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BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application ) Application No. B-1972  
of WHC NE, LLC, d/b/a Checker )  
Cab Company and Z Trip, Lincoln, )  
seeking to acquire, through sale ) ORDER SCHEDULING HEARING  
or transfer, the authority held )  
by Happy Cab Company d/b/a )  
Checker Cab Company in )  
Application No. B-1121. ) 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 Checker Cab Company in Application No. B-1121, which authorizes:

SERVICE AND TERRITORY AUTHORIZED:

**Common:** Operate taxicabs in Omaha and vicinity in transportation of passengers and baggage. **Supplement 5:** Passengers and baggage in taxicabs between points in Washington, Dodge, Saunders, Douglas, Sarpy and Cass Counties, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska. **Supplement 6: Common:** Transportation of passenger 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-1971), Happy Cab Company d/b/a Happy Cab in Application No. B-1215 (Application No. B-1972), Happy 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

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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 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

BY:



Tim Schram  
HEARING OFFICER