

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3265

PUC, Bureau of Transportation and
Safety (BTS)

Public Meeting held June 9, 2011
2134394-OSA

v.

Harry Williams t/a Eagle Taxi

Docket No. C-2010-2134394

Statement of Commissioner Wayne E. Gardner

Eagle Taxi was granted call or demand authority by this Commission in 1981. Since that time, Eagle has had 14 violations, five of which were for failure to maintain evidence of insurance on file with the Commission. The most recent violation occurred in 2009, when Eagle operated for 29 days without the insurance coverage required by our regulations.¹ During those 29 days Eagle provided service 162 times. BTS instituted a Complaint imposing a penalty of \$1,000 per incident. The Complaint also included 15 service log violations carrying a fine of \$50 each. The total penalty imposed by the Complaint was \$162,750. Eagle filed an Answer 314 days after the Complaint was filed, even though our regulations provide for a 20-day response period.² The Parties reached a Settlement whereby Eagle agrees to pay a \$5,000 penalty.

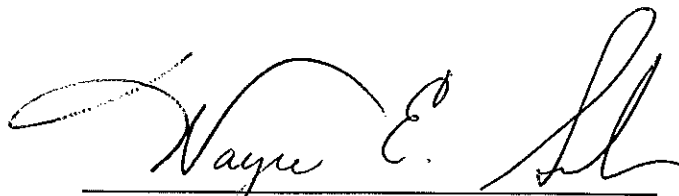
First, I would like to commend our enforcement staff for their diligence ensuring that lapses in insurance do not go unnoticed.

Second, I would like to make it very clear that this Commission considers customers' safety our highest priority. Operating without insurance is not acceptable.

Last, while I reluctantly support the Settlement, I find it troubling that a carrier holding authority for 30 years would treat our Regulations so casually. As part of the Settlement, Eagle agrees to comply with our Regulations and Orders in the future. I will hold them to their end of the bargain.

June 9, 2011

Date



Wayne E. Gardner, Commissioner

¹ 52 Pa. Code §32.11(a).

² 52 Pa. Code §5.61.