

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) Application No. B-1894.02r
Application of E Z Cabs, Inc.,)
Sioux City, Iowa, seeking to)
establish its rates and) ORDER GRANTING RATES ON AN
charges subject to the) EMERGENCY BASIS
Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.)
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.)
) Entered: May 10, 2022

BY THE COMMISSION:

On April 12, 2022, E Z Cabs, Inc., ("Applicant"), Sioux City, Iowa, filed an application for authority to establish a fuel surcharge in its published rates. Applicant requested approval on an emergency basis.

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

Applicant is an Iowa corporation with its principal place of business in Sioux City, Iowa. Applicant is a certificate carrier that holds Certificate B-1894, which authorizes the transportation of passengers by taxicab over irregular routes between in points Dakota, Cedar, Dixon, Wayne, Thurston, Cuming, and Burt counties, and between points in said counties. HHS designation is no.

Applicant is seeking to amend its existing rates previously granted under Rate Docket B-1894.01r.¹ Applicant is seeking to establish a fuel surcharge for its South Sioux City zone rates. The surcharge amount ranges from \$2.00 to \$5.00 depending upon the zone. Applicant indicated that it wished to have the surcharge activate when fuel prices are \$2.00 per gallon. The proposed per gallon trigger is too low when considering the purpose of the surcharge is to offset spikes in fuel prices. We therefore find that a trigger of \$3.00 per gallon is more reasonable. Applicant must notify the Commission in writing when its fuel surcharge is implemented and when it is no longer being implemented.²

¹ See Docket B-1894.01r *In the Matter of the Application of E Z Cabs, Inc., Sioux City, Iowa, seeking to establish its rates and charges subject to the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3., Granted on an Emergency Basis* (Entered: February 23, 2022).

² See Docket MR-1026 *In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to address the implementation of fuel surcharges by motor carrier providing intrastate passenger transportation services.*, Order Establishing Implementation Standard (Entered: March 29, 2022).

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In applications such as these, the Commission must find that an emergency situation exists. In its request, Applicant states that an increase in its rates are necessary to meet the rising cost of fuel. Therefore, the Commission 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 May 10, 2022. E Z Cabs, Inc.'s complete list of approved rates and charges are attached in Appendix A.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that E Z Cabs, Inc., Sioux City, Iowa, be, and is hereby, authorized to amend its rates for its services effective May 10, 2022 as shown in Appendix A.

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 10th day of May, 2022.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Rod Johnson
Crystal Hoadley
Mary Kidden
Tim Schram

Don Watson
Chair

ATTEST:

Thomas W. Golden
Executive Director

Nebraska Public Service Commission
Prescribed Rates and Charges Subject to the Provisions of
Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3

RATES AND CHARGES

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Rates</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Meter Start-up Rate | \$2.50 |
| Mileage Rate | \$2.50/mile |

Minimum Rates:

South Sioux City, NE:

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| Veterans Bridge to 21st Street | \$8.00 |
| 21st Street to 39th Street | \$9.00 |
| Best Value Inn | \$15.00 |
| Lake Village, Atokad, Tompkins Addition, Tyson, BPI, Dakota City | \$16.00 |

Fuel Surcharge: starts at \$3.00/gallon

South Sioux City, NE:

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| Veterans Bridge to 21st Street | \$2.00 |
| 21st Street to 39th Street | \$3.00 |
| Best Value Inn | \$4.00 |
| Lake Village, Atokad, Tompkins Addition, Tyson, BPI, Dakota City | \$5.00 |

Note: Outlying geographic area transportation subject to a ten (10%) fuel surcharge

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| Wait Time | The driver will wait for the passenger for 5 minutes after arrival. If the passenger is not in the cab after 5-minute wait, the driver will start the meter at \$0.75/minute. |
| No call/no go | If the passenger request a cab and the cab gets to the pickup location and the passenger has already left, doesn't go, hasn't called prior to the cab being sent, there will be a minimum charge of \$8.00. |

TR-202 Effective 10/6/2015; TR-211/B-1894 Effective 8/14/2018; B-1894.01r Effective 2/23/2022; B-1894.02r Effective 5/10/2022