## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the	)	APPLICAT	ION NO.	TR-1	67
Prescription of Reasonable	)				
Rates and Charges for Motor	)	GRANTED (	NA NC		
Carriers Passengers and	)	EMERGENC'	Y BASIS		
Property for Hire Subject to	)				
The provision of Neb. Rev. Stat					
(Reissue 2006), Chapter 75,	)	ENTERED:	OCTOBER	29,	2008
Articles 1 and 3.	)				

BY THE COMMISSION:

## OPINION AND FINDINGS

On October 24, 2008, Jim Blundell, d/b/a MG Taxi Service of York, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its rates for its operations as follows:

Description	Current	Proposed
(A) Within York City Limits including I-80 Interchange	\$7.00	\$8.00
Additional miles	\$1.50	\$1.85

No other changes to the rates in effect are requested.

Emergency action is requested.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1665. The certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers and their baggage between points in York, Seward, Polk, Saline, Fillmore, Hamilton and Butler counties, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Sarpy, Douglas, Lancaster, Hall and Adams counties over irregular routes.

In support of the application, the applicant stated to the Commission that the requested rates are based upon his costs of doing business and the increase in costs it has experienced since its last rate adjustment on November of 2005. The Applicant requests that the in-town rate be increased by fourteen percent and that the mileage rate be increased by twenty percent.

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Transportation companies such as the Applicant have experienced large increases in costs, primarily fuel, in the past few years. These increases that the Applicant has experienced would justify the granting of this application. The Commission also finds that an emergency basis does exist as, despite the recent decline in fuel costs, the price of fuel is still well above the cost of fuel as it was in 2005.

The Applicant is again encouraged to apply for timely rate increases in the future. Applying as necessary on a more frequent basis would allow for smaller increase that will minimize the impact of future increase on the general public while allowing for better cash flows for the Applicant.

The Commission finds that the rates set forth below are competitive with other companies providing similar services, and that they are found to be reasonable under the circumstances

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 on an emergency basis effective November 1, 2008.

## ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective November 1, 2008, Jim Blundell d/b/a MG Taxi Service of York, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its rates for its use in Certificate No. B-1665 as follows:

## Description

(A) Within York City Limits including I-80 Interchange:

\$8.00

Additional miles

\$1.85

All other rates remain in effect.

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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 <u>Daily Record</u>, Omaha, Nebraska, pursuant to the provisions of Section 75-121. R.R.S. 2006, and the Commissions Rules.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this  $29^{\rm th}$  day of October, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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