

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the)	APPLICATION NO. TR-124
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: MAY 1, 2001
(Reissue 1996), Chapter 75,)	
Articles 1 and 3.)	

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On April 16, 2001, James Santana, dba Lexington Taxi Cab, Lexington, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to establish taxi rates for its use as follows:

Description (See Note 1)	Standard Rate	Proposed	
		Senior Citizen Rate	Round Trip Rate
I. Within the city limits of Lexington	\$ 5.00	\$ 4.00	
II. Trips to designated locations:			
B. Cozad	17.50	15.00	\$ 25.00
C. Overton	12.50	11.00	20.00
D. Kearney	35.00	32.00	50.00
E. North Platte	60.00	55.00	90.00
F. Omaha	250.00	225.00	350.00
G. Lincoln	200.00	180.00	280.00
III. Trips to all other locations:			
A. First mile	3.00	3.00	
B. Each additional mile	1.00	1.00	

Note 1: A charge of \$15.00 per hour will be assessed for waiting time.

Emergency action is requested.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1543. The certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers and their baggage by taxicab between points in the city of Lexington and Dawson county and between points in the city of Lexington and Dawson county on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes.

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According to the applicant, the proposed rates are based on expenses and are similar to other taxi companies operating in communities of nearly the same size. The proposed rates are necessary to cover the cost of insurance, fuel, and vehicle maintenance. The proposed rates are believed to be sufficient to produce a reasonable profit and still maintain a quality service.

Applicant recently received its authority to provide a taxi service in Lexington. The proposed rates are comparable to the rates authorized for use in Nebraska City, Plattsmouth, York, and Fairbury, cities whose population are similar to Lexington. Pursuant to Title 291, Chapter 3, Motor Carrier Rules & Regulations, Rule 011.01F, taxicab companies who operate in cities and towns with a population of less than 15,000 are not required to use a meter in the taxi. The population of Lexington is less than 10,000; consequently, Lexington Taxi would not be required to install and use a meter in its vehicles. The application is filed in compliance with Section 75-308 (Rates) and 75-121 (Emergency rate orders), R.R.S. 1996 and the Commission rules.

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 May 4, 2001.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective May 4, 2001, James Santana, dba Lexington Taxi Cab, Lexington, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to establish taxi rates for its use as follows:

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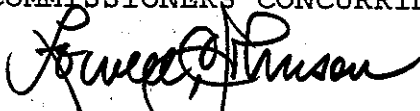
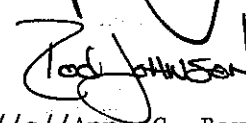
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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that public notice of this action be published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska pursuant to the provisions of Section 75-121, R.R.S. 1996, and the Commission's rules.

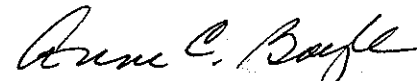
MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska, this 1st day of May, 2001.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



Todd Johnson

//s//Anne C. Boyle


Chairman

ATTESTS:


Executive Director

