

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the ) Application No. TR-219/  
Application of WHC NE, LLC ) B-1969, B-1970, B-1971,  
d/b/a Airport Transportation ) B-1972, B-1973, B-1974  
d/b/a My Sedan and zTrip; WHC )  
NE, LLC d/b/a Cornhusker Cab )  
Company and zTrip; WHC NE, LLC )  
d/b/a Happy Cab and zTrip; WHC )  
NE, LLC d/b/a Checker Cab ) ORDER GRANTING RATES ON  
Company and zTrip; WHC NE, LLC ) AN EMERGENCY BASIS  
d/b/a Yellow Cab Company and )  
zTrip; and WHC NE, LLC d/b/a )  
Safeway Cabs and zTrip, Omaha, )  
seeking to establish rates and )  
charges subject to the )  
Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. )  
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3. ) Entered: February 23, 2021

BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 19, 2021, WHC NE, LLC d/b/a Airport Transportation d/b/a My Sedan and zTrip; WHC NE, LLC d/b/a Cornhusker Cab Company and zTrip; WHC NE, LLC d/b/a Happy Cab and zTrip; WHC NE, LLC d/b/a Checker Cab Company and zTrip; WHC NE, LLC d/b/a Yellow Cab Company and zTrip; and WHC NE, LLC d/b/a Safeway Cabs and zTrip ("zTrip", together, "Applicants"), Omaha, filed an application for authority to amend their rates as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
Omaha Eppley Airfield	\$2.75/pick up or drop off
Ground Transportation Fee	

Emergency action is requested.

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

Applicants are each part of a Nebraska limited liability company with its principal business address in Kansas City, Missouri. The six zTrip companies combine to provide passenger transportation by taxicab and wheelchair equipment vans between points in various counties in eastern Nebraska, including Douglas and Lancaster counties, on the one hand and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes. Applicant's authorities were granted on June 12, 2018.

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In the application, Applicants are seeking to add a ground transportation fee of \$2.75 for each pick-up or drop-off of a passenger at Omaha Eppley Airfield to its current rate schedule. The fee would be applicable to any pick-up or drop-off at any location on Eppley Airfield's grounds by a vehicle operating under zTrip's taxi service authority. Applicants are not amending any other rates on the rate schedule.

This application is in response to the Commission's December 15, 2021 Order which established the ground transportation fee for any passenger carriers that provide transportation to or from Eppley Airfield. The fee is collected from the passenger and then passed on to the Omaha Airport Authority ("OAA"), which implemented its ground transportation fee to its registered passenger carriers effective January 1, 2021. Any carriers that wanted to assess the ground transportation fee as part of its rate schedule after January 1, 2021 were required to file a formal rate application to do so. The fee must be clearly identifiable on any receipts or contract for services. Based on the guidance of the Commission's December 15, 2020 Order, Applicants' proposed rate application is reasonable.

In applications such as these, the Commission must find that an emergency situation exists. Such a situation exists in this application, as the OAA ground transportation fee has already been implemented and Applicants should be placed in a position to collect the fee as an offset for its remittance of said fee to the Omaha Airport Authority pursuant to its provider agreement. The Commission therefore finds that an emergency basis 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 February 23, 2021.

### O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that WHC NE, LLC d/b/a Airport Transportation d/b/a My Sedan and zTrip; WHC NE, LLC d/b/a Cornhusker Cab Company and zTrip; WHC NE, LLC d/b/a Happy Cab and zTrip; WHC NE, LLC d/b/a Checker Cab Company and zTrip; WHC NE, LLC d/b/a Yellow Cab Company and zTrip; and WHC NE, LLC d/b/a Safeway Cabs and zTrip,

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Omaha, be, and are hereby, authorized to amend the rates for their services effective February 23, 2021 as follows:

**Description**

**Rate**

Omaha Eppley Airfield

\$2.75/pick up or drop off

Ground Transportation Fee

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2021.

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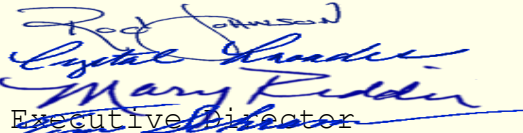
COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



Chair



ATTEST:



Executive Director