

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) APPLICATION NO. TR-122
Prescription of Reasonable)
Rates and Charges for Motor) GRANTED
Carriers Passengers and)
Property for Hire Subject to)
the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.) ENTERED: JANUARY 9, 2001
(Reissue 1996), Chapter 75,)
Articles 1 and 3.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

ON December 1, 2000, Don Heidzig, dba AA Action Taxi & Limo, Sioux City, Iowa, filed an application for authority to amend its South Sioux City, NE taxi rates as follows:

<u>Current Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
A. 1st 1/13 Mile\$1.80	1st 1/14 Mile ... \$1.90
B. Ea. add. 1/13 Mile .. .10	Ea. add. 1/14 Mile .10

Waiting time and minimum charges remain unchanged.

Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on December 5, 2000, pursuant to the Commission's rules. Additionally, notice of the application was published in the local newspaper, The South Sioux City Star. The application is unopposed.

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 it has experienced substantial increases in fuel, vehicle maintenance, and insurance costs thus necessitating a request for a rate increase. The cost of fuel has increased \$2,172 per month while insurance, vehicle liability and workers compensation, have increased \$12,000 per year. The increase in maintenance costs was approximately 17%. The meter rates proposed for use in South Sioux City are the same as those used in Sioux City, Iowa.

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The current taxi rates were authorized in January 2000. The proposed rates represent an approximate 6% increase. A review of its financial statements for the past two years supports the claimed cost increases. The applicant further claims that the majority of its runs within South Sioux City are minimum charge trips which are not affected by the proposed rate increase.

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 January 19, 2001.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective January 19, 2001, Don Heidzig, dba AA Action Taxi & Limo, Sioux City, Iowa, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its South Sioux City, NE taxi rates as follows:

Description	Rates
A. First 1/14 Mile (Initial drop charge)	\$1.90
B. Each additional 1/14	.10

Waiting time and minimum charges remain unchanged.

MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska, this 9th day of January, 2001.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Robert Johnson
Anne C. Boyle
Ed Johnson

Frank E. Landis
 Chairman

ATTESTS:

Ad S. Pollock
 Executive Director

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