

Answer to Complaint

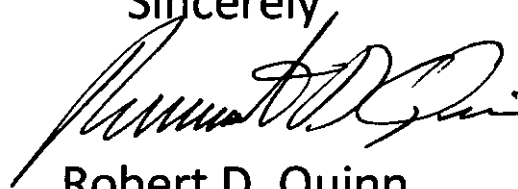
Dated August 31, 2016 Docket No. C-2016-2564219

Pa. PUC No. ~~A-007059~~ A-00107059

Dear Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta:

Quinns Transit Lines Inc. went out of business July 1, 2016 due to the termination of its contract with Hazleton Public Transit, City of Hazleton. At which time all buses & equipment were returned to Hazleton Public Transit. Formal letter from Hazleton Public Transit dated May 18, 2016 enclosed. Also enclosed application for discontinuance of service, Hopefully this will be enough information for the commission to withdraw this complaint.

Sincerely



Robert D. Quinn

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SECRETARY'S BUREAU

May 18, 2016

Robert Quinn, President
Quinn's Transportation
5077 Old Airpord Road
Hazle Township, Pa 18202

RE: Transition of Fixed Route Transportation and Maintenance Related Services

Dear Mr. Quinn:

As you are aware, your contract with Hazleton Public Transit (HPT) expires on June 30, 2016. Hazleton Public Transit issued a Request for Proposal for Fixed Route and Maintenance Related Services and on May 17, 2016, Hazleton City Council approved the Mayor of Hazleton to enter into an Agreement with the successful Proposer, Easton Coach Company.

HPT appreciates the services that were provided by your company and we are hopeful that you will work with Easton Coach Company for a smooth transition to ensure that HPT's customers continue to receive quality transit services.

For your convenience, the following is the wording extracted from the contract regarding the return of vehicles and equipment:

"Return of Vehicles and Equipment – Upon termination of this Contract, the Contractor shall return all Hazleton Public Transit owned vehicles and equipment to Hazleton Public Transit ready for use, with no deferred maintenance or damage. The following procedure shall be used to determine the condition of Hazleton Public Transit vehicles and equipment prior to any change in Contractors or, at Hazleton Public Transit's option, prior to the beginning of any new contract with an existing Contractor:

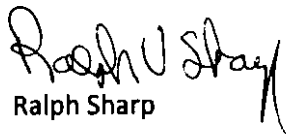
- a) Authorized representatives of the current Contractor, the successful bidder, and Hazleton Public Transit shall meet at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the contract. At this time, the parties shall examine every bus and all equipment to determine its current condition. The Contractor shall make available their current facility and such personnel as necessary to move buses and operate hoists. The Contractor shall also make available to Hazleton Public Transit all preventative maintenance inspection records, daily driver inspections, oil analysis test results, and other records as appropriate. Contractor shall fully cooperate with this audit.
- b) After the audit, the Contractor and Hazleton Public Transit shall meet to determine a plan and timeline for resolution of defects found during the audit. The Contractor shall furnish Hazleton Public Transit with a timeline and a specific plan for resolution of deferred maintenance prior to the expiration of the Contract.

- c) A second audit shall be conducted within five (5) days of Contract expiration to re-examine every bus and to review work performed since the initial inspection. Records shall be kept and made available to Hazleton Public Transit documenting items that have been repaired since the initial inspection.

- d) In the event that the Contractor returns Hazleton Public Transit vehicles and equipment to Hazleton Public Transit with deferred maintenance or damage, Hazleton Public Transit shall determine the cost to correct such deficiencies and shall withhold said amount from the Contractor's final payment. Hazleton Public Transit may, at its discretion, use withheld funds to correct and resolve deferred maintenance and damage as necessary to bring the vehicles or equipment into compliance with acceptable standards for transfer to the new Contractor."

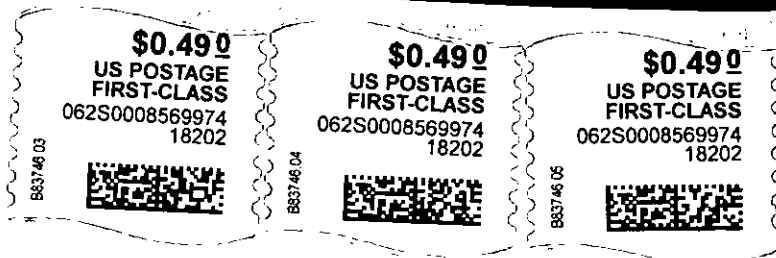
Please give me a call at your earliest convenience so we can discuss the best way to transfer the vehicles and equipment without disrupting HPT's passengers.

Sincerely,



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