

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) APPLICATION NO. TR-147
Prescription of Reasonable)
Rates and Charges for Motor) GRANTED ON AN
Carriers Passengers and) EMERGENCY BASIS
Property for Hire Subject to)
The provision of Neb. Rev. Stat.)
(Reissue 2004), Chapter 75,) ENTERED: SEPTEMBER 13, 2005
Articles 1 and 3.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On September 6, 2005, Edwin D. Saighman d/b/a E & M Yellow Cab Company, North Platte, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its rates for its operations as follows:

Description	Current	Proposed
1. First 1/8 mile or fraction thereof (Initial drop charge)	\$2.60	\$2.80
2. Each additional 1/8 mile thereafter	\$0.20	
Each additional 1/9 mile thereafter		\$0.20
Gasoline Surcharge		
Price/Gallon \$1.70-\$1.79	\$0.35	
Price/Gallon over \$1.80		\$0.50

Emergency action is requested.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1460. The authority granted permits the transportation of passengers by taxicab in North Platte and vicinity.

In support of the application, the applicant stated to the Commission that fuel costs and insurance rates have risen for the company. Insurance rates for automobiles have risen from \$4,440 in 2004 to \$6,120 in 2005, an increase of thirty-eight percent. Gasoline costs have also skyrocketed since the last increase for the applicant, especially in the past three weeks.

According to the applicant, its gasoline prices averaged \$1.69 per gallon in 2004. It had budgeted for \$2.19 per gallon for 2005, but is currently experiencing gasoline costs at \$2.99 per gallon. The increase in cost to the applicant is significant, and needs to be addressed quickly to protect the applicant's ability to continue to provide its services to the public.

The Commission notes that the last increase granted to the applicant was in March of 2000 with the addition of a fuel surcharge. This surcharge was added to the rates approved by the Commission in March of 1999. The proposed increases range in size from 7.7% to 12.5%. The Commission finds that the proposed increases are

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reasonable. The Commission recommends to the applicant that it seek rate increases on a more timely basis so as to minimize the impact of future increases on the public as well as provide more timely cash flows for its operations.

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 September 23, 2005.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective September 23, 2005, Edwin D. Saighman, d/b/a E & M Yellow Cab Company, North Platte, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its rates for its use in Certificate No. B-1460 as follows:

Description

1. First 1/8 mile or fraction thereof (Initial drop charge)	\$2.80
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2. Each additional 1/9 mile thereafter	\$0.20
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Gasoline Surcharge

Price/Gallon over \$1.80	\$0.50
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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service that notice of this amendment to their rates be conspicuously displayed within each taxicab.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the total amount of the fuel surcharge be paid to the individual or individuals paying for the fuel.

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. 2003, and the Commissions Rules.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 13th day of September, 2005.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS-CONCURRING:

Lowell Johnson

Vice - Chairman

ATTEST:

Frank E. Landis

Rod Johnson
Adrian Pollock

Executive Director

//s// Rod Johnson

//s// Frank E. Landis