

BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT :

V. :

DOCKET NO. C-2024-3048094

LATINO TAXI SERVICE LLC :
25 EAST BROAD STREET :
WEST HAZLETON, PA 18202 :

COMPLAINT

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) is a duly constituted agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania empowered to regulate public utilities within the Commonwealth. The Commission has delegated its authority to initiate proceedings which are prosecutory in nature to the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement and other bureaus with enforcement responsibilities. Pursuant to that delegated authority and Section 701 of the Public Utility Code, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement hereby represents as follows:

1. That Latino Taxi Service, LLC, Respondent, maintains its principal place of business at 25 East Broad Street, West Hazleton Pennsylvania, 18202.
2. That Respondent was issued a certificate of public convenience for taxi authority by this Commission on October 11, 2017, at PUC No. 6320054 certificate A-2017-2613993.
3. That on February 29, 2024, PUC Officer Robert Edmiston, was assigned a follow-up inspection of taxi number 49, a 2018 Honda CRV license plate PA TX50446. Arriving at 2nd and Wyoming in Hazleton City, Luzerne County, Officer Edmiston conducted a Driver/Vehicle Compliance Report on taxi 49, being driven by Candy L. Roque Caro.
4. The following violations were discovered.
 - a. The vehicle does not have a dome light affixed to the roof.
 - b. Driver does not have a Log/Trip Sheet.
5. That Respondent, by not having a dome light affixed to the roof of the vehicle, violated 52 Pa. Code §29.314(e). The penalty for this violation is \$250.00.
6. That Respondent, by failing to retain completed log sheets, violated 52 Pa. Code §29.313 (c). The penalty for this violation is \$50.00.

WHEREFORE, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement hereby requests that the Commission fine Latino Taxi Service, LLC the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for the illegal activity described in this Complaint and order such other remedy as the Commission may deem to be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



Brian B. Mehus, Chief
Motor Carrier Enforcement
Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

VERIFICATION

I, Brian B. Mehus, hereby state that the facts set forth above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief and that I expect that the Bureau will be able to prove same at any hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: 9 May 2024



Brian B. Mehus, Chief
Motor Carrier Enforcement
Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement

NOTICE

- A. You must file an Answer within twenty (20) days of the date of service of this Complaint. The date of service is the mailing date as indicated at the top of the Secretarial Cover Letter for this Complaint and Notice, 52 Pa. Code §1.56(a). An Answer is a written explanation of circumstances wished to be considered in determining the outcome. The Answer shall raise all factual and legal arguments that you wish to claim in your defense and must include the reference number of this Complaint. Your Answer must be verified, and the original shall be mailed to:

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street, 2nd Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Or you may **eFile your Answer** using the Commission's website at www.puc.pa.gov. The link to eFiling is located under the Filing & Resources tab on the homepage. If your Answer is 250 pages or less, you are not required to file a paper copy.

Additionally, a copy should either be mailed to:

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Or, **e-mailed to** at: RA-PCCmplntResp@pa.gov

- B. If you fail to answer this complaint within twenty (20) days, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement will request that the Commission issue a Secretarial Letter imposing a penalty. The penalty could include a fine, the suspension or revocation of your certificate of public convenience or other remedy.
- C. You may elect not to contest this complaint by paying the fine proposed in this Complaint by certified check or money order. Payment must be made to the **Commonwealth of Pennsylvania** and should be forwarded to:
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- D. Your payment is an admission that you committed the alleged violation and an agreement to cease and desist from further violations. Upon receipt of your payment, the complaint proceedings shall be closed.
- E. If you file an Answer, which admits or fails to deny the allegations of the Complaint, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement will request that the Commission issue a Secretarial Letter imposing a penalty.
- F. If you file an Answer which contests the Complaint, the matter will be assigned to an Administrative Law Judge for hearing and decision. The judge is not bound by the optional fine set forth above.

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