

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Docket No. PI-212  
Public Service Commission, on )  
its own motion, seeking to )  
determine the necessity of ) ORDER OPENING DOCKET AND  
additional classifications of ) SCHEDULING WORKSHOP  
passenger carriers to )  
accommodate current and future )  
carriers in the market. ) Entered: March 20, 2018

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) hereby opens the above-captioned docket, on its own motion, to investigate whether additional passenger carrier classifications should be added to accommodate additional carriers entering the market.

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §75-304, the Commission has the authority to establish just and reasonable service classifications for passenger carriers based upon the special nature of the services performed by such carriers. The Commission has created four service classifications for passenger carriers under Title 291 Neb. Admin. Code §003.01- bus service, limousine service, open class service, and taxicab service. Commission rule 003.01 requires all applicants for common or contract transportation to select a service classification from the classes identified in §§003.01(A)-(E).

Questions have arisen as to whether the current service classifications are sufficient to address the various services offered by current carriers and potential carriers that may enter the market whose services may not effectively align with current service classifications. Specifically, LB 1049 was introduced in the Nebraska Legislature this year to redefine low speed vehicles. During the February 12, 2018, Transportation and Telecommunications Committee hearing on the bill, testimony was provided regarding vehicles called Tuk Tuks. In other states, these vehicles provide limited passenger transportation in entertainment districts which may be prearranged tour type services, on demand short distance services, or scheduled short distance routes. If a Tuk Tuk carrier were to seek entry to the market, the carrier may not meet the requirements of the individual service classifications that currently exist in Commission rules and regulations.

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The Commission, therefore, seeks to investigate what, if any, changes to passenger carrier service classifications may be required to meet the needs of the industry. In order to accomplish this, the Commission will benefit from the input of all affected parties. Therefore, the Commission finds that a Workshop should be held in this matter on **April 10, 2018, at 1:30 PM** in the Commission Hearing Room, 1200 N St., Ste. 300, Lincoln, Nebraska. A telephone bridge (listen-only) will be made available for the convenience of individuals who cannot attend in person. The call-in number is **(888)820-1398**, Attendee Code **5582059#**.

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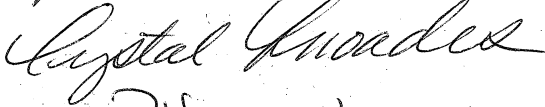

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the above-captioned docket be, and it is hereby, opened to investigate whether additional service classifications for common and contract passenger transportation may be required to accommodate current and future providers in the market.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a workshop will be held in this matter on **April 10, 2018, at 1:30 PM** in the Commission Hearing Room, 1200 N St., Ste. 300, Lincoln, Nebraska. A telephone bridge (listen-only) will be made available for the convenience of individuals who cannot attend in person. The call-in number is **(888)820-1398**, Attendee Code **5582059#**.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

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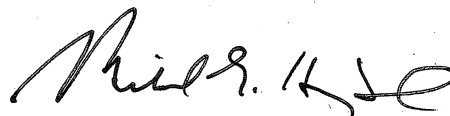
COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director