**BEFORE THE**

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of Dominicana Taxi Express, LLC :

for Approval to Provide Taxi Service : A-2015-2471494

In the City of Reading :

**PREHEARING ORDER**

An initial in-person hearing is scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. in Hearing Room No. 4 of the Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120. You must be present at this time or you may lose your case. The parties are directed to comply with the following requirements.

1. If you intend to present any documents for my consideration, you must bring one copy for the other party, one copy for me and two copies for the court reporter to the hearing. Note that attachments to your Complaint are not admitted into the record unless submitted separately in accordance with this paragraph.

2. If you are an individual, you may either represent yourself or have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania represent you. However, if you are a partnership, corporation, trust, association, joint venture, other business organization, trust, trustee, legal representative, receiver, agency, governmental entity, municipality or other political subdivision, you must have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania represent you in this proceeding. Unless you are an attorney, you may not represent someone else. Attorneys shall comply with the Commission’s appearance requirements. 52 Pa. Code § 1.24(b).

3. A request for a change of the scheduled hearing date must be submitted in writing no later than five (5) days prior to the hearing. 52 Pa. Code § 1.15(b). The requesting party must contact the other party to determine whether there is agreement to the change prior to contacting the presiding officer. Requests for changes of initial hearings must be sent to me with copies to all parties of record. *Changes are granted only in rare situations where sufficient cause exists.*

4. A copy of anything filed with the Secretary or submitted shall be sent directly to the presiding officer. The correct address is: Administrative Law Judge Elizabeth H. Barnes, Office of Administrative Law Judge, P.O. Box 3265, Harrisburg PA 17105-3265

5. **YOU WILL LOSE THIS CASE IF YOU DO NOT TAKE PART IN THIS HEARING AND PRESENT EVIDENCE ON THE ISSUES RAISED.**

6. This hearing is a formal proceeding and will be conducted in accordance with the Commission’s rules of practice and procedure. 52 Pa. Code Chapters 1, 3 and 5.

7. **Commission policy is to encourage settlements. 52 Pa. Code § 5.231(a). Utility is *required* to contact Complainant to discuss informally the possible settlement of this case as soon as possible but no later than at least one week before the hearing. If you are unable to settle this case, you may still resolve as many questions or issues as possible during your informal discussion.**

8. If you intend to subpoena witnesses for the hearing, you should review the procedures established in 52 Pa. Code § 5.421. You must submit your written application to me sufficiently in advance of the hearing date so that the other parties will have the required ten (10) days’ notice to answer or object, and so you will have enough time to receive the subpoena and serve it.

9. If you wish to offer into evidence at the hearing material in the form of documents, you should bring with you the required number of copies (an original and two copies for the Commission, one copy for every party in the case, and a copy for yourself). 52 Pa.Code § 5.409. Documents should be properly pre-marked for identification.

10. Protestant(s) should be prepared to begin presentation of their direct case immediately upon the conclusion of the presentation of the applicant’s direct case. Applicant has the burden of proof with respect to need for the service and technical and financial fitness. Protestant(s) have the burden of proof with respect to assertions that entry of a new carrier endangers or impairs the existing carrier’s operation, thus rendering the grant of the application contrary to the public interest.

Dated: October 9, 2015

Elizabeth H. Barnes

Administrative Law Judge

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