

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the	)	APPLICATION NO. TR-115
Prescription of Reasonable	)	
Rates and Charges for Motor	)	GRANTED ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS
Carriers Passengers and	)	
Property for Hire Subject to	)	
the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.	)	ENTERED: MARCH 21, 2000
(Reissue 1996), Chapter 75,	)	
Articles 1 and 3.	)	

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On March 15, 2000, Hastings Taxi and Transportation Services, L.L.C., Hastings, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to establish a fuel surcharge for its use with a mechanism to increase/decrease the surcharge as the price of fuel increases/decreases as follows: (See Note)

<u>Price/Gallon</u>	<u>Surcharge</u>
Under \$1.30	Zero
\$1.30-\$1.39	\$0.15
\$1.40-\$1.49	\$0.20
\$1.50-\$1.59	\$0.25
\$1.60-\$1.69	\$0.30
\$1.70-\$1.79	\$0.35

Note: Fuel surcharge in excess of \$1.79 will follow the same format which is for each ten cent (\$0.10) increase/decrease in the fuel price the surcharge will increase/decrease five cents (\$0.05).

Emergency action is requested.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1507. The certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers in taxicab operations within Hastings and vicinity.

Applicant states that a fuel surcharge is necessary to off-set the escalating cost of fuel. Fuel prices in Hastings 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.

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Fuel prices in the last few months have escalated at an alarming rate. Prices have risen as much as eight cents (\$0.08) to ten cents (\$0.10) per gallon within one week with lesser increases at other times. A similar fuel surcharge was implemented in 1990 during the height of the Persian Gulf War.

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 22, 2000.

## ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective March 22, 2000, Hastings Taxi and Transportation Services, L.L.C., Hastings, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to establish a fuel surcharge for its use with a mechanism to increase/decrease the surcharge as the price of fuel increases/decreases as follows: (See Note)

Price/Gallon:

Under \$1.30  
\$1.30-\$1.39  
\$1.40-\$1.49  
\$1.50-\$1.59  
\$1.60-\$1.69  
\$1.70-\$1.79

Surcharge:

Zero  
\$0.15  
\$0.20  
\$0.25  
\$0.30  
\$0.35

Note: Fuel surcharge in excess of \$1.79 will follow the same format which is for each ten cents (\$0.10) increase/decrease in the fuel price the surcharge will increase/decrease five cents (\$0.05).

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.

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 The Daily Record, 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 21st day of March, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Ann C. Boyle*

*Frank E. Landis*

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

*Arthur J. Lundy*  
Chairman

ATTESTS:

*Robert R. Logsdon*  
Executive Director

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