

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the)	APPLICATION NO. TR-159
Prescription of Reasonable)	
Rates and Charges for Motor)	GRANTED AS AMENDED
Carriers Passengers and)	ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS
Property for Hire Subject to)	
The provision of Neb. Rev.)	
Stat. 75-319 (Reissue 2004),)	
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.)	
Articles 1 and 3.)	ENTERED: DECEMBER 4, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On November 27, 2007, Golden Plains Services, L.L.C., d/b/a High Plains Cab Services and Golden Plains Services, McCook, Nebraska, filed an amended application for authority to amend its rates for its operations as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<u>Within McCook City Limits:</u>		
Wait Time (10 min. inc.)	\$2.50	\$3.00
<u>Out-of-town:</u>		
Wait Time (1/2 hr inc.)		
-High Plains Cabs	\$15.00	\$18.00
-Golden Plains Services	\$20.00	\$23.00
Escort Time (1/2 hr. inc.)		
-High Plains Cabs	\$15.00	\$18.00
-Golden Plains Services	\$20.00	\$23.00
Each additional passenger (same point of origin):	No charge	\$10.00
<u>Out-of-town per mile charge:</u>		
Loaded Mile	\$1.35	\$1.45
<u>Local Gasoline Surcharge:</u>		
Price/gallon \$3.36-3.60		\$1.00

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\$3.61-3.95	\$1.25
\$3.96-4.30	\$1.50
\$4.31-4.65	\$1.75
\$4.66-5.00	\$2.00

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services will be charged in accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute Section 75-302.02

Emergency action is requested.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1575 and B-1575 Supplement 1. The certificate B-1575 authorizes the transportation of passengers by taxicab between points in Buffalo County and between points within Buffalo County, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes. The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized.

Supplement 1 authorizes the transportation of passengers in Nebraska intrastate commerce in open class service between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes in sedans, vans, and station wagons. Supplement 1 also has the following restrictions and reservations: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. The transportation of passengers and their baggage point-to-point in Lancaster County is not authorized. The transportation services of passengers and their baggage originating within Lancaster County is not authorized. The transportation services of passengers and their baggage by sedan or station wagon originating from or point-to-point within any territory where a taxicab company holds a certificate or permit is not authorized. The Commission expressly reserves the right to further restrict the authority with respect to sedans and station wagons, on its own motion, or the motion of another, in the event that a carrier which meets all the requirements of Article 75, Chapter 3, of the Nebraska Revised Statutes and all applicable Commission rules and regulations thereunder, offers taxi services in territories unserved as of November 26, 2002.

In support of the application, Marlan Dooley of Golden Plains Services states that fuel charges have risen to high

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levels not seen since spring. He cited that these increases in fuel costs have had a negative impact on his operations and that the proposed increase is necessary for him to adequately continue operations.

The proposed increases range from 7.5 percent up to twenty percent in the in McCook wait time. The Commission finds that the proposed increases are in line with rates charged by competitive companies that have been approved in the past by the Commission and that they are reasonable.

In light of the increases in gasoline costs that businesses such as the Applicant's have been experiencing, the Commission finds that a sufficient basis exists for the granting of this application on an emergency basis.

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 as amended on an emergency basis effective December 7, 2007.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective December 7, 2007, Golden Plains Services, L.L.C., d/b/a High Plains Cab Services and Golden Plans Services, McCook, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its rates for its use in Certificate No. B-1575 and B-1575 Supplement 1 as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Rate</u>
<u>Within McCook City Limits:</u>	
Wait Time (10 min. inc.)	\$3.00
<u>Out-of-town:</u>	
Wait Time (1/2 hr inc.)	
-High Plains Cabs	\$18.00
-Golden Plains Services	\$23.00
Escort Time (1/2 hr. inc.)	

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Loaded Mile	\$1.45
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Local Gasoline Surcharge:

Price/gallon	
\$3.36-3.60	\$1.00
\$3.61-3.95	\$1.25
\$3.96-4.30	\$1.50
\$4.31-4.65	\$1.75
\$4.66-5.00	\$2.00

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services will be charged in accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute Section 75-302.02

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

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.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 4th day of
December, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Quill J. Vap

Anne C. Boyle

Tim Schram

ATTEST:

Frank E. Landis
Vice Chairman

Michael J. [Signature]
Executive Director

//s// Frank E. Landis