

Your answers should be verified per 52 Pa Code § 1.36. Accordingly, you must provide the following statement with your responses:

I, Shahab Mekki, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a 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).

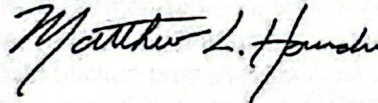


The blank should be filled in with the name of the appropriate company representative, and the signature of that representative should follow the statement.

Failure to comply with this request within 10 working days from the date of this letter will result in the denial of the application.

Please direct any questions to Jerome Elliott, Bureau of Technical Utility Services at 717-214-7155. Faxed or emailed filings are **not** accepted.

Sincerely,



Matthew L. Homsher
Secretary

Enclosure

Corrected Proposed Service Area (PUC)

10. In accordance with the application instructions and Title 52 Pa. Code, the proposed service area is stated as follows:

To transport people from points in the counties of Allegheny, Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Dauphin, Delaware, Erie, Lawrence, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, Schuylkill to points in Pennsylvania and return.

5. Number of Drivers and Appropriateness for the Service Territory

We intend to use two drivers for our initial operations. This number is appropriate for the territory we will be serving because it allows us to provide consistent, reliable coverage across our service area while maintaining flexibility for peak hours, customer demand, and driver scheduling. This staffing level ensures that we can meet same-day and pre-scheduled trip requests without delays, while also allowing for sufficient backup personnel in case of absences, vehicle maintenance, or unforeseen service needs. As demand increases, the company will hire additional drivers to accommodate.

a. Hiring Standards for Drivers

Our hiring standards are designed to ensure that all drivers meet or exceed the qualifications required by 52 Pa. Code §§ 29.503–29.505 and that they are capable of safely transporting passengers.

At a minimum, each driver must:

- Hold a **valid and current driver's license** issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or another U.S. jurisdiction, appropriate for the class of vehicle operated.
- Meet all **age and experience requirements** applicable under Title 52 Pa. Code § 29.
- Demonstrate a **satisfactory driving history**, free from excessive moving violations or serious offenses that would indicate unsafe driving behavior.

Common or contract carriers, except for call or demand and limousine drivers.

(1) A person will not be permitted to operate a vehicle in its authorized service until a driver history from the appropriate agency of every state in which that person held a

motor vehicle operator's license for a period of 3 years has been obtained and reviewed.

(2) Following receipt of the initial driver history report, we shall, at least once every 12 months from the date of the last report, obtain a driver history for each driver operating under its authority from the appropriate agency of the state in which the driver held an operator's license during the time period. Compliance with this subsection does not relieve a common or contract carrier of the responsibility to ensure its drivers hold a current, valid driver's license.

(3) A copy of the driver history shall be maintained by the common or contract carrier for at least 2 years.

Call or demand and limousine drivers.

(1) Prior to permitting a person to act as a call or demand or a limousine driver, a carrier shall obtain and review a driving history research report for the person from the Department of Transportation and other relevant sources. A person with more than three moving violations in the 3-year period prior to the check or a major violation in the 3-year period prior to the check may not be a call or demand or limousine driver.

(2) One year after engaging a driver and every second year thereafter, a carrier shall conduct the driving history check required under this subsection and verify that a driver continues to be eligible to be a driver.

(3) A copy of the driver history shall be maintained by the call or demand or limousine driver for at least 2 years.

- Successfully pass **criminal background checks and driving record reviews** prior to employment.
- Be physically and mentally capable of performing the duties of a professional driver, including safe vehicle operation and passenger assistance.
- Demonstrate professionalism, reliability, and good character consistent with public passenger service.

- **Age restrictions:**

- (a) The driver should be at least 21 years of age to operate a vehicle in its authorized service.

- (b) A driver may permit to operate a paratransit vehicle in its authorized service if that person is at least 18 years of age but under 21 years of age if the following conditions are met:

- (1) The person shall be registered as a certified emergency medical services vehicle operator (EMSVO) with the Department of Health (Department).

(2) The person shall carry the Department-issued registration of their EMSVO certification on board while operating a paratransit vehicle under 28 Pa. Code § 1023.21(h) (relating to general rights and responsibilities).

(3) The carrier shall verify that the paratransit driver is in good standing with the Department and maintain records for 4 years to prove each person's EMSVO certificate registration. The records must be available for inspection by Commission staff upon request.

(4) The carrier shall notify the Commission's Bureau of Technical Utility Services within 3 calendar days of the occurrence of the following events involving a paratransit driver who is under 21 years of age:

- i. an accident, regardless of the severity of the accident.
- ii. a driving-related violation such as a moving violation.
- iii. reckless driving.
- iv. driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Applicants who fail to meet any of these standards are not hired.

- A person will not be permitted to drive a vehicle with a seating capacity of 9 to 15 passengers, including the driver, unless the driver complies with the following:
 - (1) The driver is physically qualified in accordance with 49 CFR 391.41—391.49 (relating to physical qualifications and examinations).
 - (2) The driver is in compliance with the hours of service provisions of 49 CFR 395.5 and 395.8 (relating to maximum driving time for passenger-carrying vehicles; and driver's record of duty status).
 - (3) Drivers are exempt from 49 CFR 395.8 if they fall within exemption in 49 CFR 395.1(e). In this circumstance, carriers shall keep time records in accordance with 49 CFR 395.1(e)(5) (relating to scope of rules in this part).

b. System for Conducting Criminal Background Checks

In compliance with 52 Pa. Code § 29.505, we maintain a formal system for conducting criminal background checks:

- **Pre-employment screening:** Before a driver is permitted to operate a vehicle, we obtain a criminal history record check from the Pennsylvania State Police. The results will be obtained and reviewed prior to the driver operating the vehicle. If the applicant

has resided outside Pennsylvania within the previous 12 months, we also obtain criminal history records from each of the appropriate state(s).

- **Evaluation of results:** Any felony or misdemeanor conviction that could adversely affect the individual's ability to safely transport passengers or reflect negatively on public safety results in disqualification.
- **Ongoing compliance:** Criminal background checks are obtained and reviewed for each driver operating under its authority from the Pennsylvania State Police every 2 years from the date of the last criminal history check.
- **Record retention:** Copies of all criminal history records are retained for a minimum of three (3) years, as required by regulation.
- **Confidential handling:** All criminal history information is maintained securely and used solely for compliance and safety purposes.

Call or demand and limousine drivers.

(1) ***Criminal background check.*** Prior to permitting a person to act as a call or demand or limousine driver, a carrier shall conduct or have a third party conduct a local and National criminal background check for each driver applicant. The background check must include a multistate or multijurisdictional criminal records locator or other similar commercial Nationwide database with primary source search validation and a review of the United States Department of Justice National sex offender public web site. The carrier shall disqualify an applicant convicted of certain crimes in accordance with the following:

(i) An applicant convicted of any of the following within the preceding 7 years:

- (A) Driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- (B) A felony conviction involving theft.
- (C) A felony conviction for fraud.
- (D) A felony conviction for a violation of The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act (35 P.S. § § 780-101—780-144).

(ii) An applicant convicted of any of the following within the preceding 10 years:

- (A) Use of a motor vehicle to commit a felony.
- (B) Burglary or robbery.

(iii) An applicant convicted of any of the following at any time:

- (A) A sexual offense under 42 Pa.C.S. § 9799.14(c) or (d) (relating to sexual offenses and tier system) or similar offense under the laws of another jurisdiction or under a former law of the Commonwealth.
- (B) A crime of violence as defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 5702 (relating to definitions).
- (C) An act of terror.

(2) ***Frequency.*** One year after engaging a driver and every second year thereafter, the criminal background and driving history checks required under this subsection shall be conducted and that a driver continues to be eligible to be a driver shall be verified.

(3) *Record retention.* A copy of the criminal history shall be maintained by the call or demand or limousine driver for at least 3 years.

c. Driver Training Program

All drivers participate in a structured training program prior to being assigned passenger service duties and periodically thereafter. Our training program includes:

1. Regulatory Training

- Overview of Title 52 Pa. Code § 29 requirements, including driver conduct, licensing, safety obligations, and compliance expectations.
- Explanation of PUC rules governing passenger carriers.

2. Vehicle Operation and Safety

- Safe operation of company vehicles.
- Defensive driving techniques.
- Procedures for accident prevention, emergency response, and incident reporting.

3. Passenger Service and Conduct

- Proper interaction with passengers.
- Assistance to passengers as needed.
- Expectations for professional appearance and behavior.

4. Company Policies

- Alcohol and drug prohibitions.
- Hours of service expectations.
- Reporting requirements for license status changes, citations, or incidents.

Training completion is documented and maintained in each driver's personnel file. Refresher training is provided as necessary to ensure continued compliance and safe operation.

d. System for Conducting Driver License Checks

To comply with 52 Pa. Code § 29.504, we maintain a comprehensive driver license monitoring system:

- **Initial verification:** Prior to hire, we obtain and review a driving history record from the appropriate state motor vehicle authority covering at least the previous **three (3) years**.
- **Annual monitoring:** Driving records are reviewed at least **once every 12 months** after hire to ensure continued qualification.
- **Disqualification standards:** Drivers with excessive moving violations or serious offenses, as defined in § 29.504, are disqualified or removed from service.

- **License status monitoring:** Drivers are required to immediately report any suspension, revocation, or restriction of their driver's license.
- **Record retention:** Driving history records are retained for a minimum of **two (2) years**.

This system ensures that only qualified and legally licensed drivers are permitted to operate in service.

e. Policies Regarding Alcohol and Drug Use

In strict compliance with 52 Pa. Code §§ 29.506 and 29.507, we enforce a zero-tolerance policy regarding alcohol and drug use:

- **Alcohol prohibition:** Drivers are prohibited from consuming alcohol, being under the influence of alcohol, or having any detectable amount of alcohol in their system while on duty or operating a vehicle.
- **Drug prohibition:** Drivers may not use, possess, or be under the influence of controlled substances while performing safety-sensitive duties.
- **Testing policies:** We conduct pre-employment drug testing and may conduct reasonable suspicion, post-accident, or random testing as permitted by law.
- **Disciplinary action:** Any violation of the alcohol or drug policy results in immediate removal from service and may lead to termination.
- **Driver acknowledgment:** All drivers are required to sign a written acknowledgment confirming their understanding of and compliance with these policies.

Question 10 – Financial Data (Revised Statement of Financial Position Narrative)

The owners will be providing the necessary capital to support the requirements for providing the paratransit services, insurance premiums, reserve for repairs that are needed to operate a successful transportation business. See revised Statement of financial position.

A physical for DOT medical certificate was scheduled for Tuesday 12/30/2025

Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)

As of (date) 12/28/2025

(Must be less than 6 months old)

ASSETS

Current Assets			
Cash		\$ 4,000	
Other Current Assets (specify)	owner's capital	\$ 35,000	
	Total Current Assets		<u>39,000</u>
Tangible Assets			
Motor Vehicle Equipment		\$ 15,000	
Property (buildings, land, etc.)		0	
Office Equipment			<u>15,000</u>
	TOTAL ASSETS		<u>54,000</u>

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities (Due within one year of date)			
Loans		0	
Credit cards/revolving credit		\$ 78	
Other Liabilities (Attach schedule)	general liability 1x year	\$ 902	
	Total Current Liabilities		<u>980</u>
Long Term Liabilities (Due after one year of date)			
Mortgage		0	
Long term commercial loan		0	
Other Liabilities (Attach Schedule)			
	Total Long-Term Liabilities		<u>0</u>
	TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>980</u>