



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 1512-R-160-T

RE: PETITION OF THE REGULATORY & COMPLIANCE UNIT OF THE  
CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INCREASE  
THE TAXICAB METER RATES IN THE TOWNS OF ANDOVER, BOLTON,  
BRISTOL, BURLINGTON, CHESHIRE, CLINTON, COLUMBIA,  
COVENTRY, FAIRFIELD, LITCHFIELD, MADISON, MANSFIELD,  
PLAINVILLE, STAFFORD, UNION, WILLINGTON AND WINDHAM AND  
TO ELIMINATE THE FUEL SURCHARGE IN THOSE TOWNS.

Final Decision

FEBRUARY 8, 2016

I. INTRODUCTION

A. PETITIONER'S PROPOSAL

By petition filed on December 9, 2015, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-96 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Regulatory & Compliance Unit of the Connecticut Department of Transportation (hereinafter "Department"), seeks authorization to increase the taxicab meter rates in Andover, Bolton, Burlington, Cheshire, Clinton, Columbia, Coventry, Fairfield, Litchfield, Madison, Mansfield, Plainville, Stafford, Union, Willington and Windham and to eliminate the gas fuel surcharge for those towns.

CURRENT METERED TAXICAB RATES OF FARE (Andover, Bolton, Bristol, Burlington, Cheshire, Coventry, Litchfield, Madison, Mansfield, Plainville and Stafford):

METER DROP: \$ 2.25 first 1/9 mile  
TRAVEL: .25 each additional 1/90 mile  
WAITING TIME: .25 every 29 seconds

CURRENT METERED TAXICAB RATES OF FARE (Windham, Columbia and Union):

METER DROP: \$ 3.00 first 1/8 mile  
TRAVEL: .30 each additional 1/8 mile  
WAITING TIME: .30 every 30 seconds

CURRENT METERED TAXICAB RATES OF FARE (Willington and Clinton):

METER DROP: \$ 2.00 first 1/8 mile  
TRAVEL: .25 each additional 1/8 mile  
WAITING TIME: .25 every 36 seconds

CURRENT METERED TAXICAB RATES OF FARE (Fairfield):

METER DROP: \$ 2.50 first 2/10 mile  
TRAVEL: .20 each additional 1/10 mile  
WAITING TIME: .20 every 30 seconds

PROPOSED METERED TAXICAB RATES OF FARE:

METER DROP: \$ 3.00 first 1/9 mile  
TRAVEL: .30 each additional 1/9 mile  
WAITING TIME: .30 every 30 seconds

B. HEARING HELD

Pursuant to Sections 13b-96 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, and Sections 4-177 through 4-182 of the Connecticut General Statutes, inclusive, this petition was assigned for a public hearing which was held at the administrative offices of the Department in Newington, Connecticut on January 26, 2016.

Notice of the petition and of the hearing to be held thereon was given to the petitioner, and to such other parties as deemed necessary by the department as required by Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-97, as amended. Legal notice to the public was given by publication on the department's website.

C. APPEARANCES

Mr. Sheldon Lubin, Public Utilities Examiner, appeared as a petitioner on behalf of the Department of Transportation, Regulatory & Compliance Unit.

Mr. Richard Ficorilli appeared on behalf of Kaybella Transportation, LLC. Mr. Ficorilli's mailing address is 2351 Boston Post Road, Guilford, CT 06437.

Mr. Raymond Longo appeared on behalf of Casino Cab Co., INC. dba Yellow Cab Co. Mr. Longo's mailing address is 65 Stillman Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut 06608.

Mr. John Gagne appeared on behalf of Ace Taxi Service, Inc. and East Hartford, Cab Company, Inc. The mailing address for those companies is P.O. Box 411, Vernon, Connecticut 06066.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The petitioners seek to increase the meter rate for taxicab fares in the towns of Andover, Bolton, Burlington, Cheshire, Clinton, Columbia, Coventry, Fairfield, Litchfield, Madison, Mansfield, Plainville, Stafford, Union, Willington and Windham.

2. The last metered rate increase in these areas was between 2004 and 2011.

3. Since the last meter rate increase the costs associated with operating the taxicab business have risen.

4. The primary reason for the department's petition to increase the metered rates in this area is the fact that there is confusion for the public as to why the same trip will cost different amounts depending on the starting or ending point.

5. The taxicab operators who operate in these towns have difficulty administering the current taxicab rate because part of their territory is a different rate.

6. Since gasoline has dropped substantially in price, there is no longer the need for a taxicab fuel surcharge.

### III. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

The department has jurisdiction over each person, association, limited liability company or corporation owning or operating a taxicab in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-93 as amended. In addition, the department is authorized to prescribe adequate service and reasonable rates and charges with respect to fares, service, operations and equipment, as it deems necessary.

The petitioners put forth evidence concerning the confusing nature of the existing rates in that operators might have several different rates in their territory. Unifying the rates will help the taxicab operators and the public to avoid confusion.

Since gasoline has been lower for some time, there is no need for a continued fuel surcharge so it will be eliminated.

### IV. CONCLUSION AND ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to the authority granted under Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-96, as amended, the petition filed by the Regulatory and Compliance Unit of the Department of Transportation is hereby granted.

Therefore, it is hereby ordered that the following schedule of metered rates of fare shall be implemented for the towns of Andover, Bolton, Burlington, Cheshire, Clinton, Columbia, Coventry, Fairfield, Litchfield, Madison, Mansfield, Plainville, Stafford, Union, Willington and Windham subject to the conditions below, shall become effective on Sunday, March 6, 2016 at 12:01 a.m.

#### NEW METERED TAXICAB RATES OF FARE:

METER DROP:	\$ 3.00 first 1/9 mile
TRAVEL:	.30 each additional 1/9 mile
WAITING TIME:	.30 every 30 seconds

The fuel surcharge which had previously been implemented is now eliminated.

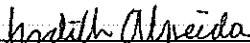
The metered rates in effect for the towns listed above on the date of the final decision are cancelled upon implementation of the new rates authorized herein.

**Public notice of the intent to implement the rates authorized herein shall be given by the petitioner through publication of a legal notice, in the local newspapers which cover the area of concern, not less than five (5) days prior to such implementation. The petitioner shall be responsible for the expense to place the legal notice.**

The metered rates of fare approved herein shall apply to all taxicab operators servicing any of the above-included towns.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2016.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

  
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