

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the	)	APPLICATION NO. TR-110
Prescription of Reasonable	)	
Rates and Charges for Motor	)	GRANTED
Carriers Passengers and	)	
Property for Hire Subject to	)	
the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.	)	ENTERED: JANUARY 11, 2000
(Reissue 1996), Chapter 75,	)	
Articles 1 and 3.	)	

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On November 30, 1999, Don Heidzig dba AA Action Taxi & Limo, Sioux City, Iowa, filed an application for authority to amend its South Sioux City, NE. taxi rates as follows:

<u>Current Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
1st 1/12 mile ..... \$1.70	1st 1/13 mile ..... \$1.80
Ea add. 1/12 mile ... \$0.10	Ea add. 1/13 mile ... \$0.10

Applicant's waiting time and minimum charges remain unchanged.

Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on December 2, 1999, pursuant to the Commission's rules. Additionally, notice of the application was published in the local newspaper, The South Sioux City Star, on December 9, 1999. The application is unprotested.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1382. The certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers by taxicab between points in Dakota county over irregular routes.

Applicant states that its current taxi rates were authorized in March 1998. Since then, it has experienced substantial increases in fuel, vehicle maintenance, and insurance costs. These cost increases necessitated a request for a rate increase. In the last two years, workers compensation insurance premiums increased approximately 75% per annum and vehicle insurance premiums increased approximately 20%. In 1998, the monthly average fuel cost was \$5922. In November 1999, the fuel cost was \$7875 for an approximate 33% increase. The meter rates proposed for use in South Sioux City are the same as those used in Sioux City, Iowa.

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The current taxi rates were authorized in March 1998. Although fuel prices bottomed out in 1998, they began escalating during the last half of 1999. Between 1998 and the end of 1999, the price of crude oil increased approximately 200%.

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 January 21, 2000.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective January 21, 2000, Don Heidzig dba AA Action Taxi & Limo, Sioux City, Iowa, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its South Sioux City, NE. taxi rates as follows:

Description	Rates
First 1/13 mile	\$1.80
Each additional 1/13 mile	\$0.10

Waiting time and minimum charges remain unchanged.

MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska, this 11th day of January, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Rod Johnson*  
*Anne C. Boyle*

//s//Lowell C. Johnson  
//s//Frank E. Landis  
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

*Lowell C. Johnson*  
Chairman

ATTESTS:

*Robert R. Logsdon*  
Executive Director