

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120**

**Application of Lyft, Inc. for Transportation
Network Service License**

**Public Meeting February 9, 2017
2583947-TUS
Docket No. A-2017-2583947
A-6416471**

**Application of Freed Man Autonomous
Vehicles LLC**

**2585722-TUS
Docket No. A-2017-2585722
A-6418226**

**JOINT STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN GLADYS M. BROWN AND
COMMISSIONER ROBERT F. POWELSON**

Before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) today are two applications filed by companies seeking licenses to operate as a Transportation Network Companies (TNC) in Pennsylvania – Lyft, Inc. (Lyft) and Freed Man Autonomous Vehicles, LLC (Freed Man). These companies join the ranks of others who are taking advantage of the new option provided by Act 164 to obtain a license to permanently operate as a TNC in the Commonwealth.

The fact that the TNC industry is growing and thriving in the Commonwealth is positive on many levels. First, and most important to the Commission, it is good for consumers. TNCs provide the traveling public with a safe, reliable, affordable, and user-friendly transportation option. By relying on a digital platform for all aspects of the trip, TNCs inform customers of the fare in advance, eliminate the need for cash, and provide innovative safety features, like the ability to track a loved one’s ride. These innovations, combined with the carefully crafted insurance, driver safety, and vehicle safety requirements set forth in Act 164, make TNC service an extremely appealing option for consumers.

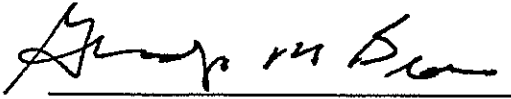
Second, TNCs are good for the transportation industry. As we experienced firsthand with electric restructuring, competition in the marketplace is beneficial because it gives consumers the power of choice and the ability to shop with their dollar. As evidenced by the number of riders who have flocked to TNC service in Pennsylvania, this is exactly what has happened here. The emergence of TNCs raised the bar for what customers expect and has forced the entire motor carrier industry to reimagine the definition of “good customer service.”

Third, TNCs are good for Pennsylvania. The hallmark of TNC service is innovation and we want innovative companies to choose to do business in the Commonwealth. Encouraging this type of investment creates jobs, improves the economy, and benefits consumers. With the

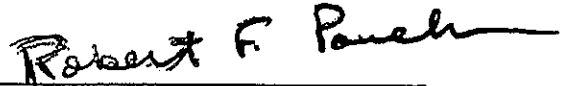
passage of Act 164, the Commonwealth has shown that this is a place where innovative companies, like Lyft, Uber, and Freed Man, can invest and grow.

In recognition of this, we would like to commend the General Assembly for passing Act 164 and paving the way for innovative transportation services to thrive in Pennsylvania. From the beginning, the Commission has supported the passage of TNC legislation because of all of the benefits the service provides. Today, we are pleased that two more companies are taking advantage of the opportunity provided by Act 164 to become permanent TNC operators in the Commonwealth.

Date: February 8, 2017



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