

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the	)	APPLICATION NO. TR-165
Prescription of Reasonable	)	
Rates and Charges for Motor	)	GRANTED AS AMENDED
Carriers Passengers and	)	ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS
Property for Hire Subject to	)	
The provision of Neb. Rev.	)	
Stat. (Reissue 2006), Chapter	)	
75, Articles 1 and 3.	)	ENTERED: MAY 28, 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:

## OPINION AND FINDINGS

On May 23, 2008, Action Taxi & Limo Co., Inc, Sioux City, Iowa, filed an application for authority to amend the taxi fares in South Sioux City, Nebraska as follows:

Current Rates	Current	Proposed
I. Meter Rates:		
A. 1 <sup>st</sup> 1/10 mile	\$1.90	\$1.95
B. Ea. Add. 1/10 mile	\$0.20	
B. Ea. Add. 1/7 mile		\$0.30

All other minimum charges and waiting time charges and fuel surcharge are to remain the same.

Emergency action is requested.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds certificate B-1382. The certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers and their baggage by taxicab between points in Dakota County over irregular routes. The last rate change approval for the South Sioux City area was granted in October of 2004.

In support of the application, Luis Nuno, the owner of the applicant, states that the cost of gasoline has risen tremendously over the past few months. At the time of the last increase granted in October of 2004, the cost of a gallon of gasoline was \$1.89. This is a 100 percent increase in the cost of gasoline in a three and one-half year period.

The proposed increases are 2.6 percent in the drop charge and a 5 percent increase in the mileage. When

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compared to the cost increases experienced by the Applicant, the proposed increases are reasonable. The Commission finds that the proposed rates are reasonable for the community and justified by the increases in costs.

The Commission finds that an emergency situation does exist that requires the granting of this application on an emergency basis. The proposed rates are reasonable, and should be granted. The new rates will apply to all taxicab companies that have authority in South Sioux City, Nebraska.

The application is filed pursuant to Section 75-121, R.R.S. 2006 as amended.

Upon consideration of the application and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the application should be granted on an emergency basis effective June 2, 2008.

## ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective June 2, 2008, the South Sioux City,, Nebraska taxi rates be, and it is hereby, amended as follows:

Description	Rate
I. Meter Rates:	
A. 1 <sup>st</sup> 1/10 mile	\$1.95
B. Ea. Add. 1/7 mile	\$0.30
II. Minimum Charge:	
A. Veteran's Bridge to 21 <sup>st</sup> Street	\$4.00
B. 21 <sup>st</sup> Street to the 229 By-pass	\$6.00
C. 229 By-pass to Dakota City	\$10.00
III. Waiting Time:	No change
IV. Fuel Surcharge	
Price/Gallon	Surcharge
Under \$1.60	Zero
\$1.60-1.69	\$0.15
\$1.70-1.79	\$0.20

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\$1.80-1.89  
\$1.90-1.99  
\$2.00-2.09

\$0.25  
\$0.30  
\$0.35

The fuel surcharge is to follow the same format for prices above \$2.09 per gallon, with the surcharge increasing \$0.05 for every \$0.10 increase in the cost of gasoline.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service that notice of this amendment to their rates be conspicuously displayed within each vehicle and all passengers be notified that the fuel surcharge is in additional to the regular meter fare.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the fuel surcharge be paid to the individual or individuals paying for the fuel.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that public notice of this action be published in the Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, pursuant to the provisions of Section 75-121. R.R.S. 2006, and the Commissions Rules.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 28th day of May, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Gerald T. Vep*

*Frank E. Landis*

*Tim Schram*

//s// Anne C. Boyle  
//s// Frank E. Landis

ATTEST:

*Anne C. Boyle*  
Chair

*Michael J. H. H.*  
Executive Director