

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. PI-204
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
investigate certain procedures) ORDER CLOSING INVESTIGATION
of certificated passenger)
carriers in the State of)
Nebraska.) Entered: December 18, 2018

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 15, 2016, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opened the above-captioned investigation to examine the safety practices and operational procedures of certificated passenger carriers in Nebraska. The Commission sought comment on certificated motor carriers' misconduct policies, what background check databases are utilized to screen drivers, and how the Commission could be of assistance to carriers to ensure public safety.

Written comments were received from Branded Enterprises LLC d/b/a Nebraska Party Bus; BJZ, Inc. d/b/a Checker Cab; Kearney Cab; Midwest Medical Transport Company; Rasier LLC d/b/a Uber; Camelot Transportation; and the Happy Cab Companies. Post-workshop comments were also received from the National Association of Professional Background Screeners ("NAPBS"). A workshop was held on January 9, 2018 in the Commission Hearing Room in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Review of the written comments received and the discussion at the workshop showed that the passenger carriers utilize several resources in order to ensure that they are hiring drivers that meet their safety standards. Carriers noted that drivers operate under a contract and/or pursuant to a policy manual that details the possible consequences that a driver could face for misconduct, up to and including termination of employment. As noted in the order opening this docket, carriers have been cooperative with the Commission's inquiries into instances of driver misconduct when they arise. The Commission appreciates the carriers' cooperation and continued efforts to ensure public safety.

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The Commission will continue to monitor carrier policies on driver qualifications and background checks. No further action is necessary at this time, but the Commission may revisit the issues presented in this investigation again in the future. Therefore, the above-caption investigation should be closed.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the above-captioned investigation be, and is hereby, closed.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 18th day of December, 2018.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



Chair





ATTEST:





Executive Director

//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Mary Ridder