

BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Application of Main Line : Docket No. A-00116172
Transit Service, Inc. :
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INTERIM ORDER
SETTING SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

On or about August 5, 1999, Main Line Transit Service, Inc. ("Applicant") filed an application at the above-captioned Docket Number. On or about October 18, 1999, ^{Norristown} Transportation Company ("Protestant") filed a protest to the application.

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Based upon a review of the pleadings, the parties are hereby directed to attempt to settle this matter, considering, in particular, the issues relating to transfer-of-authority proceedings. Applicant shall contact Protestant, on or before November 29, 1999, concerning a time, date and place for Protestant and Applicant to hold a conference. The conference shall take place on or before December 13, 1999.

Within ten (10) days following the conference, Applicant shall file a short report with Herbert R. Nurick, Mediation Coordinator ("Coordinator"), setting forth:

(a) The time, date and place of the settlement conference;

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(b) Who participated for each party;

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(c) A statement whether a full settlement, including withdrawal of protest, was achieved, and, if not, whether the parties consent to have this case set for mediation by the mediation staff of the Commission; and

(d) A statement of any issues which have been resolved, if a full settlement was not achieved.

If an agreement has not been reached, and the parties do not consent to mediate, the parties are entitled to have a hearing. A hearing is a formal procedure in which an administrative law judge will make a decision to resolve the case. Mediation is an informal procedure in which the parties themselves attempt to resolve the case through a voluntary agreement. The mediator is a neutral person who helps the parties in their efforts to come to an agreement. The Commission encourages mediation, where appropriate.

If you have any questions, you should contact the Coordinator. His address and phone number are:

Mediation Coordinator
G-23, North Office Building
P. O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265
(717) 783-5428



ROBERT A. CHRISTIANSON
Chief Administrative Law Judge

Date: 11/16/99