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BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) APPLICATION NO. TR-185
Of Servant Cab Company LLC,)
Lincoln, seeking authority to) DENIED ON AN
Amend its rates and charges.) EMERGENCY BASIS
)
) ENTERED: JUNE 1, 2011

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 27, 2011, Servant Cab Company LLC (Servant or Applicant), of Lincoln, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its taxi rates for transportation between points in Lincoln and a 25 mile radius thereof as follows:

Description	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
First 1/12 th mile	\$3.75	
First 1/13 th mile		\$4.25
Each additional 1/13 th mile	\$0.25	
Each additional 1/13 th mile		\$0.30
Waiting time (per minute)	\$0.60	\$0.70
Out-of-town rate per mile	\$3.00	\$3.00

Fuel surcharge -

Current		Proposed
\$1.00-1.25	\$0.10	\$0.10
\$1.25-1.50	\$0.20	\$0.20
\$1.50-1.75	\$0.30	\$0.30
\$1.75-2.00	\$0.40	\$0.40
\$2.00-2.25	\$0.50	\$0.50
\$2.25-2.50	\$0.60	\$0.60
\$2.50-2.75	\$0.70	\$0.70
\$2.75-3.00	\$0.80	\$0.80
\$3.00-3.25	\$0.90	\$0.90
\$3.25-3.50	\$1.00	\$1.10
\$3.50-3.75	\$1.10	\$1.25
\$3.75-4.00	\$1.20	\$1.40
\$4.00-4.25	\$1.30	\$1.55
\$4.25-4.50	\$1.40	\$1.85
\$4.50-4.75	\$1.50	\$1.70
\$4.75-5.00	\$1.60	\$2.00
\$5.00-5.25		\$2.15

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\$5.25-5.50	\$2.30
\$5.50-5.75	\$2.45
\$5.75-6.00	\$2.60

Emergency action is requested.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

Applicant is a certified common carrier which holds Certificate B-1581. The Certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers by taxicab between points in Lincoln and a 25 mile radius thereof.

The Applicant is requesting that the rate structure be adjusted at an average rate of eighteen percent. In its application, the applicant cited that numerous of its costs have increased greatly since the last rate increase granted by the Commission in 2009. The applicant cited. The applicant cited that workers compensation insurance increased from \$57,000.00 in 2008 to approximately \$70,000.00 in 2010, an increase of twenty-three percent. Another cost increase is in state unemployment insurance. In 2008, this cost was \$10,459.00. In 2010, the cost for state unemployment was increased to \$16,831.00. According to the Applicant, the first quarter bill for state unemployment insurance was \$8,896.00. Other costs cited by the Applicant were increases between 2008 and 2010 in the cost of oil (forty percent), tires (seventeen percent) printing (eighty-five percent) and phone service (eleven percent).

The Applicant also cited that the amount of business that the Applicant has performed with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has been significantly reduced. The Applicant stated that it performed 8,609 trips for DHHS in March of 2011, 8,898 in April of 2011, but only 104 through the first fifteen days of May 2011. The Applicant estimates that it will lose revenues in the amount of \$130,000.00 per month based upon this reduction in traffic. According to the Applicant, it has laid off thirteen drivers and has not replaced another five that left voluntarily. The Applicant states that the proposed increases are necessary to offset the revenues lost due to the situation with DHHS.

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After consideration of the application as set forth by the Applicant, the Commission is of the opinion and hereby finds that an increase of the magnitude sought by the Applicant cannot be approved without additional information being adduced. While the Commission notes the factors set out in the application, more information must be received regarding these factors before the Commission enters a final order in this application.

Upon consideration of the application, the evidence adduced and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the application should be denied on an emergency basis. The Commission further finds that the Application should be processed pursuant to Commission Rules regarding rate applications. The Commission further finds that a hearing should be scheduled in this matter for July 12, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room to receive evidence regarding the determination of a final order in this matter.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the application is denied on an emergency basis, that the Application is to be processed according to Commission rules, and that a hearing will be scheduled in this matter for July 12, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room.

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. 2010, and the Commission's Rules.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 1st day of June, 2011.

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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Anne Boyer
Gerald H. Vap

//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Tim Schram

Tim Schram
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Executive Director