

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of Parsa Ariana LLC to transport, :
as a common carrier, my motor vehicle, persons in :
paratransit service, from points in Bucks County : A-2025-3057853
and the City and County of Philadelphia, to points :
in Pennsylvania, and return. :

INTERIM ORDER #1

This Order directs Parsa Ariana LLC to have an attorney enter his or her appearance on its behalf **on or before January 16, 2026**.

Procedural History

On October 7, 2025, Parsa Ariana LLC (“Applicant”) filed an Application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) seeking authority to transport as a common carrier, my motor vehicle, persons in paratransit service, from points in Bucks County and the City and County of Philadelphia, to points in Pennsylvania, and return (“Application”). No attorney was listed as representing the Applicant in this proceeding on paragraph 8 of the Application.

On November 1, 2025, the Application was published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, with a protest deadline of November 17, 2025.

On November 17, 2025, a Joint Protest against the Application was filed by Bucks County Transport, Inc. and Bux-Mont Transportation, Inc.

On November 24, 2025, a Hearing Notice was issued to the parties, scheduling this matter for an evidentiary hearing on January 28, 2026. Of relevance, the Hearing Notice states the following:

REPRESENTATION. If you are an individual, you may represent yourself or you may have an attorney represent you. All others, including a partnership, corporation, trust, association, or governmental agency or subdivision, must be represented by an attorney licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, or admitted *pro hac vice*. Only an attorney may represent someone else.

November 24, 2025, Hearing Notice.

On December 3, 2025, a Prehearing Order was issued to the parties, providing the parties with the procedural rules that would govern the hearing. Of relevance, the Prehearing Order states the following:

6. REPRESENTATION. If you are an individual, you may represent yourself or you may have an attorney represent you. All others, including a partnership, corporation, trust, association, or governmental agency or subdivision, must be represented by an attorney licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, or admitted *pro hac vice*. And, unless you are an attorney, you may not represent someone else.

December 3, 2025, Prehearing Order.

Attorney Representation

When the Joint Protest was filed against the Application on November 17, 2025, this proceeding became adversarial in nature. *See* 52 Pa. Code § 1.8. The Commission’s regulations require that persons in adversarial proceedings be represented by an attorney or legal intern. *See* 52 Pa. Code § 1.21(b). The Commission’s regulations define “persons” as including individuals, corporations, partnerships, associations, joint ventures, other business organizations,

trusts, trustees, legal representatives, receivers, agencies, governmental entities, municipalities, municipal corporations or other political subdivisions. *See* 52 Pa. Code § 1.8.

It is well-settled in Commission practice that participation in a formal adversarial proceeding before the Commission constitutes the practice of law. *See, e.g.,* Lesley A. Scheaffer for Leslie W. Scheaffer v. Pa. Pub. Util. Comm'n, Docket No. F-2016-2577647 (Opinion and Order entered Apr. 3, 2018). As such, that participation is limited to those who either file as individuals and represent themselves or to attorneys who are representing others. *Id.*

Accordingly, upon the filing of the Joint Protest in this matter, the Applicant, a limited liability company, was required to be represented by an attorney. The absence of an attorney where one is required deprives the Commission of jurisdiction to adjudicate the matter. *Adventure Alley CLC, LLC v. PECO Energy Co. and Great Am. Power*, Docket No. C-2014-2430850 (Final Order entered Nov. 25, 2014) (citing *McCain v. Curione, Pa. Bd. of Prob. and Parole*, 527 A.2d 591 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1987)). The Joint Protestants did not raise this issue, however, an issue of subject matter jurisdiction may be raised at any stage of a proceeding *sua sponte* by the presiding officer or by the Commission. *Blackwell v. State Ethics Comm'n*, 567 A.2d 630 (Pa. 1989).

Accordingly, this Order directs the Applicant to have an attorney enter his or her appearance on its behalf **on or before January 16, 2026**. Non-compliance with this Order will result in cancellation of the hearing and dismissal of the Application. *See, e.g.,* *New Fizon Catering, Inc. v. PECO Energy Co.*, Docket No. C-2008-2065498 (Opinion and Order entered June 24, 2009); *Snyderville Cmty. Dev. Corp. v. Phila. Gas Works*, Docket No. C-20055032 (Opinion and Order entered July 31, 2006) (citing *Treffinger v. PPL Elec. Util. Corp.*, Docket No. C-20027978 (Opinion and Order entered Mar. 3, 2003); *Franconia Mennonite Conf. v. Verizon Pa. Inc.*, Docket No. C-2010-2193709 (Order entered June 6, 2003).

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Parsa Ariana LLC shall have an attorney shall enter his or her appearance on its behalf in this proceeding on or before January 16, 2026.
2. That non-compliance with this Order will result in dismissal of the Application.

Date: December 11, 2025

/s/
Alphonso Arnold III
Administrative Law Judge

A-2025-3057853 – Parsa Ariana LLC filed application for authority to: Begin transporting passengers in Paratransit Service

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