

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of GPS Transportation, Inc. :
T/A GPS Transportation God’s People Serving :
To Transport, as a Common Carrier, by Motor :
Vehicle, Persons in Paratransit Service, from : A-2024-3051677
Points in the Counties of Bucks and Delaware, :
and the City and County of Philadelphia, to points :
in Pennsylvania, and return :

PREHEARING ORDER FOR TELEPHONE HEARING

AND NOW, this 27th day of January 2025, it is hereby ORDERED:

1. DATE AND TIME OF HEARING. An initial telephonic hearing will be held in this case on:

Thursday, February 13, 2025, beginning at 10:00 AM.

To participate in the hearing, you must dial the toll-free number listed below. You will be prompted to enter a PIN number, which is also listed below. You will be asked to speak your name, press the # key, and then the telephone system will connect you to the hearing. If you have any witnesses you want to have present during the hearing who are participating from a separate phone, you must provide them with the telephone number and PIN Number.

Toll-free Bridge Telephone Number: 1-866-560-8322

PIN Number: 36676820

2. FAILURE TO APPEAR: You may lose the case if you do not take part in this hearing and present evidence on the issues raised. Your case may be dismissed “with prejudice” which means that you will be barred from filing another application seeking the same type of authority within the same service territory.

You must call into the hearing on the scheduled day and time. If you fail to do so, your case will be dismissed. You will not be called by the Administrative Law Judge.

3. CONTINUANCES. You may request a continuance of the hearing if you have a good reason. Continuances will be granted only for good cause. To request a continuance, you must submit a written request (a “motion”) at least five (5) days before the hearing. Your motion should include:

- (1) The case name, case number, and hearing date;
- (2) The reason you are requesting a continuance; and
- (3) State whether the other party(s) agrees to the request (or if you do not know).

You must submit the motion to my Legal Assistant:

Pamela McNeal
pmcneal@pa.gov

You must submit the motion to the other party(s) at their email address.

4. PRESENTING EXHIBITS. If you intend to present any documents or exhibits at the hearing, you must email one (1) copy to my legal assistant at **pmcneal@pa.gov** and one (1) copy to every other party. All copies must be received at least five (5) business days before the hearing. Proposed exhibits should be properly pre-marked for identification purposes. **Do not include account numbers or any other personally identifiable information (PII), such as social security numbers, in your documents or exhibits. It is the party’s responsibility to redact any PII contained within a document or exhibit before submitting it into the record.** Do not file your proposed documents or exhibits with the Secretary’s Bureau. However, you should file a Certificate of Service with the Secretary’s Bureau indicating you sent the proposed documents or exhibits to every other party.

Note that attachments to your Application or Protest are not admitted into the record unless submitted separately. Please be sure to have all pre-served exhibits with you at the

time of the hearing. This hearing may be your only opportunity to present evidence in support of your application.

5. FILING AND SERVING DOCUMENTS. When you file a document, you must provide the original to the PUC *and* serve a copy to the other party or parties.

Instructions on how to file with the PUC and serve other parties are provided below:

A. FILING DOCUMENTS

(1) **E-FILING.** To file with the PUC, the PUC offers a free e-Filing Subscription Service. This service allows a user to file documents electronically and receive an automatic email notification whenever a document is added, removed, or changed on the PUC website in a specific case. For information and to subscribe to this service, visit the PUC's website at: <https://www.puc.pa.gov/filing-sources/efiling/>

(2) **PAPER FILING.** If you do not have the capability to open and use an e-Filing account, you may file paper documents with the Secretary of the Commission. Filing of paper documents may be hand delivered or sent to:

Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

(3) **CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL.** If a filing contains confidential or proprietary material, the filing should be submitted by overnight delivery to ensure arrival. Large filings containing confidential or proprietary material may also be submitted through the Commission's Share Point File system. These filings should be followed by a hard copy with a flash drive or CD for the Commission's file. Filers should contact the Secretary's Bureau in advance to set up a Share Point File before submitting the filing.

B. SERVING DOCUMENTS

(1) **SERVING OTHER PARTIES.** When you file documents with the PUC, you must also serve a copy on the other party or parties. You may serve a copy by U.S. First-Class Mail or by hand. You may also serve a copy by eService or email, if the other party has agreed to electronic service. For your convenience, a copy of the PUC's current service list of all parties to this proceeding is enclosed with this Order.

(2) **SERVING THE PRESIDING OFFICER.** Be sure that you serve me directly with a copy of any document that you file in this proceeding at the time of its filing. You must email one (1) copy to me, via my legal assistant, Pamela McNeal at pmcneal@pa.gov. **If you do not have access to email, you must serve me by mail, addressed to:**

6. **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM.** If you are a domestic violence victim and you want to be considered for protections that may be available to domestic violence victims, you must submit a copy of your Protection from Abuse (PFA) Order or other Court Order issued by a Pennsylvania court, which provides evidence that you are a domestic violence victim. **You should mark this Order as "CONFIDENTIAL."** In the case of these Orders, we will take precautions to ensure that your address is not made public.

7. **REPRESENTATION. GPS TRANSPORTATION, INC.**--As a corporation you are required to have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or admitted *Pro Hac Vice*, represent you in this proceeding. 52 Pa. Code §§ 1.8, 1.21-1.24. An attorney licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania must enter his/her appearance on your behalf prior to the hearing. Failure to comply may produce an unfavorable result for you, the Applicant.

8. BURDEN OF PROOF. The Applicant (the one filing the Application) bears the burden of proof and must present sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the utility has violated the Public Utility Code, or a regulation or order of the PUC.¹

9. ACCOMMODATION. Any party who needs an accommodation for a disability in order to participate in this hearing process may request one. Please call the PUC scheduling office at least five (5) business days prior to your hearing to submit your request.

If you require an interpreter to participate in the hearing, we will have an interpreter present. Please call the scheduling office at the PUC at least ten (10) business days prior to your hearing to submit your request.

Scheduling Office: (717) 787-1399
The AT&T Relay Service number for persons who are deaf or hearing-impaired is:
1-800-654-5988.

10. CONTACT INFORMATION. If your e-mail address or telephone number changes during the course of the proceeding, you must immediately update OALJ by calling 717-787-1399.

11. SETTLEMENT. The PUC's policy is to encourage settlements.² The Protestants shall contact the Applicant at least one week before the scheduled hearing to talk over a possible settlement of this case. Even if you are unable to settle this case, you may still resolve many questions or issues during your talks. If an agreement is reached on all the issues, a formal hearing will not be necessary and the scheduled hearing will be cancelled.

12. PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT CASES. If you have requested a payment arrangement, Chapter 14 of the Public Utility Code will be applied.³ You must be prepared to testify about the total gross monthly income of the household. A household includes all adults

¹ 66 Pa.C.S. §332(a).

² 52 Pa. Code § 5.231(a).

³ 66 Pa.C.S. §§ 1401-1419.

living at the service address and benefiting from the utility service. The “total gross monthly household income” includes, but is not limited to, the following: (a) the “before taxes or other deductions” pay from salaries, wages, tips or other compensation; (b) pension, retirement or social security benefits; (c) Supplemental Security Income (SSI); (d) unemployment compensation benefits; (e) workers’ compensation benefits; (f) alimony; and (g) any other source(s) of income.

The utility must prepare and submit the following documents at least five (5) business days before the hearing: (a) an account statement, showing the history of the account for a minimum of 24 months or the entire history of the account, whichever is less; (b) a copy of the most recent Bureau of Consumers Services (BCS) decision, if any; and (c) a brief summary of any payment arrangement(s) made between the utility and the customer.

The customer must make monthly payments for current usage on or before the billing due date while this complaint is pending. Failure to make payments may result in the utility terminating your service.

13. BILLING COMPLAINT. If you are claiming that there are incorrect charges on your utility bill, then you must be prepared to provide the dates that are important and an explanation about any amounts or charges that you believe are not correct.

14. VIOLATIONS. A finding of a violation of a PUC Order, regulation, or statute, by the public utility may result in the imposition of a civil penalty on the public utility company, consistent with 66 Pa.C.S. § 3301 or other provisions of the Public Utility Code.

Please be sure to participate from a location, and using a phone, where background noise will be minimized, and the reception is clear.

Date: January 27, 2025

/s/
Eranda Vero
Administrative Law Judge

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