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BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION
&
ENFORCEMENT

July 24, 2025

Via Electronic Filing

Matthew L. Homsher, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission,
Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement v.
Quentin Kurt West t/a Checker Premium Rideshare
Docket No. C-2025-3051758
I&E Motion for Telephonic Testimony of Witnesses

Dear Secretary Homsher:

Enclosed for electronic filing please find the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement's Motion for Telephonic Testimony of Witnesses in the above-referenced proceeding. Copies have been served on the parties of record in accordance with the Certificate of Service.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Colby B. Widdowson', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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cc: Administrative Law Judge Chad Allensworth (via email – callenswor@pa.gov)
Michael L. Swindler, Deputy Chief Prosecutor (via email – mwindler@pa.gov)
Per Certificate of Service

**BEFORE THE
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Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement,	:	
Complainant	:	
	:	
v.	:	Docket No. C-2025-3051758
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t/a Checker Premium Rideshare,	:	
Respondent	:	


NOTICE TO PLEAD

The Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (“I&E”) of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) has filed a Motion for Telephonic Testimony of Witnesses in the above-captioned matter, pursuant to the Commission’s regulations at 52 Pa. Code § 5.103. You are hereby notified to file a written response within twenty (20) days of the service of the Motion, consistent with 52 Pa. Code § 5.61.

Your Answer must be verified, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 1.36, and the original sent to:

Matthew L. Homsher, Secretary
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Additionally, you must serve a copy on the undersigned prosecutor.



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MOTION FOR TELEPHONIC TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES

TO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE CHAD ALLENSWORTH:

Now comes the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission’s (“Commission”) Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (“I&E”), by its prosecuting attorney, and files this Motion for Telephonic Testimony of Witnesses (“Respondent”) pursuant to Section 5.103 of the Commission’s regulations, 52 Pa. Code § 5.103. In support thereof, I&E respectfully represents as follows:

1. I&E commenced this action on January 15, 2025, by filing a Formal Complaint.
2. The Formal Complaint alleged that Respondent violated the Public Utility Code, in that Respondent transported persons by motor vehicle between points in the Commonwealth in exchange for compensation without a certificate of public convenience.
3. The Formal Complaint seeks a \$1,000 civil penalty.
4. Respondent filed an Answer on January 22, 2025 denying any violations.
5. On July 1, 2025, an Initial In-Person Hearing Notice was issued, scheduling an in-person hearing in Harrisburg, PA on September 9, 2025 at 10:00 am.

6. In presentation of its case, I&E intends to call Motor Carrier Enforcement Officers Ryan Balestra (“Officer Balestra”) and Mia Fuller (“Officer Fuller”).

7. Officer Balestra and Officer Fuller are located in Pittsburgh, PA and work out of Motor Carrier Division’s Pittsburgh Office.

8. Respondent has an address of 7 East Marshall Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15214 and would also be required to travel from Pittsburgh, PA to Harrisburg, PA.

9. The trip from Pittsburgh, PA to Harrisburg, PA is approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes one way or approximately 7 hours round trip.

10. The Commonwealth will be responsible for paying the salaries of Officer Balestra and Officer Fuller while they travel in addition to their travel expenses, lodging, and meals.

11. Attendance at an in-person hearing would consume a full day for each Motor Carrier Enforcement Officer, whereas telephonic participation would likely result in only one or two hours allowing Officer Balestra and Officer Fuller to resume their normal duties for the remainder of the day.

12. In light of the burden placed on the parties, I&E requests that Officer Balestra and Officer Fuller be permitted to testify telephonically at the September 9, 2025 hearing.

13. Counsel for I&E would still appear in-person, in Harrisburg, PA, for the September 9, 2025 hearing, if the presiding officer so desires.

14. Should I&E’s request for Officer Balestra and Officer Fuller to testify telephonically be granted, I&E would not object to a request by Respondent to appear and testify telephonically.

15. Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.483, a presiding officer has the authority to regulate the course of the proceeding.

WHEREFORE, I&E respectfully requests that the presiding officer issue a decision granting I&E's request to permit Officer Balestra and Officer Fuller to testify telephonically at the September 9, 2025, hearing.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing Motion for Telephonic Testimony of Witnesses, in the manner and upon the parties listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a party).

Served via Electronic and First-Class Mail

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