

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) APPLICATION NO. TR-174
Prescription of Reasonable)
Rates and Charges for Motor)
Carriers Passengers and)
Property for Hire Subject to) GRANTED
The provision of Neb. Rev. Stat.)
(Reissue 2004), Chapter 75,)
Articles 1 and 3.) ENTERED: JANUARY 26, 2010

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On October 5, 2009, Edwin D. Saighman d/b/a E & M Yellow Cab Company, North Platte, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its rates for its operations as follows:

Description	Current	Proposed
First 1/8 mile or fraction		
Thereof (Initial drop charge)	\$2.80	\$2.80
Each additional 1/9 mile		
Thereafter	\$0.20	
Each additional 1/7 mile		
thereafter		\$0.30
Gasoline Surcharge		
Price/Gallon over \$1.80	\$0.50	
Price/Gallon up to \$2.99		\$0.75
Price/Gallon \$3.00 and up		\$0.85

The application was published in the Daily Record on October 20, 2010. No protests to the application were filed.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1460. The authority granted permits the transportation of passengers by taxicab in North Platte and vicinity.

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In support of the application, the applicant stated to the Commission that fuel costs and insurance rates have risen for the company. The applicant has granted increases in wages to its employees that amount to a ten percent increase. This was necessary in order to maintain its employee base and continue services.

The cost of gasoline, while at current levels is roughly where it was when gasoline increases spiked in 2005, has had a ripple effect in the applicants cost structure. In addition to the costs of the gasoline itself, these cost increases have also affected other cost items. Maintenance on the vehicles has increased fifteen percent. The cost of labor on vehicles has increased. The cost of tires and other items for maintenance have experienced this level of increase, also.

The Commission notes that the last increase granted to the applicant was in September of 2005. The proposed rate structure would leave the initial charge the same, increase the mileage rate by sixteen percent, and adjust the fuel surcharge. The Commission finds that the proposed rates, in light of the increases in costs that are in line with the proposal as well as the time period since the last rate increase, 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 February 5, 2010.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective February 5, 2010, Edwin D. Saighman, d/b/a E & M Yellow Cab Company, North Platte, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its rates for its use in Certificate No. B-1460 as follows:

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Description

1. First 1/8 mile or fraction thereof \$2.80
(Initial drop Charge)

2. Each additional 1/7 mile thereafter \$0.30

Gasoline Surcharge

Price/Gallon up to \$2.99 \$0.75

Price/Gallon \$3.00 and up
\$0.85

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 the total amount of the fuel surcharge be paid to the individual or individuals paying for the fuel.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 26th day of January, 2010.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman



ATTEST:



//s// Frank E. Landis

//s// Gerald L. Vap



Executive Director

COMMISSIONERS DISSENTING:

//s//, Anne C. Boyle