

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Blair Blue Cab, LLC, Blair, seeking to amend its rates and charges subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.)))))))	APPLICATION NO. TR-212/B-1958 GRANTED ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS ENTERED: December 18, 2018
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BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On November 7, 2018, Blair Blue Cab, LLC ("Applicant"), Blair, filed an application for authority to amend its taxi rates as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
I. Flat Rates:		
a. Blair Flat Errands- pick-up/drop off within 1 mile perimeter of Blair city limits lasting less than 2 hours	\$5.00	\$6.00
b. Kennard/Lakeland/Fort Calhoun/Cotton Wood Cove/DeSoto (One Way)		\$15.00
c. Arlington/Bennington/Herman/Modale/California Bend (One Way)		\$20.00
d. Elkhorn/Valley/Fremont/Missouri Valley/Tekamah/Boystown/Ponca Hills/ Florence/Crescent (One Way)		\$30.00
e. Eppley Airport/Old Market/ Mid-Town Omaha/ Bellevue/Gretna/Papillion/La Vista/South Omaha/Council Bluffs (One Way)		\$45.00
f. Lincoln (Round Trip)		\$195.00
g. Grand Island (Round Trip)		\$455.00
II. Per Mile and Other Rates:		
a. Per Mile	\$2.25	No Change
b. Special Events (County Fair, Holidays, etc.), per mile	\$2.00	No Change
c. Senior Citizens and Veterans, per mile	\$1.50	No Change
d. Hourly Rate- one hour minimum for event shuttle-type services such as weddings, up to 6 passengers and gear per trip	\$35.00	No Change
e. Long Term Wait- 2 hour minimum when asked to wait to complete a round trip errand, per hour	\$5.00	\$7.25
f. Overnight Urgency/Bad Weather Surcharge	N/A	\$10.00

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Emergency action is requested.

On November 7, 2017, Applicant was granted authority under Application No. B-1958 to transport passengers and baggage by taxicab between points in Washington County, and between points in Washington County, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes, with the following restrictions: the transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized; HHS Designation is not authorized.

Applicant is seeking to amend its current long-term wait charge and geographic zone descriptions for transportation within Washington county, one-way trips to the Omaha area, and round trips to Lincoln and Grand Island. In its application, Applicant states that the rate increases are necessary in order to account for additional staff and vehicle costs. Applicant will continue to utilize flat, hourly, and per-mile rates calculated using its electronic logging system. The rate for long-term wait time will be agreed to by the fare-payer before it is charged.

Upon review, the Commission finds that the proposed rates are reasonable with two exceptions. Review of Applicant's proposed Omaha area one-way zone included Council Bluffs, Iowa as part of the destination. The Commission has no jurisdiction to regulate or approve a rate for an interstate trip, so Council Bluffs has been omitted from the final approved rates. Additionally, Applicant proposed adding a "Late Night Urgency/Bad Weather Surcharge." Such a charge is too subjective to determine how the rate will be applied, and the Commission will not approve the rate.

In applications such as these, the Commission must find that an emergency situation exists. Such a situation exists in this application as Applicant should be placed in a position to account for additional business related expenses. Therefore, the Commission finds that a situation exists that allows the Commission to grant the application on an emergency basis.

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 December 18, 2018.

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O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Blair Blue Cab, LLC, Blair, Nebraska be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its taxi rates for its services on an emergency basis effective December 18, 2018, as follows:

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e. Long Term Wait- 2 hour minimum when asked to wait to complete a round trip errand, per hour	\$7.25

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 Commission rules.

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 18th
day of December, 2018.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING

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Frank E. Landis

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//s//Frank E. Landis

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Chair

ATTEST:

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