

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) APPLICATION NO. TR-192
Prescription of Reasonable)
Rates and Charges for Motor)
Carriers Passengers and)
Property for Hire subject to) GRANTED
the Provisions of Neb. Rev.)
Stat. (Reissue 1996), Chapter)
75, Articles 1 and 3.) ENTERED: AUGUST 28, 2012

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On August 24, 2012, B.J.Z., Inc., dba Checker Cab Company, Norfolk, Nebraska filed an application for authority to amend its taxi rates for its use as follows:

Description	Proposed Rate
I. Within the cities of Norfolk and Columbus:	
A. First 1/7 mile or fraction thereof	\$2.40
B. Each additional 1/7 mile or fraction thereof	\$0.21
C. Each additional passenger over 12 years of age	\$0.75
D. Each minute of waiting time	\$0.50
Outside the City of Norfolk:	
A. Each mile per passenger (One Way)	\$1.45
B. Each mile per passenger (Round Trip)	Delete
C. Each additional passenger over 12 years Of age, per mile	\$0.50

Emergency action is requested.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1433. The certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers and their baggage by taxicab, in the City of Norfolk and vicinity. Supplement 1 to its

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certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers and their baggage by taxi between points in Madison, Stanton, Wayne, Pierce, Antelope and Boone counties and between points in said counties, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points within a 150 mile radius of Norfolk, Nebraska over irregular routes.

The proposed rate represents a decrease in the mileage rate from thirty cents per seventh mile to twenty-one cents per seventh mile, and a decrease in the out-of-town mileage rate from \$2.10 per mile to \$1.45 per mile. The out-of-town round trip rate would be deleted. All other rates are proposed to remain the same.

According to the Applicant, the proposed rates are necessary due to its contractual relationship with the State of Nebraska Department of Social Services (NDHHS). The Applicant is desirous of increasing its opportunities with NDHHS. On August 1, 2012, NDHHS, through its contractor AMR, changed the methodology to determine how trips are allocated and which entity performs the given trips. The proposed rate is designed to maximize the potential business with NDHHS.

Applicant's current rates were authorized in July of 2011. The proposed rates are competitive with rates of other companies providing similar services and are competitive.

In order to grant the application on an emergency basis, the Commission must find that an emergency situation exists. In this situation, the Applicant has stated that the number of trips that they have received from NDHHS has dropped since a change in the methodology used by NDHHS was made on August 1, 2012. The Applicant has requested that the reduction in rates proposed be granted as soon as possible so that it can have the rates available for its use with NDHHS. The Commission finds that the Applicant should be placed in a position to use these rates immediately. The Commission finds that the rates should become effective on August 29, 2012.

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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 August 29, 2012.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective August 29, 2012, B.J.Z., Inc., dba Checker Cab Company, Norfolk, Nebraska be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its taxi rates as follows:

Description	Rate
I. Within the city of Norfolk:	
A. First 1/7 mile or fraction thereof	\$2.40
B. Each additional 1/7 mile or fraction thereof	\$0.21
C. Each additional passenger over 12 years of age	\$0.75
D. Each minute of waiting time	\$0.50
Outside the City of Norfolk:	
A. Each mile per passenger (One Way)	\$1.45
B. Each additional passenger over 12 years Of age, per mile	\$0.50

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. 2011, and the Commissions Rules.

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MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska, this 28th day
of August, 2012.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Tim Schram
Hane Boyle
James J. Vay

//s// Rod Johnson

Chairman *Rod Johnson*

ATTEST:

Shirley S. 158
Executive Director