

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) APPLICATION NO. BR-571/
of Comstock Corporation, d/b/a) B-1517
Action Cab, Grand Island,)
seeking to establish its rates) GRANTED
and charges subject to the)
Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.)
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.) ENTERED: December 3, 2019

BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 29, 2019, Comstock Corporation d/b/a Action Cab, ("Applicant"), Grand Island, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to establish and amend its rates for its use in its operations as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Open Class:		
0-5 miles (includes up to 3 passengers)	N/A	\$20.00
Statewide mileage rate	N/A	\$1.75 per mile
Each additional passenger per mile or part thereof	N/A	\$0.50
Grand Island and Hasting Metered Taxi Rates:		
First 1/7 mile initial drop free	\$2.30	\$3.70
Each additional 1/7 mile or fraction thereof	\$0.30	\$0.30
Each additional passenger	\$1.00	\$1.00
Wait time per minute	\$0.30	\$0.50
Trips outside Grand Island or Hastings City Limits	\$1.40 per mile	\$1.75 per mile
Limousine Rates	N/A	\$100/hour

Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on September 16, 2019. No protests were filed.

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

On February 20, 2019, the Commission granted Applicant's acquisition of R&A Transport, LLC, York, which held Certificate B-1645, cancelled Certificate B-1645, and consolidated Certificate language. Applicant's certificate authorizes transporting

passengers in taxicab service within Grand Island and the surrounding territory with the following restrictions: the transportation of passengers by taxicab service between points in Adams County, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Adams, Buffalo, Clay, Franklin, Hall, Hamilton, Kearney, Nuckolls, and Webster counties. The Transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not permitted, and the HHS Designation is yes.

The Certificate also states that Applicant is authorized to provide open class service to the facilities of Epworth Village in Grand Island or York, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska, under contracts with Epworth Village, Inc., the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, and subcontractors thereof. The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not permitted, and the HHS Designation is yes. Applicant will provide open class service statewide using sedans with the following restrictions: Applicant shall not originate trips in Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Jefferson, Saline, Sarpy, Saunders, Thayer, or Washington counties, except transportation of passengers to the facilities of Epworth Village in Grand Island or York; Applicant shall not provide service originating and terminating in Gage, Johnson, Lancaster, Pawnee, and Richardson counties; the transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not permitted, and the HHS Designation is yes. Applicant will provide open class service using vans between points in Grand Island, Hastings, and Columbus, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska with the following restrictions: Applicant shall not provide transportation to or from the Lincoln Municipal Airport. The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not permitted, and the HHS Designation is yes. Applicant will provide open class service using four-wheel-drive vehicles within Grand Island and its vicinity.

Applicant is also authorized to provide limousine service using luxury automobiles between points within Grand Island and a 25-mile radius of Grand Island, as well as between Grand Island, Hastings, and Columbus, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska. The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not permitted, and the HHS Designation is no.

Applicant's proposed rate application seeks to establish its open class and limousine rates. After examining the other carriers that provide similar services in the same areas as Applicant, the Commission finds the proposed rates are reasonable.

Applicant also seeks to amend its taxicab rates. The proposed rates are higher than Applicant's current rates, and would include a significant increase in the initial drop charge for trips wholly within Hastings or Grand Island. Those trips outside of Grand Island and Hastings would now be \$1.75 per mile.

Applicant is seeking the proposed rate change in response to an increase in operational costs. Applicant states that the increase in rates would alleviate the increase in insurance premiums and fuel costs since the company's last rate change, while also ensuring the company has the ability to maintain the quality of service currently offered. Although an examination of the rates show a significant difference between the proposed initial drop charge and those of similarly situated carriers, the Commission finds that when taken as a whole, the proposed rates are reasonable.

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.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Comstock Corporation d/b/a Action Cab, Grand Island, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to establish and amend its rates for its services effective December 8, 2019 as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Open Class:	
0-5 miles (includes up to 3 passengers)	\$20.00
Statewide mileage rate	\$1.75 per mile
Each additional passenger per mile or part thereof	\$0.50
Grand Island and Hasting Metered Taxi Rates:	
First 1/7 mile initial drop free	\$3.70
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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 3rd day
of December, 2019.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING

Catal Knudsen
Bob Larson
David W. Brown
Tim Schram

Mary Ridd
Chair

ATTEST:

Michelle HSE
Executive Director