

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the	)	APPLICATION NO. TR-116
Prescription of Reasonable	)	
Rates and Charges for Motor	)	GRANTED
Carriers Passengers and	)	
Property for Hire Subject to	)	
the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.	)	ENTERED: MAY 2, 2000
(Reissue 1996), Chapter 75,	)	
Articles 1 and 3.	)	

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On March 22, 2000, B.J.Z., Inc., dba Checker Cab Company, Norfolk, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its taxi rates as follows:

Description	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
I. Within the city of Norfolk:		
A. First 1/7 mile or fraction thereof.	\$1.75	\$1.95
B. Each additional 1/7 mile or fraction thereof	.20	.20
C. Each additional passenger over 12 years of age	.50	.50
D. Each one (1) minute waiting time.	.40	.40
II. Outside the city of Norfolk:		
A. Each mile per passenger (One way)	\$1.40	\$1.40
B. Each mile per passenger (Return trip)	.75	.75
C. Each additional passenger over 12 years of age, per mile.	.25	.25

Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on March 23, 2000, pursuant to the Commission's Rules. Additionally, notice of the application was published in the Norfolk Daily News, Norfolk, Nebraska. The application is unprotested.

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Applicant is a certificate common carrier which holds Certificate B-1433. The certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers and their baggage by taxicab in the city of Norfolk and vicinity. Supplement 1 to its authority authorizes the transportation of passengers and their baggage by taxi between points in Madison, Stanton, Wayne, Pierce, Antelope, and Boone counties and between points within said counties on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points within a 150-mile radius of Norfolk, Nebraska over irregular routes.

According to the Applicant, it has one of the lowest taxi rates in the state. In order to retain drivers and in anticipation of an increase in the minimum wage, it is necessary to request an increase in the taxi rates. Increases in operating costs especially fuel prices further indicates a need for a rate increase.

Applicant's current rates were authorized in April 1997. Its current rates are the lowest among seven other Nebraska cities of comparable size who are served by taxicabs. The proposed rates will bring its rates closer to the rates authorized for use in these other cities. Applicant seeks only to increase the initial drop charge from \$1.75 to \$1.95, an 11% increase. Since its average fare is two miles, the requested increase is actually an approximate 4.6%. Annualized over the last three years, a 4.6% increase averages 1.5%. The Consumer Price Index over this same time frame has averaged 2.1%.

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 May 12, 2000.

## ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective May 12, 2000, B.J.Z., Inc., dba Checker Cab Company, Norfolk, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby authorized to amend its taxi rates as follows:

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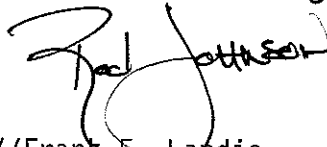
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MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska, this 2nd day of May,  
2000.

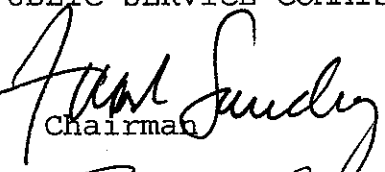
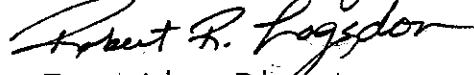
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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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

ATTESTS:

  
Chairman  
  
Executive Director

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