**BEFORE THE**

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, :

Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement :

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 v. :C-2014-2422723

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Uber Technologies, Inc. :

**INTERIM ORDER**

**ON MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

**TO FILE AN ANSWER**

 On June 6, 2014, the Commission’s Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (BIE), filed a complaint against Uber Technologies, Inc. (Uber). The complaint alleges, among other things, that Uber is acting as a broker of transportation without a certificate of public convenience and that its actions constitute a violation of the Public Utility Code. The complaint seeks civil penalties in the amount of $95,000 and an additional $1,000 per day for each day that Uber continues to operate after the date of filing. The Commission’s regulations require that an answer be filed within 20 days of service of the complaint. 52 Pa.Code § 1.56. Accordingly, the answer to BIE’s complaint is due on or before Thursday, June 26, 2014.

 On June 16, 2014, BIE filed a Petition for Interim Emergency Relief which seeks a cease and desist order that would require Uber to immediately cease operation.[[1]](#footnote-1) A hearing on the petition is scheduled to begin on Thursday, June 26, 2014.

 Uber filed a Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer to Complaint on June 19, 2014. Among other things, Uber contends that the extension of time, along with a request to stay proceedings on the complaint filed at the same time,[[2]](#footnote-2) is in the interest of judicial economy pending the Commission’s decision in the application for experimental authority filed by Raiser-PA LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Uber.[[3]](#footnote-3) BIE objects to the request for an extension.

 In our view, Uber’s answer to BIE’s complaint will aid the orderly presentation of evidence in the proceeding related to BIE’s request for emergency relief and will not hamper review of Raiser PA LLC’s application for authority from the Commission.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

 That the Motion of Uber Technologies, Inc. for Extension of Time to File Answer to Complaint filed on June 19, 2014, is DENIED.

Date: June 20, 2014

 Mary D. Long

 Administrative Law Judge

 Jeffrey A. Watson

 Administrative Law Judge

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1. P-2014-2426846. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. A decision on Uber’s Motion to Stay will be decided by separate order. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. See PUC Docket No. A-2014-2416127. A hearing has not yet been scheduled on the application pending decision on preliminary objections filed by the applicant seeking dismissal of protests which were filed to the application. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)