

BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT

AHMAD JIHAD MAHMOUD  
T/A STEEL CITY RIDE  
1522 WAREMAN AVENUE  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15226

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STEEL CITY RIDE  
\$1,000.00 FINE

MOTOR CARRIER COMPLAINT

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission" or "PUC") 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 -Motor Carrier Division hereby represents as follows:

1. That AHMAD JIHAD MAHMOUD, T/A STEEL CITY RIDE, Respondent, maintains its principal place of business at 1522 Wareman Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15226.
2. That a certificate of public convenience issued by this Commission is required to transport passengers for compensation, in call or demand service, within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Based on review of the records maintained by the Commission, neither Ahmad Jihad Mahmoud nor Steel City Ride have ever applied for or received a certificate of public convenience for call or demand transportation services by this Commission.
3. That on October 24, 2024, PUC Enforcement Supervisor Ryan Balestra encountered a Subaru Forester, bearing PA registration number LXZ9073 and Steel City Ride dome light affixed on top of the vehicle, parked at the Greyhound bus station. At that time Supervisor Balestra determined that the vehicle belonged to Ahmad Jihad Mahmoud and that the company, Steel City Ride, did not have PUC authority. Supervisor Balestra instructed the driver, Fadi Jihad Mahmoud, to remove the light, or it would be seized as Respondent did not have PUC authority to act as a call or demand service.
4. That on March 18, 2025, the Commission's Pittsburgh Regional Office received a complaint including a photograph of a Honda Civic, bearing PA registration number JHL8202 and a Steel City Ride illuminated dome light affixed on top of the vehicle, driving on Sussex Avenue at Woodbourne Avenue in Pittsburgh. On March 19, 2025, the Commission determined that vehicle belonged to Respondent. A formal complaint could not be issued upon Respondent as it was not apparent that the vehicle was transporting passengers for compensation on March 18, 2025.
5. That on June 20, 2025, Supervisor Balestra and PUC Enforcement Officer Mia Fuller were stationed at 400 North Shore Drive, Pittsburgh, PA, observing a grey sedan affixed with a Steel City Ride illuminated dome light. As the vehicle approached, Supervisor Balestra hailed the vehicle and requested a ride from North Shore Drive to the Steel Mill Saloon in Mt. Washington to which the driver stated the price as \$35. Supervisor Balestra recognized the driver, Fadi Jihad Mahmoud, from the October 22, 2024 encounter, detailed in paragraph 3, above. Officer Fuller took pictures of the vehicle, including the Steel City Ride dome light and PA registration