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Commuter Services Announces Dump the Pump Contest Winners

YORK, Pa. (Aug 1, 2013) – Commuter Services of Pennsylvania has announced the winners of their 2013 Dump the Pump Essay contest. This year, National Dump the Pump Day took place on Thursday, June 20. The annual event focuses on the benefits of using alternative forms of transportation as opposed to driving alone. To enter the contest, commuters were encouraged to Dump the Pump on June 20 by taking public transit, biking, carpooling, vanpooling, walking, or teleworking and then write about it for a chance to win.

In 250 words or less, commuters wrote about how much money they have saved and/or how their quality of life has been improved when they "Dumped the Pump" by using a non-single occupancy vehicle commuting option.

Vania Setlock of Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill County has been selected as the grand prize winner. Setlock carpools nearly 100 miles roundtrip each day to her job at the Hershey Company in Dauphin County. As the grand prize winner, she received a Smart Commuter Prize Pack (valued at \$50) and a \$25 gift card. Her Dump the Pump essay can be read at pacommuterservices.org/2013dumpthepumpwinners.

Smaller prizes (valued at \$15) were also awarded to two additional runner-up winners:

§ Joydeep Chatterjee of Enola, Cumberland County, who rides transit to his job at DCNR in Harrisburg, Dauphin County.

§ Christine Quimby of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, who rides her bike to work at Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board in Harrisburg, Dauphin County.

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- Adams, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Reading and York Area Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs); Harrisburg MPO (Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties).

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