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BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. B-1971
of WHC NE, LLC, d/b/a Happy Cab)
and Z Trip, Lincoln, seeking to)
acquire, through sale or) ORDER SCHEDULING HEARING
transfer, the authority held by)
Happy Cab Company d/b/a Happy)
Cab in Application No. B-1215.) Entered: May 17, 2018

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N . A N D F I N D I N G S

By application filed March 28, 2018, WHC NE, LLC d/b/a Z Trip, ("Applicant"), Lincoln, seeks approval of the acquisition of the operating rights and authority granted to Happy Cab Company d/b/a Happy Cab in Application No. B-1215, which authorizes:

SERVICE AND TERRITORY AUTHORIZED:

Common: (A) Operate taxicabs in Omaha and vicinity. (B) Transportation by taxicab of articles weighing 100 pounds or less between Omaha, on the one hand, and on the other, between points in Nebraska over irregular routes. **RESTRICTION:** Restricted to an unscheduled service performed at the same rate as passenger service with both pickup and delivery made in the same vehicle. **Supplement 3:** Passengers and baggage in taxicabs over irregular routes between points in Washington, Dodge, Saunders, Sarpy, and Cass Counties, and between points in said counties on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska. **Supplement 4: Common:** Transportation of passengers by taxi in Lancaster County, and between points in Lancaster County on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes. **RESTRICTION:** The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not allowed. HHS Designation is yes.

Notice of the Application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 6, 2018. No protests were filed. The Commission granted Applicant's request for temporary operating authority on April 17, 2018.

In addition to the above-captioned Application, Applicant is seeking approval of the acquisition of the operating rights and authority granted to Airport Transportation Company d/b/a Van Go and My Sedan in Application No. B-1123 (Application No. B-1969), DonMark, Inc. d/b/a Cornhusker Cab Company in Application No. B-1410 (Application No. B-1970), Happy Cab Company d/b/a Checker Cab Company in Application No. B-1121 (Application No. B-1972), Happy

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Cab Company d/b/a Yellow Cab Company in Application No. B-1122 (Application No. B-1973), and Valor Transportation Company d/b/a Safeway Cabs in Application No. B-1744 (Application No. B-1974). These six authorities have operated together as the Happy Cab Companies for several years in eastern Nebraska, including Omaha and Lincoln.

As the acquisition involves the largest taxicab carrier operating in the state, approval of the Applications will be determined by hearing in lieu of affidavits. Therefore, hearing on this docket will be held on **Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Commission Hearing Room, 1200 N Street, Suite 300, Lincoln, Nebraska. The hearing on the above-captioned Application will be held concurrently with the hearings on Application Nos. B-1969, B-1971, B-1972, B-1973, and B-1974. Applicant should be prepared to discuss and answer questions regarding the proposed acquisition, continuity of services and operations, and Applicant's Request for Deviations from Certain Commission Rules filed April 13, 2018.

Applicant has advised the Commission that it will arrange for a court reporter for the hearing on this matter. Therefore, the hearing fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for each half-day will be waived.

If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed for attendance at the meeting, please call the Commission at (402) 471-3101. For people with hearing/speech impairments, please call the Commission at (402) 471-0213 (TDD) or the Nebraska Relay System at (800) 833-7352 (TDD) or (800) 833-0920 (Voice). Advance notice of at least seven days is needed when requesting an interpreter.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that hearing on this matter is scheduled for **May 22, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Commission Hearing Room, 1200 N Street, Suite 300, Lincoln, Nebraska.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 17th day of May, 2018.

BY:



Tim Schram
HEARING OFFICER