



Uber Agrees to Settle Fare Shortfall Claims of 4,600 Drivers

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Uber Technologies, Inc. agreed to settle a lawsuit by drivers who say the company's practice of paying based on upfront fare estimates shorted drivers on pay they were due for a trip's actual time and distance.

Company records show 4,594 drivers experienced shortfalls, according to a motion for court approval filed by the drivers' lawyers. Each driver earned an average of \$162.72 less over the 17-month period covered by the lawsuit because of upfront pricing, according to an analysis performed by an economics professor.

Uber agreed to pay a combined amount of just over \$345,000 to settle the drivers' claims.

Uber started using the upfront pricing model in 2016 because customers like having a fare estimate before committing to a ride, Bloomberg News reported last year. The company previously used a system similar to a traditional taxi meter that charged an amount at the end of the ride based on time and distance.

The agreement is subject to approval by Judge William Alsup of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, who will decide whether it's a fair and reasonable resolution.

The case is Dulberg v. Uber Techs, Inc., N.D. Cal., No. 3:17-cv-00850, motion for preliminary settlement approval 8/24/18.

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