

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Blair Blue Cab, LLC, Blair, seeking to establish its rates and charges subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.) APPLICATION NO. TR-215/B-1958
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) GRANTED ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS
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) ENTERED: January 28, 2020

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On December 20, 2019, Blair Blue Cab, LLC ("Applicant"), Blair, filed an application for authority to amend its taxi rates by eliminating all previously granted rates and replacing those rates as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Ambulatory Transportation:	
Base Rate	\$4.00
Mileage Rate	\$2.25/mile
Standard Wheelchair Transportation:	
Base Rate	\$15.00
First 0-5 miles	No Charge
6 miles or more	\$1.66/mile
Attendant Fee	\$5.00/person
Escort/Wait time	\$10.00/hour
Bariatric Wheelchair Transportation:	
Base Rate	\$28.50
First 0-5 miles	No Charge
6 miles or more	\$1.66/mile
Attendant Fee	\$5.00/person
Escort/Wait time	\$10.00/hour
Multiple Stops	\$0.50/stop
(all fares that require driver to stop and wait more than 2 different locations for more than 15 minutes before completing round trip or one-way trip)	

Emergency action is requested.

On November 7, 2017, Applicant was granted its Certificate of Authority under Application No. B-1958. Applicant currently transports passengers and baggage by taxicab between points in Thurston, Dakota, Cuming, Burt, Dodge, Washington, Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders, Cass, Otoe, Butler, Colfax, Seward and

Lancaster counties over irregular routes. The transportation of railroad train crews is not authorized, and HHS Designation is yes. The Commission previously entered an Order amending Applicant's rates on December 18, 2018.¹

Applicant is seeking to amend its published rates in order to account for additional costs, including substantially increased insurance costs, and states that its increased service territory made its flat zone fares impractical. Applicant will continue to calculate all rates using its electronic logging system. Upon review, the Commission finds that the proposed rates are reasonable.

In applications such as these, the Commission must find that an emergency situation exists. Such a situation exists in this application as Applicant should be placed in a position to account for additional business related expenses. Therefore, the Commission finds that a situation exists that allows the Commission to grant the application on an emergency basis.

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 January 28, 2020.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Blair Blue Cab, LLC, Blair, Nebraska be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its taxi rates for its services on an emergency basis effective January 28, 2020, as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Rates</u>
Ambulatory Transportation:	
Base Rate	\$4.00
Mileage Rate	\$2.25/mile
Standard Wheelchair Transportation:	
Base Rate	\$15.00
First 0-5 miles	No Charge
6 miles or more	\$1.66/mile
Attendant Fee	\$5.00/person
Escort/Wait time	\$10.00/hour

¹ See Application No. TR-212/B-1958 *In the Matter of Blair Blue Cab, LLC, Blair, seeking to amend its rates and charges subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3, Granted on an Emergency Basis (Entered Dec. 18, 2018).*

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Escort/Wait time	\$10.00/hour

Multiple Stops \$0.50/stop

(all fares that require driver to stop and wait more than 2 different locations for more than 15 minutes before completing round trip or one-way trip)

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 Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-121 and Commission rules.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 28th day of January, 2020.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING

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