

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the ) APPLICATION NO. TR-162  
Prescription of Reasonable )  
Rates and Charges for Motor ) GRANTED AS AMENDED ON  
Carriers Passengers and ) AN EMERGENCY BASIS  
Property for Hire Subject to )  
The provision of Neb. Rev. Stat.)  
(Reissue 2004), Chapter 75, )  
Articles 1 and 3. ) ENTERED: MAY 6, 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:

## OPINION AND FINDINGS

On April 24, 2008, Daniel W. and Susan L. Sindt d/b/a Kearney Cab Company, Kearney, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its rates for its operations as follows:

Description	Current	Proposed
1. First 1/5 mile (initial meter charge)	\$2.75	\$2.95
2. Each additional 1/5 mile or fraction thereof	\$0.35	\$0.39
3. Each additional passenger and/or baggage	\$0.75	\$0.75
4. Waiting time per minute	\$0.30	\$0.30
5. Refusal of ordered service upon arrival of taxicab at point of commencement of trip.	\$2.25	\$2.25

Emergency action is requested.

On April 30, 2008, the Commission entered an Order that approved the proposed rates with an effective date of May 4, 2008. Subsequent to the issuance of that Order, the Applicant realized that it had made an error in its original application regarding the additional 1/5 mile charge.

The Applicant had intended to request the Commission to approve a rate at \$0.40 cents per 1/5 mile or \$2.00 per mile. The application had requested that the rate be approved at \$1.95 per mile, or \$0.39 per 1/5 mile. The result of the rate as requested by the Applicant is that the Applicant will experience difficulty in computation of the odd-numbered amount of \$0.39 per 1/5 mile, and will

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also result in meter charges likely totaling to an amount that would require pennies to be used extensively. This will result in efficiency difficulties for the Applicant as well as the customer.

The Applicant has requested that the Commission enter an Order that would change the 1/5 mile rate from \$0.39 to \$0.40 per 1/5 mile. The change is a two and one-half percent increase over the amount granted in the April 30, 2008 order, and amounts to a fourteen percent increase in total. As the Commission noted in the previous order, gasoline costs alone have increased over twenty-four percent in the past year. These costs also effect other costs of operations as well.

The Commission finds that the request to change the rate to the amended amount is reasonable and would have been granted last week if it had been proposed then. The emergency situation does exist that the proposed change should be granted on an emergency basis. The Commission finds that granting the rate change on an amended basis is the most efficient and justifiable manner to address the situation.

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 May 6, 2008.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective May 6, 2008, Daniel W. and Susan L. Sindt d/b/a Kearney Cab, Kearney, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its rates for its use in Certificate No. B-1402 as follows:

Description	Rate
1. First 1/5 mile (initial meter charge)	\$2.95
2. Each additional 1/5 mile or fraction thereof	\$0.40
3. Each additional passenger and/or baggage	\$0.75
4. Waiting time per minute	\$0.30

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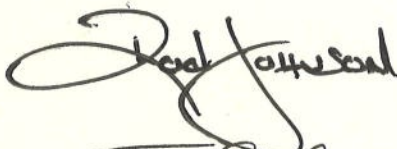
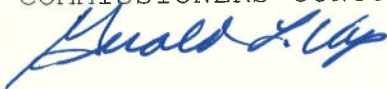
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service  
that notice of this amendment to their rates be  
conspicuously displayed within each taxicab.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service  
Commission that 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 6th  
day of May, 2008.

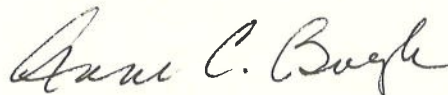
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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



//s// Anne C. Boyle  
//s// Frank E. Landis

ATTEST:

  
Chair  
Executive Director