

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of WHC NE, LLC            ) Application No. B-1974.02r  
d/b/a Safeway Cabs and zTrip,        )  
Omaha, seeking to establish            )  
its rates and charges subject        ) ORDER AMENDING RATES  
to the Provisions of Neb. Rev.        )  
Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1         )  
and 3.                                    )  
  ) Entered: April 26, 2022

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 8, 2022, WHC NE, LLC d/b/a Safeway Cabs and zTrip ("Applicant"), Omaha, filed an application for authority to amend its rates by increasing its initial drop charges and mileage fares. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, on March 18, 2022. No protests were filed.

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

Applicant is a Nebraska Limited Liability Company with its principal business address in Omaha, Nebraska. Applicant is a certificated carrier that holds Certificate B-1974, which authorizes the transportation of passengers and their baggage in the city of Omaha and its vicinity. Applicant is further authorized to provide transportation of passengers 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. HHS Designation is yes.

Applicant is seeking to amend its existing rates previously granted under Rate Dockets TR-196.<sup>1</sup> In its application, Applicant's initial drop charge for in-town and out-of-town trips would increase from \$2.95 to \$3.50 for the first 1/6<sup>th</sup> mile. Each additional 1/11<sup>th</sup> mile would increase from \$0.20 to \$0.22 for an in-town trip, and out-of-town trip mileage would increase from \$2.25 to \$2.50 per mile. Minimum costs for both in-town and out-of-town trips would be \$6.00. Applicant states that the company has not amended its rates in seven years and needs the increase due to increased costs. A review of Applicant's proposed rates in comparison to rates offered by similar carriers for similar

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<sup>1</sup> See Docket TR-196 *In the Matter of the Application of Happy Cab, Checker Cab, Yellow Cab, DonMark, Inc., d/b/a Cornhusker Cab, and Valor Transportation, seeking to amend its rate and charges subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3, Granted as Modified* (Entered: June 14, 2014).

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services finds that the proposed rates are reasonable. The rates are also reasonable considering the increased expenses Applicant has incurred since the last time it amended its rates. The Commission advises Applicant to examine its rates and apply for more needed increases on a timelier basis to lessen the impact of the increase on the public.

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 effective May 1, 2022. The complete list of approved rates and charges are attached as Appendix A.

## O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that WHC NE, LLC d/b/a Safeway Cabs and zTrip, Omaha, Nebraska, be, and is hereby, authorized to amend its rates for its services effective May 1, 2022, as shown in Appendix A.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Rod Johnson*  
*Crystal Brader*  
*Mary Kadden*  
*Tim Schram*

*Don Watson*  
Chair

ATTEST:

*Thomas W. Golden*  
Executive Director

### **Rates and Charges**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Standard Fare	First 1/6 mile (initial drop charge)	\$3.50
Standard Fare	Each Additional 1/11 mile	\$0.22
Out-of-Town Fare	Rate per mile	\$2.50
Waiting Time	Per each 86 seconds	\$0.60
Flat Rate	Between Eppley Airfield and Hotels/Motels	Standard Fare above
Eppley Surcharge	Ground Transportation Fee	\$2.75 origination/termination
Cab Hired	By Hour	\$22/hour
No Service Charge		\$7.50
Time and Mileage Charge		Waiting time plus meter fare
Traffic Delay	Waiting Time	\$0.60
Fuel Surcharge	When fuel price exceeds \$4.00/gallon	\$0.60
Fuel Surcharge	When fuel price exceeds \$4.30/gallon	\$0.75
Fuel Surcharge	When fuel price exceeds \$4.60/gallon	\$0.90
Fuel Surcharge	When fuel price exceeds \$4.90/gallon	\$1.05
Fuel Surcharge	When fuel price exceeds \$5.20/gallon	Surcharge increases \$0.15 for every \$0.30 increase in the cost of fuel.

Note: In-town rates apply when trip is point-to-point in Douglas County, Sarpy County, or the city of Lincoln

*TR-180 Effective 8/30/2011; TR-219 Effective 2/23/2021; B-1974.01r Effective 10/19/2021; B-1974.02r Effective 5/1/2022*