

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) APPLICATION NO. TR-120
 Prescription of Reasonable)
 Rates and Charges for Motor) GRANTED
 Carriers Passengers and)
 Property for Hire Subject to)
 the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.) ENTERED: NOVEMBER 21, 2000
 (Reissue 1996), Chapter 75,)
 Articles 1 and 3.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On October 3, 2000, Yellow Cab & Limo, Inc., Beatrice, Nebraska filed an application for authority to amend its taxi rates in Beatrice, Crete, and Fairbury as follows:

| Description | Proposed Rate |
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| I. Within the city limits of Beatrice, Crete, and Fairbury | |
| A. First mile | \$3.50 |
| B. Each additional mile | 2.00 |
| C. Minimum Charge | 7.00 |
| II. Outside the city limits of Beatrice, Crete, and Fairbury | |
| A. Rate per mile | \$1.40 |
| III. Waiting Time | \$10/hour |
| IV. Handicapped loading/unloading | \$20/trip |

Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on October 12, 2000, pursuant to the Commission's rules. The application is unopposed.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1434. The certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers in taxicabs within Beatrice and vicinity. Supplements 1 and 2, to its authority, authorizes the transportation of passengers and their baggage by taxicab between points in Jefferson, Gage, Saline, Thayer, Johnson, Pawnee and Richardson counties on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes.

According to the Applicant, its operating costs such as vehicle depreciation, advertising, insurance, phone, garage rent, upkeep, driver expense, licenses, fuel expenses, and other general business expenses continue to rise. The proposed rates, if approved, will

Applicant's current rates were last authorized in November, 1996. The proposed rates represents an average increase of approximately 10%. Annualized, the proposed increase is 2.5%. In the same four year period, the consumer price index has increased approximately 14%. On a per annum basis, costs have increased 16% for fuel, 11% for maintenance, and 8% for vehicle parts. The proposed taxi rates are comparable to taxi rates authorized for use in other communities of similar size.

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 December 1, 2000.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective December 1, 2000, Yellow Cab & Limo, Inc., Beatrice, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its taxi rates in Beatrice, Crete, and Fairbury as follows:

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MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska, this 21st day of November, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS, CONCURRING:

Raymond Johnson
Ann C. Boyle

Frank E. Landis
 Chairman

ATTESTS:

Ad S. Pollack
 Executive Director

//s// Frank E. Landis