

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)
Carriers Passengers and) GRANTED
Property for Hire Subject to)
The provision of Neb. Rev. Stat.)
(Reissue 2004), Chapter 75,) ENTERED: NOVEMBER 1, 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 was 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.

The application was denied on an emergency basis on September 13, 2005, and a hearing was ordered to be held on October 26, 2005. Notice of the application was published in the Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on September 16, 2005. There were no protests to the application received by the Commission. Notice of the hearing on this matter was sent to all parties of record on October 18, 2005.

In testimony before the Commission, Ronald Allgood, owner of Tree City Cab, presented to the Commission that many of costs have risen dramatically since his last rate change in 1994. Insurance has more than doubled from just over \$1,100 dollars in 1994 to over \$2,300 this year, despite no claims being made during this time period. Mr. Allgood also testified that gasoline sold for around \$1.00 per gallon in 1994, and now is well over \$2.00 per gallon today. Mr. Allgood's maintenance costs have also risen up to twenty-five percent.

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The Commission notes that the last increase granted to the applicant was in 1994. The proposed increases range in size from 12.5% to 21.4%. The Commission finds that, under the circumstances of the increase in gasoline costs and insurance rates and the time involved since the last increase for the applicant, that the proposed increases are 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 effective November 11, 2005.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective November 11, 2005, Ronald D. Allgood, d/b/a Tree City Cab Company, Nebraska City, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its rates for its use in Certificate No. B-1320 as follows:

Description

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service that notice of this amendment to their rates be conspicuously displayed within each taxicab.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 1st day of November, 2005.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Lowell Johnson

Francis C. Boyle

Robert Johnson

//s// Frank E. Landis

//s// Gerald L. Vap

Chairman

Gerald L. Vap

ATTEST:

John B. Pollock

Executive Director