

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) APPLICATION NO. TR-144
Prescription of Reasonable Rates)
and Charges for Motor Carriers) GRANTED AS AMENDED ON AN
Passengers and Property for Hire) EMERGENCY BASIS
subject to the Provisions of)
Neb. Rev. Stat. (Reissue 1996),) ENTERED: JUNE 7, 2005
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPININON AND FINDINGS

On May 3, 2005, City Cab, L.L.C., Fremont, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its taxicab rates for its use as follows:

Description	Current	Proposed
I. First 1/7 of a mile or fraction thereof	\$2.00	\$2.50
II. Each additional 1/7 of A Mile or fraction thereof	\$0.25	
Each additional 1/8 of a Of a mile or fraction thereof		\$0.25

Emergency action is requested.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1586. The certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers and their baggage by taxicab within Fremont and points in the immediate area.

According to the Applicant, the proposed rates are based on the costs of conducting business, including vehicle operating costs such as gasoline, insurance and other expenses. The rates charged by the applicant have remained in effect since March of 2000. Since that time fuel prices have approximately doubled from around \$1.00 per gallon in 2000 to the current prices of over \$2.00 per gallon as of the time of this order.

The Applicant pays its drivers on a commission basis, with the drivers taking home 35 percent of the revenues. The Applicant currently pays all of the expenses of the operation of the cab. The granting of this application would be an increase in the wages for the drivers.

The Applicant has also expended money for new vehicles as additions to its fleet. Two newer cars have been added within

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the last year, and another is to be added in the near future. The Applicant has purchased these newer vehicles to improve efficiency and reliability of the fleet and thereby improve service to the community.

After discussions with Commission staff, the Applicant amended its application on the first 1/7 of a mile from \$2.50 to \$2.25 per trip. This is an increase of 14 percent. Part II as submitted is a 12.5 percent increase. The Commission finds that these increases are reasonable under the circumstances of the rise in expenses that the Applicant has incurred as well as the duration of time since the last increase granted to the Applicant. The Commission urges the Applicant to apply for needed increases on a more timely basis so as to improve its fiscal situation as well as to lessen the impact of increases on the community.

The Commission is aware of several of the factors cited by the applicant in its request for an emergency rate increase. In light of these factors, as well as the length of time since the last increase, the Commission finds that the amended application should be granted on an emergency basis.

The rates are competitive with the rates on file for other carriers providing a similar service. The application is filed in compliance with Sections 75-308 (Rates) and 75-121 (Emergency Rate Orders) R.R.S. 2003 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 effective June 17, 2005.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that, effective June 17, 2005, City Cab, L.L.C., Fremont, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to establish taxicab rates for its use as follows:

Description	Rates
I. First 1/8 of a mile or fraction thereof	\$2.25
II. Each additional 1/8 of a mile or fraction thereof	\$0.25

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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. 2004, and the Commission's rules.


MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 7th day of June, 2005.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

 Chairman



 ATTEST:


Executive Director



//s// Frank E. Landis

//s// Gerald L. Vap

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