

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) APPLICATION NO. TR-118
 Prescription of Reasonable)
 Rates and Charges for Motor) GRANTED
 Carriers Passengers and)
 Property for Hire Subject to)
 the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.) ENTERED: JULY 18, 2000
 (Reissue 1996), Chapter 75,)
 Articles 1 and 3.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On May 26, 2000, Hastings Taxi and Transportation Services, LLC, Hastings, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its taxi rates in Hastings, Nebraska as follows:

Description	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
I. Within Hastings: (See Note 1)		
A. First 1/6 mile or fraction thereof (Initial drop charge)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
B. Each additional 1/6 mile	.25	.30
C. Waiting time per minute	.30	.35
D. Per additional passenger	1.00	1.00
E. Refusal of order service upon arrival of taxicab at designated pick up point		3.00
II. Outside Hastings: (See Note 1)		
A. Trips to I-80 Interchange	\$ 1.45/mi	\$25.00
B. Trips to any point in Grand Island including the airport	1.45/mi	40.00
C. Trips less than 40 miles	1.45/mi	1.25/mi
D. Trips over 40 miles but not exceeding 80 miles	1.45/mi	1.10/mi
E. Trips exceeding 80 miles	1.45/mi	1.00/mi

Note 1: Children age 12 or younger -- No Charge.

Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on May 31, 2000, pursuant to the Commission's Rules. Additionally, notice of the application was published in the Hastings Tribune, Hastings, Nebraska. The application is unopposed.

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

According to the Applicant, a rate increase is necessary to off-set increased costs experienced in the areas of labor, fuel and maintenance. Within the last year, fuel prices have increased approximately 50%. Drivers are currently paid on a commission basis. The commission was 40% of the fare; however, in order to retain competent drivers, commissions were recently increased to 45%. Future consideration is being given to establishing a guaranteed minimum weekly wage for the drivers. Maintenance costs have also increased approximately 10%.

Applicant's current rates were authorized in April 1998. Its current rates placed them in the middle of six other comparable sized Nebraska cities with taxicab service. Applicant does not seek to increase its initial drop charge. It is, however, seeking to increase its additional 1/6 mile rate 20%, its waiting time rate 16.6% and to decrease its out of town per mile rate an average of 18%. Since its average metered fare, within Hastings, is two miles, the requested increase is approximately 11.2%.

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 July 28, 2000.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective July 28, 2000, Hastings Taxi and Transportation Services, LLC, Hastings, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its taxi rates in Hastings, Nebraska, as follows:

Description	Rates
I. Within Hastings: (See Note 1)	
A. First 1/6 mile or fraction thereof (Initial drop charge)	\$ 2.00
B. Each additional 1/6 mile	.30
C. Waiting time per minute	.35
D. Per additional passenger	1.00
E. Refusal of order service upon arrival of taxicab at designated pick up point	3.00

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| A. Trips to I-80 Interchange | \$25.00 |
| B. Trips to any point in Grand Island including the airport | 40.00 |
| C. Trips less than 40 miles | 1.25/mi |
| D. Trips over 40 miles but not exceeding 80 miles | 1.10/mi |
| E. Trips exceeding 80 miles | 1.00/mi |

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MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska, this 18th day of July, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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

Chairman

ATTESTS:
Deputy Director

