

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the ) APPLICATION NO. TR-168  
Prescription of Reasonable )  
Rates and Charges for Motor ) GRANTED ON AN  
Carriers Passengers and ) EMERGENCY BASIS  
Property for Hire Subject to )  
The provision of Neb. Rev. )  
Stat.(Reissue 2006), Chapter )  
75, Articles 1 and 3. ) ENTERED: NOVEMBER 5, 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:

### OPINION AND FINDINGS

On October 26, 2008, Happy Cab Company, Yellow Cab Company, Checker Cab Company and Cornhusker Cab Company, Omaha, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend the taxi fares in Omaha through the amendment of the current per trip fuel charge as follows:

When fuel price exceeds:	Current	Proposed
\$1.30/Gallon	\$0.25/trip	\$0.25/trip
\$1.90/Gallon	\$0.50/trip	\$0.45/trip
\$2.20/Gallon	\$0.65/trip	\$0.60/trip
\$2.50/Gallon	\$0.80/trip	\$0.75/trip
\$2.80/Gallon	\$0.95/trip	\$0.90/trip
\$3.10/Gallon	\$1.10/trip	\$1.05/trip
\$3.40/Gallon	\$1.25/trip	\$1.20/trip
\$3.70/Gallon	\$1.40/trip	\$1.35/trip
\$4.00/Gallon	\$1.50/trip	\$1.50/trip

When over \$4.00/gallon

Surcharge  
increase \$0.15  
for every  
\$0.30 increase  
in the cost of  
gasoline.

Emergency action is requested.

Applicants are certificated common carriers which hold certificates for transportation of passengers and their baggage by taxi within Omaha.

In support of the application, Lori Mitchell, a manager for the applicants, states that the current fuel surcharge needs to be adjusted so that the surcharge can be

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set into the initial charge on the meter. The result is that the fuel surcharge will be reduced at all levels below \$4.00 per trip by five cents per trip, with the fuel surcharge above \$4.00 per gallon gasoline remaining unchanged.

The Commission is of the opinion and finds that the proposed change is reasonable and should be granted. It will result in a decrease in charges to the public as well as some efficiencies to the applicants in the tracking of the surcharge.

The Commission finds that the reduction in the fuel surcharge requires that it be approved on an emergency basis. The requested fuel surcharge will apply to all taxicab companies who have authority in the city of Omaha. The increase in cost to the applicant and its' drivers is significant, and needs to be addressed quickly.

The application is filed pursuant to Section 75-121, R.R.S. 2003 as amended.

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 on an emergency basis effective November 7, 2008.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective November 7, 2008, the Omaha taxi rates be, and it is hereby, amended as follows:

When fuel price exceeds:

\$1.30/trip	\$0.25/trip
\$1.90/Gallon	\$0.45/trip
\$2.20/Gallon	\$0.60/trip
\$2.50/Gallon	\$0.75/trip
\$2.80/Gallon	\$0.90/trip
\$3.10/Gallon	\$1.05/trip
\$3.40/Gallon	\$1.20/trip
\$3.70/Gallon	\$1.35/trip
\$4.00/Gallon	\$1.50/trip

Over \$4.00/gallon:

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Surcharge increase \$0.15 for every \$0.30 increase in the cost of gasoline.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service that notice of this amendment to their rates be conspicuously displayed within each vehicle and all passengers be notified that the fuel surcharge is in additional to the regular meter fare.




IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that 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.


MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 5th day of November, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

ATTEST:

  
Chair

  
Executive Director

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