BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On March 6, 2000, Don Heidzig, dba AA Action Taxi & Limo, Sioux City, Iowa filed an application for authority to establish a fuel surcharge for its use as follows:

If Price/Gallon is:	and Meter Fare is:	Surcharge is:
1. Under \$1.30		1. Zero
2. \$1.30 to \$1.50	2.a. Min. Chg. \$3.00) 2.b. \$4.00 to \$9.99 2.c. \$10.00 and over	2.a. None 2.b. \$.25/Trip 2.c. \$.50/Trip
3. \$1.50 and over		3. For each ten cent (\$.10) increase/decrease in fuel price, the fuel surcharge in 2.b. and 2.c. will increase/decrease ten cents (\$.10).

Emergency action is requested.

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

Applicant states that a fuel surcharge is necessary to off-set the escalating cost of fuel. Fuel prices are already in excess of \$1.50 per gallon and rising. It is anticipated that fuel costs will reach \$2.00 a gallon or more before the price of fuel will begin to decrease. When the price of fuel returns to \$1.30 or less, the fuel surcharge will no longer be needed; and it will be eliminated. The proposed surcharges will not affect the \$3.00 minimum fares.

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According to the Applicant, the majority of its trips within Dakota county and Nebraska are minimum fares. The proposed fuel surcharge is currently in effect in Sioux City, Iowa.

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 March 15, 2000.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective March 15, 2000, Don Heidzig, dba AA Action Taxi & Limo, Sioux City, Iowa, be, and it is hereby, authorized to establish a fuel surcharge for its use as follows:

<pre>If Price/Gallon is:</pre>	and Meter Fare is:	Surcharge is:
1. Under \$1.30		1. Zero
2. \$1.30 to \$1.50	2.a. Min. Chg. (\$3.00) 2.b. \$4.00 to \$9.99 2.c. \$10.00 and over	2.a. None 2.b. \$.25/Trip 2.c. \$.50/Trip
3. \$1.50 and over		3. For each ten cent (\$.10) increase/decrease in fuel price, the fuel surcharge in 2.b. and 2.c. will increase/decrease ten cents (\$.10).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that notice of the fuel surcharge be conspicuously displayed within each vehicle and all passengers be notified that the fuel surcharge is in addition to its regular meter fare. EXCEPTION: The fuel surcharge will not apply to the minimum fare.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the fuel surcharge be paid to the individual or individuals paying for the fuel.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the fuel surcharge be reviewed weekly and adjusted according to the above schedule.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that public notice of this action be published in <u>The Daily Record</u>, Omaha, Nebraska pursuant to the provisions of Section 75-121, R.R.S. 1996, and the Commission's rules.

MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska, this 14th day of March, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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//s//Frank E. Landis //s//Daniel G. Urwiller

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