

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) Application No. TR-217/B-1702
Application of Fremont Cab)
Services, LLC, Fremont,)
seeking to establish its rates) DENIED ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS
and charges subject to the)
Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.)
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.) Entered: May 5, 2020

BY THE COMMISSION:

On April 13, 2020, Fremont Cab Service, LLC ("Applicant"), Fremont, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its rates as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Initial drop charge	\$2.50	\$4.00
Mileage charge	\$0.25/ 1/8 th mile	\$0.25/ 1/10 th mile
Wait time	\$0.50/minute	No Change
Additional passenger (over 16 years of age)	\$1.00/passenger	No Change
Refusal of service	\$2.75	No Change
Fuel Surcharge:		
	\$2.80 - \$2.89: \$0.60	\$4.00 - \$4.49: \$0.25
	\$2.90 - \$2.99: \$0.65	\$4.50 - \$4.99: \$0.50
	\$3.00 - \$3.09: \$0.70	\$5.00 - \$5.49: \$0.75
	\$3.10 - \$3.19: \$0.75	\$5.50 - \$5.99: \$1.00
	Increase surcharge \$0.05 for every \$0.10 increase in fuel costs	Increase surcharge \$0.25 for every \$0.49 increase in fuel costs

Applicant requested that the application be considered on an emergency basis.

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

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1704. The Certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers and their baggage by taxicab within Fremont and points in the immediate area. HHS Designation is yes.

In support of its application, Applicant states that its operating costs have dramatically increased. Applicant cites

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its insurance and maintenance as two specific costs that have risen to the point that Applicant believes a rate increase is necessary. Applicant previously amended its rates in 2009.

Applicant is seeking to increase its initial drop charge from \$2.50 to \$4.00 (a 60% increase) and to increase its mileage charges from \$0.25 every 1/8th of a mile to \$0.25 every 1/10th of a mile (a 25% increase). Applicant also requests an increase to its fuel surcharge to be added to the proposed increased base fare per trip. There are no proposed changes to wait time, additional passenger charge, or the refusal of service charge.

In applications such as these, the Commission must find that an emergency situation exists in order to grant said application on an emergency basis. After reviewing the application as set forth, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the proposed rate increases cannot be approved without additional information. In its June 30, 2009 order granting Applicant's last rate increase (also on an emergency basis), the Commission advised Applicant to make more timely applications to ensure smaller rate increases for the general public.¹ Although Applicant submitted some information regarding increased costs with its application, it has been ten years since Applicant's last rate adjustment and the increase it is requesting is substantial enough to warrant additional information before the entry of a final order.

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 denied on an emergency basis. The Commission further finds that the Application should be processed pursuant to Commission rules regarding rate applications.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application TR-217 be, and is hereby, denied on

¹ See Application No. TR-173, *In the Matter of the Prescription of Reasonable Rates and Charges for Motor Carriers Passengers and Property for Hire Subject to the Provision of Neb. Rev. Stat. (Reissue 2004), Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3*, Granted as Modified on an Emergency Basis, Entered June 30, 2009.

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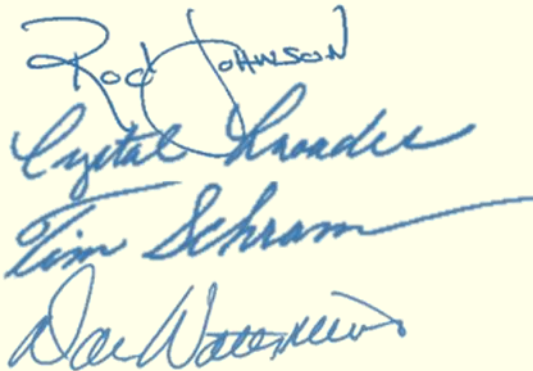
an emergency basis and shall be processed according to Commission rules and regulations regarding rate applications.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that public notice of this action be published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, pursuant to the provisions of Section 75-121 and Commission rules.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 5th day of May, 2020.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:





Chair

ATTEST:



Executive Director