from either Smith Bus’ facilities or the named facilities of local school districts for transportation to wherever and whenever I need service. I understand that service would be provided in a vehicle with a seating capacity of 15 passengers or less. I am interested in being able to make reservations at specific times in advance of when I need service. I also understand that service would be provided on a shared-ride basis so that I would be transported in a vehicle with other fare paying passengers. I would use Smith Bus’ service for the following purposes: transportation to doctors’ appointments.

5. VOLUME AND FREQUENCY OF INTENDED USE.

I estimate that I would use Smith Bus’ service approximately 6 times per year.

6. SPECIFIC OR REPRESENTATIVE ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS.

I reside in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and the origins and destinations for my trips would include such places as the following:

<u>Pick-up Points</u>	<u>Location of Destination (City, Borough/Township & County)</u>	<u>Names of Events or Establishments at Destinations</u>
Smith Bus - Bairsville	Borough of Johnstown and Greensburg	Dr. appointments

If members of my family or friends have a special request to attend a specific social event or patronize certain restaurants, bars or other establishments, I would like to be able to use Smith Bus’ services, to travel to those events either with or without my family or friends, no matter where the events or establishments are located in the application territory.

7. TYPES OF SERVICES NEEDED.

I would like to have available professional, dependable and reasonably priced service which I could request on an advance reservation basis so that I would be picked up at designated times. This would be on a shared-ride basis so that I would pay for my ride just like other individual passengers who would ride in the same vehicle with me. It is important to me that service be provided in a friendly and reliable fashion so that I can enjoy the ride and count on being picked up on time.

8. SIMILAR APPLICATIONS SUPPORTED.

I have not supported any other application for paratransit service from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

9. OTHER INFORMATION DEEMED PERTINENT

The following are reasons why I am supporting Smith Bus's application to provide paratransit service, and why approval of this application would be of benefit to me:

Many health problems and need transportation.


I request that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission grant the paratransit application of Smith Bus Company, Inc. so that it may provide me with transportation service in the application territory.

VERIFICATION

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Date: 05/30/14


Signature

ALAN R MARTIN
Print Name

VERIFIED STATEMENT OF MARY McGARVEY

1. NAME AND DOCKET NO. OF APPLICANT BEING SUPPORTED.

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- (5) from the facilities of the Marion Center School District located in the Borough of Marion Center, Indiana County, to points in Pennsylvania, and return.

2. LEGAL NAME AND DOMICILE OF SUPPORTING WITNESS.

My name is Mary McGarvey, and my home address is 665 Muir Rd., Blairsville, PA 15717.

3. IDENTITY AND QUALIFICATIONS OF SUPPORTING PARTY.

I am an individual, and I am supporting Smith Bus' paratransit application because I occasionally need public transportation service from and to places within the application territory as described below. I would be responsible for paying the fare or charges for Smith Bus's services in transporting me.

4. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUPPORTING PARTY

I would like to be able to use the paratransit service proposed by Smith Bus in order to have transportation available to me from either Smith Bus’ facilities or the named facilities of local school districts for transportation to wherever and whenever I need service. I understand that service would be provided in a vehicle with a seating capacity of 15 passengers or less. I am interested in being able to make reservations at specific times in advance of when I need service. I also understand that service would be provided on a shared-ride basis so that I would be transported in a vehicle with other fare paying passengers. I would use Smith Bus’ service for the following purposes:

I would use this for appointments or groceries.

5. VOLUME AND FREQUENCY OF INTENDED USE.

I estimate that I would use Smith Bus’ service approximately 4 times per year.

6. SPECIFIC OR REPRESENTATIVE ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS.

I reside in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, and the origins and destinations for my trips would include such places as the following:

<u>Pick-up Points</u>	<u>Location of Destination (City, Borough/Township & County)</u>	<u>Names of Events or Establishments at Destinations</u>
Smith Bus - Blairsville	Blairsville Borough, West Wheatfield Township, Indiana Borough	Doctor appointments or Dentist appointments

If members of my family or friends have a special request to attend a specific social event or patronize certain restaurants, bars or other establishments, I would like to be able to use Smith Bus’ services, to travel to those events either with or without my family or friends, no matter where the events or establishments are located in the application territory.

7. TYPES OF SERVICES NEEDED.

I would like to have available professional, dependable and reasonably priced service which I could request on an advance reservation basis so that I would be picked up at designated times. This would be on a shared-ride basis so that I would pay for my ride just like other individual passengers who would ride in the same vehicle with me. It is important to me that service be provided in a friendly and reliable fashion so that I can enjoy the ride and count on being picked up on time.

8. SIMILAR APPLICATIONS SUPPORTED.

I have not supported any other application for paratransit service from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

9. OTHER INFORMATION DEEMED PERTINENT

The following are reasons why I am supporting Smith Bus's application to provide paratransit service, and why approval of this application would be of benefit to me:

My doctor appointments are mostly in Johnstown and my husband works and I have had health problems.

I request that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission grant the paratransit application of Smith Bus Company, Inc. so that it may provide me with transportation service in the application territory.

VERIFICATION

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Date: 5-30-14

Mary M^c Garvey
Signature

Mary M^c Garvey
Print Name

VERIFIED STATEMENT OF BRETT MILLER

1. NAME AND DOCKET NO. OF APPLICANT BEING SUPPORTED.

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- (5) from the facilities of the Marion Center School District located in the Borough of Marion Center, Indiana County, to points in Pennsylvania, and return.

2. LEGAL NAME AND DOMICILE OF SUPPORTING WITNESS.

My name is Brett Miller, and my home address is 137 Wyndfield Dr., Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666. I am the Transportation Director of the Derry Area School District, and my business address is 982 North Chrstnut St., Ext., Derry, PA 15627. I am authorized on behalf of the Derry Area School District to submit this Verified Statement.

3. IDENTITY AND QUALIFICATIONS OF SUPPORTING PARTY.

The supporting party is the Derry Area School District. The Derry Area School District sub-contracts its transportation services to Smith Bus. For many years, the Derry Area School District and Smith Bus have maintained an extremely close and productive work relationship.

The Transportation Department of the Derry Area School District and Smith Bus are in constant contact each day to ensure the smooth, safe and efficient operations of the School District's transportation.

4. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUPPORTING PARTY

The Derry Area School District ("Derry District") is located in eastern Westmoreland County 35 miles east of Pittsburgh in the heart of the beautiful Laurel Highlands. The School District is approximately 109 square miles in area and is composed of three municipalities, Derry Township, Derry Borough and the Borough of New Alexandria. Our school facilities consist of the Grandview Elementary School, Derry Area Middle School, and the Derry Area High School. We have enrolled approximately 2000 students. The Derry District has entered into a school bus contract with Smith Bus, and Smith Bus provides daily transportation of our students to and from school. It also provides transportation on extra-curricular trips which are sponsored by the Derry District.

The Transportation Department and Smith Bus provide services to the public, non-public and special needs students within the Derry Area School District. Each year, routes and bus stops are evaluated to insure their safety, efficiency, and cost effectiveness. Transportation services are also provided for extra-curricular activities and athletic events scheduled by the School District.

The Derry District actively promotes participation of our students in extra-curricular activities, including various sports. Smith Bus' proposed paratransit service would be used to transport parents, siblings and chaperones to and from extra-curricular school activities, including athletic events.

5. VOLUME AND FREQUENCY OF INTENDED USE.

I estimate that Smith Bus' service would be used approximately 5 times per week.

6. SPECIFIC OR REPRESENTATIVE ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS.

The origins and destinations for trips would include such places as the following:

<u>Pick-up Points</u>	<u>Location of Destination (City, Borough/Township & County)</u>	<u>Names of Events or Establishments at Destinations</u>
Derry Area	City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co.	Athletic Events
Middle/High School	City of Altoona, Blair Co.	Athletic Events
Derry Township,	Borough of Brookville, Jefferson Co.	Athletic Events
Westmoreland Co.	Borough of State College, Centre Co.	Athletic Events
	Borough of California, Washington Co.	Athletic Events
	Borough of Clarion, Clarion Co.	Athletic Events
	City of Harrisburg, Dauphin Co.	Athletic Events

7. TYPES OF SERVICES NEEDED.

It would be advantageous to have available professional, dependable and reasonably priced transportation service for parents, siblings and chaperones of students attending the Derry Area School District to use on an advance reservation basis so that they could be picked up at designated times. Service would be provided on a share-ride basis so that passengers would ride in the same vehicle with other passengers. Service would be needed in vehicles with a seating capacity of 15 passengers or less so that individuals could ride together in small groups to attend athletic events.

8. SIMILAR APPLICATIONS SUPPORTED.

I have not supported any other application for paratransit service from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

9. OTHER INFORMATION DEEMED PERTINENT

The Derry District has first had experience with Smith Bus in transporting our students, and it would be beneficial for the relatives and friends of our students to use Smith Bus for providing the same quality transportation service that Smith Bus provides to our students.

On behalf of the Derry Area School District, I request that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission grant the paratransit application of Smith Bus Company, Inc. so that it may provide paratransit service in the application territory.

STATEMENT OF THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THE ATTACHED VERIFIED

Statement in support of the application of Smith Bus Company, Inc. that he/she is authorized to and does make this Verification and that the facts set forth in the attached Verified Statement are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge, information, and belief.

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Date: 8-24-14

Brett Miller
Brett Miller

Brett Miller
Print Name

VERIFIED STATEMENT OF DWAIN SHUPE
ON BEHALF OF FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES #1488

1. NAME AND DOCKET NO. OF APPLICANT BEING SUPPORTED.

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- (4) from the facilities of Derry Area School District located in the Township of Derry, Westmoreland County, and
- (5) from the facilities of the Marion Center School District located in the Borough of Marion Center, Indiana County, to points in Pennsylvania, and return.

2. LEGAL NAME AND DOMICILE OF SUPPORTING WITNESS.

My name is Dwaine Shupe, and my home address is 32 Maplewood Dr., Blairsville, PA 15717.

3. IDENTITY AND QUALIFICATIONS OF SUPPORTING PARTY.

I am an individual, and I am supporting Smith Bus' paratransit application because I occasionally need public transportation service from and to places within the application territory as described below. I would be responsible for paying the fare or charges for Smith Bus's services in transporting me.

4. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUPPORTING PARTY

I would like to be able to use the paratransit service proposed by Smith Bus in order to have transportation available to me from either Smith Bus' facilities or the named facilities of local school districts for transportation to wherever and whenever I need service. I understand that service would be provided in a vehicle with a seating capacity of 15 passengers or less. I am interested in being able to make reservations at specific times in advance of when I need service. I also understand that service would be provided on a shared-ride basis so that I would be transported in a vehicle with other fare paying passengers. I would use Smith Bus' service for the following purposes:

To transport visiting dignitaries to and from the airport as well as any local travel they may require. Transport to meetings and events that may arise.

5. VOLUME AND FREQUENCY OF INTENDED USE.

I estimate that I would use Smith Bus' service approximately 10 times per year.

6. SPECIFIC OR REPRESENTATIVE ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS.

I reside in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, and the origins and destinations for my trips would include such places as the following:

<u>Pick-up Points</u>	<u>Location of Destination (City, Borough/Township & County)</u>	<u>Names of Events or Establishments at Destinations</u>
Smith Bus - Blairsville, PA	Pittsburgh Airport	Eagles convention
Smith Bus - Blairsville, PA	Carlisle	Various functions
Smith Bus - Blairsville, PA	To various Eagle Clubs	

If members of my family or friends have a special request to attend a specific social event or patronize certain restaurants, bars or other establishments, I would like to be able to use Smith Bus' services, to travel to those events either with or without my family or friends, no matter where the events or establishments are located in the application territory.

7. TYPES OF SERVICES NEEDED.

I would like to have available professional, dependable and reasonably priced service which I could request on an advance reservation basis so that I would be picked up at designated times. This would be on a shared-ride basis so that I would pay for my ride just like other individual passengers who would ride in the same vehicle with me. It is important to me that

service be provided in a friendly and reliable fashion so that I can enjoy the ride and count on being picked up on time.

8. SIMILAR APPLICATIONS SUPPORTED.

I have not supported any other application for paratransit service from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

9. OTHER INFORMATION DEEMED PERTINENT

The following are reasons why I am supporting Smith Bus's application to provide paratransit service, and why approval of this application would be of benefit to me:

This service is local to me and easily accessible along with quality and economical services and would be ideal for any of our needs.

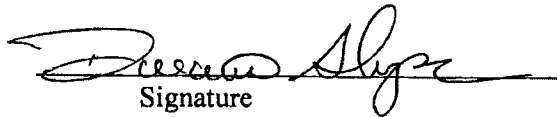
I request that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission grant the paratransit application of Smith Bus Company, Inc. so that it may provide me with transportation service in the application territory.

VERIFICATION

The Undersigned verifies that he/she is the person who signed the attached Verified Statement in support of the application of Smith Bus Company, Inc. that he/she is authorized to and does make this Verification and that the facts set forth in the attached Verified Statement are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge, information, and belief.

The Undersigned understands that any false statements herein are made subject to penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: 6/5/14


Signature

Dawnine Shupe
Print Name

VERIFIED STATEMENT OF SHARON L. WAKEFIELD

1. NAME AND DOCKET NO. OF APPLICANT BEING SUPPORTED.

This Verified Statement is being submitted in support of the paratransit application of Smith Bus Company, Inc. ("Smith Bus" or "Applicant"). I understand that Smith Bus has filed an application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission at Docket No. A-2013-2396211 and, as amended, the application seeks the following operating rights:

To transport, as a common carrier, by motor vehicle, persons in groups of ten (10) persons or less in paratransit service,

- (1) from the facilities owned or currently leased by Smith Bus Company, Inc. in the Townships of Burrell and Conemaugh and the Borough of Marion Center, Indiana County, in the Borough of Elderton, Armstrong County, and in the Township of Derry, Westmoreland County;
- (2) from facilities of Blairsville-Saltsburg School District located in the Township of Burrell, Indiana County,
- (3) from the facilities of Homer-Center School District located in the Borough of Homer City, Indiana County,
- (4) from the facilities of Derry Area School District located in the Township of Derry, Westmoreland County, and
- (5) from the facilities of the Marion Center School District located in the Borough of Marion Center, Indiana County, to points in Pennsylvania, and return.

2. LEGAL NAME AND DOMICILE OF SUPPORTING WITNESS.

My name is Sharon L. Wakefield, and my home address is 161 15th St., New Florence, PA 15944.

3. IDENTITY AND QUALIFICATIONS OF SUPPORTING PARTY.

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I am a widow and live alone therefore I would be in need of transportation.

5. VOLUME AND FREQUENCY OF INTENDED USE.

I estimate that I would use Smith Bus’ service approximately 1 time per month.

6. SPECIFIC OR REPRESENTATIVE ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS.

I reside in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and the origins and destinations for my trips would include such places as the following:

<u>Pick-up Points</u>	<u>Location of Destination (City, Borough/Township & County)</u>	<u>Names of Events or Establishments at Destinations</u>
Smith Bus - Blairsville	Johnstown and Greensburg	Various doctor appointments

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9. OTHER INFORMATION DEEMED PERTINENT

The following are reasons why I am supporting Smith Bus's application to provide paratransit service, and why approval of this application would be of benefit to me:

Living alone - no family close by.

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Date: 5-28-2014

Sharon L. Wakefield
Signature

SHARON L. WAKEFIELD
Print Name

III. CONCLUSION

Applicant is submitting Verified Statements on behalf of sixteen (16) public witnesses, all of whom either reside within or have their business offices located within the territorial scope of the Application, as amended. Of the sixteen Statements, there are supporting Statements from representatives of five school districts, four of which have facilities listed in the amended Application as origin points. These witnesses indicate that approval of the Application would be of benefit to the family members and friends of their school students who would like to attend extra-curricular activities and, in particular, athletic events, involving activities at other schools.

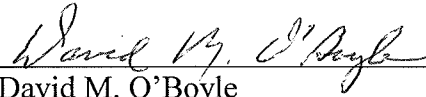
Applicant submits that the evidence of the 16 supporting witnesses is representative of the public demand or need for Applicant's proposed paratransit service, which is unique. Instead of picking passengers up at their homes and requiring passengers to travel in the paratransit vehicle to pick up other passengers at their homes or other locations, Applicant is proposing to pick the passengers up at designated locations. This proposed service would reduce the amount of time that passengers have to travel in the vehicle providing paratransit service.

Applicant submits that approval of this unopposed Application would serve a useful public purpose by making available a unique service for public transportation on a shared ride basis, which would be more economical for the public than utilizing taxi cabs or limousine service. It is also submitted that Applicant, as a long-standing carrier certificated by the Commission, is entitled to a presumption in its favor of being financially, operationally and legally fit to expand its service to the public by being granted the requested paratransit authority. Even without the presumption of fitness, Applicant submits that the evidence set forth in Randall L. Smith's Verified Statement is more than sufficient to prove that Applicant is fit to be granted the requested paratransit operating rights.

For all the foregoing reasons, Applicant Smith Bus Company, Inc., respectfully requests that the Commission grants its Paratransit Application as amended, in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted

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