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**Supplemental Response to Question #5 - Driver Qualifications,
Background Checks, and Driver History Procedures**

Regarding Application for Motor Common Carrier of Persons in Group and Party
Service Vehicles Seating 11 to 15 Passengers, including the Driver

Happy Valley Hops & Vines Tours, LLC submits the following supplemental information in response to the Commission's request for additional information concerning Question #5 of the Verified Statement of Applicant, Applicant provides the following supplemental information regarding driver hiring standards, criminal background checks, and driver license/history checks in compliance with 52 Pa. Code 29.503-29.505.

a. Hiring Standards for Drivers

(52 Pa. Code 29.503 - Age Restrictions)

- Applicant will maintain the following hiring standards for all drivers operating under its authority:
- All drivers must possess a valid driver's license appropriate for the class of vehicle being operated and must maintain that license in good standing at all times.
- All drivers must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age prior to operating any vehicle in Applicant's authorized service, in compliance with 52 Pa. Code 29.503.
- Drivers must successfully complete:
 - A driver license/history review;
 - A criminal background check;
 - Verification of identity and employment eligibility;
 - Review of prior employment and driving experience.
- Drivers may not have a suspended, revoked, or expired driver's license.
- Drivers must demonstrate the ability to safely operate passenger vehicles and comply with all Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission regulations and applicable motor vehicle laws.

b. System for Conducting Criminal Background Checks

(52 Pa. Code 29.505 - Criminal History)

Applicant will conduct criminal background checks as follows:

i. Frequency of Criminal Background Checks

1. A multistate criminal history background check, along with a check of the national sex offender registry, from the Pennsylvania State Police and every other state in which the person has resided for the last twelve (12) months will be completed before any driver is permitted to operate under Applicant's authority.
2. Thereafter, criminal background checks will be conducted every two (2) years in accordance with 52 Pa. Code 29.505.

3. Additional background checks may be conducted at any time if Applicant becomes aware of information suggesting a driver may no longer meet Applicant's safety or suitability standards.

ii. Criminal History Disqualifications

Applicant will not permit a person to operate a vehicle in its authorized service when the person was convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor under the laws of the Commonwealth or under the laws of another jurisdiction, to the extent the conviction relates adversely to that person's suitability to provide service safely and legally. A driver may be disqualified from employment or continued service for convictions or pending charges involving, but not limited to:

- Driving under the influence (DUI/DWI);
- Reckless driving offenses involving injury or serious danger;
- Violent crimes;
- Sexual offenses;
- Human trafficking or crimes involving passengers;
- Theft, fraud, or dishonesty offenses;
- Drug trafficking or felony narcotics offenses;
- Crimes involving weapons;
- Repeated criminal conduct demonstrating disregard for public safety.

Applicant reserves the right to evaluate criminal histories on a case-by-case basis consistent with applicable law and public safety considerations.

iii. Record Retention for Criminal Background Checks

All criminal background record checks documentation will be maintained in secure physical paper format in accordance with applicable recordkeeping and confidentiality requirements of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. Paper records will be stored in locked filing cabinets located within a secured office area with access limited to authorized personnel only. Documents containing confidential or personally identifiable information will be handled in a manner designed to protect customer privacy and prevent unauthorized access, disclosure, alteration, or removal. Records will be retained for the period required by applicable governmental and regulatory requirements and will be securely destroyed when no longer required..

Records will be retained for a minimum of three (3) years, or longer if otherwise required by law or company policy, and will be made available for inspection by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission upon request.

c. System for Conducting Driver License/History Checks

(52 Pa. Code 29.504 - Driver History)

Applicant will conduct driver license and driver history checks as follows:

i. Frequency of Driver License/History Checks

1. Prior to permitting any individual to operate under Applicant's authority, Applicant will obtain and review the driver history from the appropriate licensing agency for every state in which the driver held a motor vehicle license during the preceding three (3) years.
2. After the initial review, Applicant will conduct driver history checks at least once every twelve (12) months for all active drivers, in compliance with 52 Pa. Code 29.504.
3. Applicant will also monitor drivers for any known license suspensions, revocations, or major moving violations between annual reviews.

ii. Record Retention for Driver History Checks

All driver history checks and supporting documentation will be maintained in secure physical paper format in accordance with applicable recordkeeping and confidentiality requirements of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. Paper records will be stored in locked filing cabinets located within a secured office area with access limited to authorized personnel only. Documents containing confidential or personally identifiable information will be handled in a manner designed to protect customer privacy and prevent unauthorized access, disclosure, alteration, or removal. Records will be retained for the period required by applicable governmental and regulatory requirements and will be securely destroyed when no longer required.

Records will be retained for a minimum of two (2) years in accordance with 52 Pa. Code 29.504 and will be available for inspection by Commission staff upon request.

I, Rebecca Lord, 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).

Signature:



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Account # [REDACTED] 9783 Company
 Name ID HA Corp ID 01

Opened **Jan 09, 2026**
 SSN/TIN **41-3149607**
 Charter date **Dec 17, 2025**
 Mother's maiden name **RANCK**
 Driver's license **BUSINESS DOCS**
 Code word [REDACTED]

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