

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the	) APPLICATION NO. TR-149
Prescription of Reasonable	)
Rates and Charges for Motor	) DENIED 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 9, 2005, Ronald D. Allgood, d/b//a Tree City Cab Company, Nebraska City, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its rates for its operations as follows:

Description	Current	Proposed
I. Within City Limits		
A. For First Passenger	\$3.50	\$4.25
B. For first passenger when packages are carried	\$4.00	\$4.50
C. Each additional passenger	\$0.50	\$0.50
D. One-way trips within J. Sterling Morton Beltway	\$3.50	\$4.25
II. Outside City Limits		
A. Base fare stated in Part A	\$3.50 base plus	\$4.25 base
above plus a mileage charge	\$1.35 per loaded	plus \$1.60
beyond the designated city	mile	per loaded mile.

Emergency action is requested.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1320. The authority granted permits the transportation of passengers by taxicab between points in Otoe County and points in Nebraska and between points in Otoe and Nemaha counties.

In support of the application, Ronald Allgood, owner of Tree City Cab, stated to the Commission that fuel costs and insurance rates have risen for his company. Insurance rates for automobiles have risen 40 percent in the last five years. Gasoline costs have also increased since the last increase for the applicant.

The cost of gasoline, while increasing greatly at the end of August and the first week of September of 2005, have receded in the past week. Gasoline prices, which reached as high as \$3.40 per gallon, have, as of the time of this order, have receded to under \$2.90 per gallon in many areas. The Commission is of the opinion and finds that this decrease in the cost of gasoline has reduced the emergent situation regarding gasoline prices, and that an emergency does not currently exist to justify taking emergency action in this matter. This is especially the case in this application where the extent of the

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increase sought is great, with the requested increases ranging upwards to 21.4 percent.

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 denied on an emergency basis and that said matter be processed in accordance with the Commission's regular procedures and Section 75-119. R.R.S. 2003, as amended.


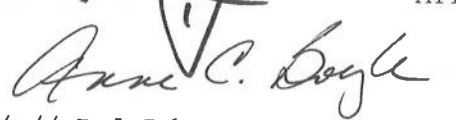
ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the matter docketed in Application No. TR-149 be, and it hereby is, denied on an emergency basis and that said matter be processed in accordance with the Commission's regular procedures and Section 75-119, R.R.S. 2003, as amended.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

ATTEST:

Vice - Chairman



  
Executive Director

//s// Rod Johnson

//s// Frank E. Landis