

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

Public Utility Commission,
Bureau of Transportation and Safety
v.
York Cab, Inc.

Public Meeting June 30, 2011
2151291-OSA
Docket No. C-2010-2151291

**JOINT DISSENTING STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN ROBERT F. POWELSON AND
VICE CHAIRMAN JOHN F. COLEMAN, JR.**

Before the Commission for consideration and disposition is the Settlement Agreement filed on March 10, 2011, by the Commission's Law Bureau and York Cab, Inc. for resolution of allegations regarding York Cab, Inc.'s violations of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa C. S. §§101, *et seq.* The Majority recommends adoption of the proposed Settlement Agreement. Consistent with our previous position in a similar matter¹, we respectfully disagree.

York Cab, Inc.'s operating rights were suspended on December 31, 2009, for failure to maintain evidence of insurance on file with the Commission. Evidence of liability insurance was subsequently filed by Respondent's insurance carrier indicating that insurance was effective as of January 5, 2010. Accordingly, there was a lapse of insurance coverage from December 31, 2009 through January 4, 2010. During that lapse, York Cab, Inc. provided service 180 times, with no insurance coverage thus placing the public in danger. This is unacceptable.

Operating a taxi service without the requisite insurance is a serious violation and jeopardizes the safety of the travelling public. This Commission's mission is to provide safe, adequate and reliable service. For the reasons stated above, we dissent from the Majority's decision to adopt the Settlement Agreement.

Date: June 30, 2011


ROBERT F. POWELSON, CHAIRMAN


JOHN F. COLEMAN, JR. VICE CHAIRMAN

¹ Public Utility Commission, Bureau of Transportation and Safety v. Harry Williams T/A Eagle Taxi, Docket No. C-2010-2134394 (Order entered June 13, 2011).