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Maryland Public Service Commission Approves Settlement to Regulate UberBlack and UberSUV Services

Settlement Ensures Compliance with Fundamental Public Safety Standards

(BALTIMORE, February 26, 2015)—The Maryland Public Service Commission today approved a proposed settlement between Uber Technologies, Inc. (Uber) and Commission Staff that ensures that Marylanders who use UberBlack and UberSUV services receive the benefits of existing public safety standards for sedans, limousines and other non-taxicab for-hire carriers.

Under the terms of the settlement, Uber's subsidiary, Drinnen LLC, agrees to be treated as a common carrier and will file a motor-carrier permit with the Commission. The settlement also requires that Drinnen will provide the Commission with the names of all drivers who accept trip requests through Uber's digital platform in Maryland.

Drinnen will file with the Commission a schedule of its times, rates and charges, which may include maximum and minimum rates and surge pricing. This information will also be made available to the public on the Internet.

As stated in the Order, key issues in the proceeding are resolved by the settlement; specifically, "... compliance with regulatory requirements for transportation services and assurance of public safety through use of drivers with Commission-issued operating permits and fully insured Commission-inspected vehicles."

To help ensure public safety, all drivers used by Drinnen will hold Maryland passenger-for-hire driver's licenses and will use vehicles that have Maryland operating permits. The drivers will not be exclusive to Drinnen and may contract with other licensed motor carriers.

The proposed settlement is part of Case 9325 and was the subject of a December 19, 2014, evidentiary hearing. A remaining issue in Case No. 9325 concerns draft regulations that would govern all non-taxicab for-hire carriers, including app-based transportation network companies that use drivers who are not already licensed by the Commission. The draft regulations, which were filed by the Commission's Office of Staff Counsel after receiving input from a working group, will be the subject of a rulemaking (RM 55) on March 20, 2015.

Order No. 86877, which includes the complete terms of the settlement, is available on the Commission's website, www.psc.state.md.us, and in the docket for Case 9325.

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