

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Prescription of)	APPLICATION NO. TR-126
Reasonable Rates and Charges for Motor)	
Carriers Passengers and Property for Hire)	GRANTED
Subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.)	
(Reissue 1996), Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.)	ENTERED: November 6, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On September 10, 2001, 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:

Current Rates		Proposed Rates	
I. Meter Rates		I. Meter Rates	
A. 1 st 1/14 mile	\$1.90	A. 1 st 1/9 mile	\$2.00
B. Ea. Add. 1/14 mile10	B. Ea. Add. 1/9 mile20
II. Minimum Charge:		II. Minimum Charge:	
A. Veterans Bridge to		A. Veterans Bridge to	
21 st Street	\$3.00	21 st Street	\$ 4.00
B. 21 st Street to the		B. 21 st Street to the	
229 By-pass	\$5.00	229 By-pass	\$ 6.00
C. 229 By-pass to		C. 229 By-pass to	
Dakota City	\$8.00	Dakota City	\$10.00
III. Waiting Time: No Change.			

Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on September 17, 2001, pursuant to the Commission's rules. Additionally, the application was published in the South Sioux City Star, the local newspaper, on September 27, 2001. The application was not protested.

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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.

According to the Applicant, the increase is necessary to off-set increases in expenses. The Applicant states that licensing fees have doubled, rent has increased from \$750 per month to \$3,000 per month, and that utilities which averaged \$250 per month are now averaging in excess of \$1,000 per month. Payroll has increased through the addition of three mechanics, an additional bookkeeper and an increase in the hourly wages for all employees. The meter rates proposed for use in South Sioux City are the same as those currently used in Sioux City, Iowa.

In support of its application, the Applicant submitted its financial statements for 1999 and 2000. The financial statements support the claimed cost increases which shows that in 2000, rent increased \$14,455, wages increased \$63,275, and total expenses increased \$134,829 over 1999. In 1999, Applicant had a profit of \$48,427; and in 2000, Applicant shows a loss of \$45,278. The proposed rates are comparable to the rates authorized for use in Lincoln and Omaha.

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.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that 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	Rate
I. Meter Rates	
A. 1 st 1/9 mile.	\$ 2.00
B. Ea. Add. 1/9 mile	.20
:II. Minimum Charge:	
A. Veterans Bridge to 21 st Street	\$ 4.00
B. 21 st Street to the 229 By-pass	\$ 6.00
C. 229 By-pass to Dakota City	\$10.00
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MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska, this 20th day of November 2001

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Gerald L. Vay

Ann C. Boyle

Frank E. Landis

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Frank Landis

Chairman

ATTEST:

John S. Pollock

Executive Director

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