

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
HARRISBURG PENNSYLVANIA 17120**

**Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Bureau of Investigation & Enforcement  
v.  
Raymond Whitaker**

**Public Meeting held July 12, 2018  
2588127-OSA  
C-2017-2588127**

**MOTION OF COMMISSIONER DAVID W. SWEET**

This matter comes to us on a Petition for Reconsideration of Staff Action filed by Raymond Whitaker in response to a Secretarial Letter of August 1, 2017, which directed the payment of a civil penalty of \$1,000 for owning and operating a motor vehicle which had affixed to the roof a taxi dome light, clearly displaying the word "TAXI," while not certificated as a motor carrier. Mr. Whitaker did not respond to the Complaint, and default judgment was entered against him.

In his letter petition for reconsideration, Mr. Whitaker asks that the Commission rescind the civil penalty because he thought that he had taken care of the underlying complaint when he paid a civil penalty for two prior citations. In addition, he claims hardship.

In reviewing Mr. Whitaker's history with the Commission, it appears that he deliberately purchased the dome light from Amazon and was cited twice prior to this complaint for holding himself out as a certificated taxi driver. He did pay the prior civil penalty, but as is evident, this failed to deter him from committing the very same infraction again.

The Commission is charged with establishing and enforcing the statute and regulations which are designed to ensure that taxi services are properly financed, compliant with safety regulations, and ensured. Mr. Whitaker is acting outside those regulations and it is imperative that he understand the seriousness of the offense.

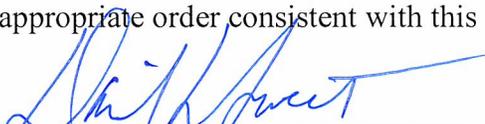
Accordingly, I move that his Petition for Reconsideration be denied, and that the full amount of the civil penalty remain assessed. Mr. Whitaker is warned that the penalties will continue to rise if he continues to violate the Commission's regulations.

THEREFORE,

I MOVE:

1. That the Petition for Reconsideration of Staff Action filed by Raymond Whitaker at this docket be denied.
2. That the Office of Special Assistants prepare an appropriate order consistent with this Motion.

July 12, 2018

  
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DAVID W. SWEET  
COMMISSIONER