

**BEFORE THE STATE OF NEVADA TAXICAB AUTHORITY**

IN THE MATTER OF:

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DECISION  
REGARDING FUEL PRICES AND THE  
FUEL SURCHARGE AND REMOVAL OF  
CALIFORNIA FROM THE INDEX

**ORDER**  
**Disc**

At a regular monthly session of the State of Nevada Taxicab Authority, held at the Nevada Taxicab Authority, 1785 E. Sahara Ave., Ste. 200, Las Vegas, NV 89104.

PRESENT: Ileana Drobkin, Chairperson  
Dean Collins, Member  
Joe Hardy, Jr., Member  
Dennis Nolan, Member  
Josh Miller, Member  
Charles D. Harvey, Taxicab Authority Administrator

On January 28, 2014, a public hearing was held regarding the above-entitled matter in compliance with the provisions of the Nevada Open Meeting Law, the Nevada Administrative Procedure Act, Chapter 706 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), at which time all interested parties appeared and were permitted to be heard.

The following filed Petitions to Intervene and all were permitted to intervene and be heard: (1) Desert Cab Company, (2) Western Cab Company, (3) A Cab LLC, (4) Nellis Cab Company, (5) Yellow/Checker/Star Cab Companies, (6) Whittlesea Blue Cab Company/Henderson Taxi, (7) Lucky Cab Company, (8) Ace Cab, Inc., Union Cab Co., A NLV Cab Co., Vegas-Western Cab, Inc., and Virgin Valley Cab Company, and (9) ITPE Union.

Intervenors and Staff were allowed to present argument and evidence regarding the need to remove California from the Index used to calculate the cost of fuel for the purposes of the fuel surcharge. The Taxicab Authority received proof regarding the circumstances

1 affecting the interests of the taxicab industry, drivers and customers in Clark County, and  
2 having duly considered the evidence and being fully advised in the premises, makes its  
3 Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, as follows:

4 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 5 1. Staff supported removal of California from the Index used to calculate the cost of fuel  
6 for the purposes of the fuel surcharge, as the cost of fuel in California is consistently  
7 higher than Nevada.  
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9 2. Intervenors supported keeping the current Index used to calculate the cost of fuel for  
10 the purposes of the fuel surcharge, as the matter of the Index was heard and  
11 considered during the April 5, 2011 Taxicab Authority open meeting and such a  
12 change would require research into the triggers for implementation and removal of the  
13 fuel surcharge.  
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15 3. Based upon the arguments, evidence and recommendations submitted by Intervenors  
16 and Staff, the Board has insufficient information upon which to ascertain the need, if  
17 any, to remove California from the Index used to calculate the cost of fuel for the  
18 purposes of the fuel surcharge.  
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20 4. The Board finds that further research into the triggers for implementation and removal  
21 of the fuel surcharge are needed prior to considering removing California from the  
22 Index used to calculate the cost of fuel for the purposes of the fuel surcharge.

23 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 24 1. The Taxicab Authority has the authority to review and alter taxicab rates, charges, or  
25 fares in Clark County, pursuant to NRS 706.8819(1)(a).  
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27 2. The area to be affected by this Order is Clark County.  
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3. The interests, welfare, convenience, necessity, and well-being of the customers of taxicabs are better served by this Order.

4. If any of the foregoing conclusions of law is more appropriately construed as a finding of fact, it may be so construed.

**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Index used to calculate the cost of fuel for the purposes of the fuel surcharge shall not be changed at this time.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2014.

BY THE AUTHORITY:

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ILEANA DROBKIN – CHAIRWOMAN

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JOE HARDY, JR. - MEMBER

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DENNIS NOLAN – MEMBER

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DEAN COLLINS - MEMBER

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JOSH MILLER – MEMBER

ATTEST:

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CHARLES D. HARVEY - ADMINISTRATOR