

## Truth in Testimony Disclosure Form

In accordance with Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)\* of the *Rules of the House of Representatives*, witnesses are asked to disclose the following information. Please complete this form electronically by filling in the provided blanks.

Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

Subcommittee: Highways and Transit

Hearing Date: 4/30/2024

Hearing Title :

"It's Electric: A Review of Fleet Electrification Efforts."

Witness Name: Taki Danakos

Position/Title: Vice President of Maintenance and Fleet Services

Witness Type:  Governmental  Non-governmental

Are you representing yourself or an organization?  Self  Organization

If you are representing an organization, please list what entity or entities you are representing:

PITT Ohio Express on behalf of the ATA.

### FOR WITNESSES APPEARING IN A NON-GOVERNMENTAL CAPACITY

Please complete the following fields. If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.

Are you a fiduciary—including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent—of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing? If so, please list the name of the organization(s) or entities.

No.

Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the hearing's subject matter that you or the organization(s) you represent have received in the past thirty-six months from the date of the hearing. Include the source and amount of each grant or contract.

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End Date 9/30/23

Please list any contracts, grants, or payments originating with a foreign government and related to the hearing's subject that you or the organization(s) you represent have received in the past thirty-six months from the date of the hearing. Include the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.

N/A
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Please complete the following fields. If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.

- I have attached a written statement of proposed testimony.
- I have attached my curriculum vitae or biography.

\*Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5), of the U.S. House of Representatives provides:

(5)(A) Each committee shall, to the greatest extent practicable, require witnesses who appear before it to submit in advance written statements of proposed testimony and to limit their initial presentations to the committee to brief summaries thereof.

(B) In the case of a witness appearing in a non-governmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include— (i) a curriculum vitae; (ii) a disclosure of any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts, grants, or payments originating with a foreign government, received during the past 36 months by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (iii) a disclosure of whether the witness is a fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing.

(C) The disclosure referred to in subdivision (B)(ii) shall include— (i) the amount and source of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (ii) the amount and country of origin of any payment or contract related to the subject matter of the hearing originating with a foreign government.

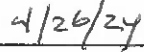
(D) Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy or security of the witness, shall be made publicly available in electronic form 24 hours before the witness appears to the extent practicable, but not later than one day after the witness appears.

**False Statements Certification**

Knowingly providing material false information to this committee/subcommittee, or knowingly concealing material information from this committee/subcommittee, is a crime (18 U.S.C. § 1001). This form will be made part of the hearing record.



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Witness signature



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Date

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### **DEMONSTRATED SKILLS**

- Leadership
- Creative Thinking
- Employee Development
- Adaptability to New Technologies
- Integrity and Responsibility
- Self-Sufficient
- Communication Skills
- Service-Focused

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **PITT OHIO EXPRESS**

**VICE PRESIDENT OF MAINTENANCE & FLEET SERVICES, Pittsburgh, PA** 01/2019 – Present

Lead 150-person team providing direct maintenance support to a fleet consisting of 1550 power units, 2900 trailers, 23 maintenance shops and an annual budget of \$88 M

- Developing Fleet Roadmap of Class 7 and 8 trucks and tractors to best leverage emerging technologies.
- Improved fuel economy 7% through multilayered approach to better maintenance, specifications and visibility.

#### **TRANSERVICE COMPANIES**

**VICE PRESIDENT OF MAINTENANCE, Pittsburgh, PA** 10/2016 – 12/2019

Led team providing direct maintenance support to an organization consisting of over 250 technicians and 60 shops through out the US and the Caribbean.

- Engineered a successful turn around and retention of one of our top contract maintenance revenue generating accounts to the organization.
- Established critical OEM relationships that improved warranty recovery, campaign completion and technician training across the enterprise.

**ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT, Pittsburgh, PA** 8/2011 – 9/2016

Led 70-person team providing maintenance support to a private fleet consisting of 2700 leased assets, dispersed through out 17 centers around the country including Puerto Rico.

- Established formal technician training program that improved readiness.
- Developed standard processes and controls for rebills, claims, and status changes.

#### **FEDEX GROUND**

**MANAGER VEHICLE MAINTENANCE, Pittsburgh, PA** 9/2010 – 4/2011

Led 7-person team providing maintenance support to include regulatory compliance, budget management, equipment lifecycle management, tire management, breakdown analysis, warranty recovery and sustainability initiatives.

- Planned and coordinated fleet retrofit of Global Positioning Systems on 20,000 assets during an 8-month period.
- Organized and led a Quality Action Team to positively impact carriers Compliance Safety Accountability Vehicle Maintenance score.
- Increased proceeds recovered from the sale of disposal equipment by 50%.

**PROJECT MANAGER, Pittsburgh, PA** **11/2007 – 8/2010**  
Led hybrid vehicle projects in the department, as well as assisted in fleet cost analysis, Smartway certification, and vehicle regulatory compliance.

**MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST, Pittsburgh, PA** **10/2005 – 10/2007**  
Led breakdown analysis and accident investigation for a fleet of 5,000 tractors and 30,000 trailers.

**PENSKE TRUCK LEASING**

**BRANCH SERVICE MANAGER, Pittsburgh, PA** **3/2005 - 10/2005**  
Led a 25-person team providing maintenance support to a rental and lease fleet of over 1000 units.

**SCHNEIDER NATIONAL CARRIERS, INC.**

**OPERATING CENTER SERVICE MANAGER, Carlisle, PA** **4/2003 - 3/2005**  
Led a 70-person team providing maintenance support to a dedicated fleet of over 700 tractors in the Northeast, as well as a system fleet.

**Maintenance Team Leader, Fontana, CA** **7/2001-3/2003**  
Led a 20-person team providing maintenance support to a dedicated fleet of over 500 tractors in the western region, as well as a system fleet.

**UNITED STATES ARMY FIRST LIEUTENANT** **6/1995 - 7/2001**  
**BATTALION SIGNAL OFFICER**  
Led 20-person team providing communication support for 508-person armor battalion. Developed and fielded a new Digital Tactical Operations Center.

**SECURE MOBILE ANTI-JAM RELIABLE TACTICAL-TERMINAL PLATOON LEADER**  
Led 15-person team fielding Army's first SMART-T platoon. Worked closely with project managers, contractors, and tactical satellite manager to refine new satellite.

**COMMUNICATIONS PLATOON LEADER**  
Led 25-person team providing communications support for 628-person artillery battalion.

**SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE ANALYST**  
Led 3-person team providing analysis and reporting of highly significant intelligence activity to National Command Authority and Theatre Commanders.

**VOLUNTEER**

TMC Study Group Chair S.11 Sustainability **9/2023 - Present**  
The Education Partnership Board Member **1/2021 - Present**  
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral Board Member **1/2017 – 12/2019**

**EDUCATION**

**University of Pittsburgh B.S. Biological Sciences 1994, Pittsburgh, PA**  
**Leadership Development Initiative Class XV, 2008**  
**Leadership Pittsburgh Inc. Class XXXVII, 2021**