

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the ) Application No. TR-207/  
 Application of AA Cabbies, ) B-1902  
 Inc. d/b/a Siouxland Taxi, )  
 Sioux City, Iowa, in the )  
 prescription of reasonable )  
 rates and charges for motor ) GRANTED ON AN EMERGENCY  
 carriers of passengers and ) BASIS  
 property for hire subject to )  
 the provisions of Neb. Rev. )  
 Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 )  
 and 3. ) Entered: AUGUST 16, 2016

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On July 14, 2016, AA Cabbies, Inc. d/b/a Siouxland Taxi ("Applicant"), Sioux City, Iowa, filed an application for authority to amend rates for its use in its operations as follows:

Description	Current	Proposed
Meter Rates:		
A. First 1/10 <sup>th</sup> mile:	\$1.45	\$2.00
B. Rate Per Mile	\$2.20	2.30
C. Each add. 1/11 mile:	\$0.20	\$0.23
D. Cab Hired by the Hour	\$30.00	\$30.00
E. No service charge	\$5.00	\$5.00

Senior Citizens: Ten (10%) percent discount on any ride over \$4.00

Minimum Charge:

A. Veteran's Bridge to 21 <sup>st</sup> Street	\$5.00	\$6.00
B. 21 <sup>st</sup> Street to 39 <sup>th</sup> Street	\$6.00	\$7.00
C. Best Value Inn	\$10.00	\$11.00
D. Dakota City, NE	\$12.00	\$13.00
E. Lake Village, Atokad, Tomkins Addition and BPI	\$12.00	\$13.00
Wait time	\$0.50/min. \$30.00/hour	\$0.20/24 sec. \$30.00/hour

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Note: The driver will wait for the passenger for seven (7) minutes after arrival at pick-up location. Wait time begins after seven (7) minutes.

The fuel surcharge to be added is as follows (same as current):

Price/Gallon	Surcharge
\$4.00	\$0.55
\$4.30	\$0.70
\$4.60	\$0.85
\$4.90	\$1.00

Fuel prices in excess of \$4.90 per gallon will have the surcharge follow the format above with a fifteen cent (\$0.15) increase in the surcharge for every thirty cent (\$0.30) increase in the fuel price.

Emergency action is requested.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1902. The certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers and their baggage by taxi between points in Dakota, Dixon, Thurston, and Wayne counties, and between points in said counties, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes. The transportation of railroad crews and their baggage is not authorized, and the HHS designation is yes. The last rate change approval for the South Sioux City area was granted in May of 2008.

Applicant represents to the Commission that the proposed rate changes are based upon increases in cost as well as a change in the competition situation. The company has invested in a new computer generated dispatch system, global positioning for its taxis, and new credit card readers. In addition, the competitive market in the South Sioux City area has changed. The Commission approved the application of E Z Cabs in of 2015. This addition has created more competition for Applicant. The proposed rates are designed to offset some of the lost revenue due to the increase in competition.

The increases that Applicant is requesting range from no change in several of its charges to a dollar increase in

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the area minimum rates. The senior citizens rate, waiting time hourly rate, and fuel surcharges remain unchanged. The rates proposed include a 4.5 percent increase in the initial charge as well as the one dollar increase in the area minimum rates.

The Commission notes that Applicant reduced the drop charge from \$2.75 to \$1.45 on February 10, 2015. The proposed rate of \$2.00 is still less than that which had been approved by the Commission prior to the February 2015 order reducing the initial fee.

The Commission finds that the proposed rates are reasonable and competitive, and should therefore be approved.

In applications such as these, the Commission must find that an emergency situation exists. Such a situation exists in this application as Applicant's operations could be damaged if the rate is not approved on an emergency basis, and that Applicant should be placed in a position to use the rates in its operations as soon as possible.

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 22, 2016.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective August 22, 2016, AA Cabbies, Inc. d/b/a Siouxland Taxi, Sioux City, Iowa, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend rates for its use as proposed and that the Applicant's rates are as follows:

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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 Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-121 and the Commission's Rules.

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this  
16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Guadalupe*

*Tim Schram*

Chairman

*Crystal Knodes*

ATTEST:

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

*Sharon Kutz*

Deputy Director