

1. <u>REPORT DATE:</u> November 13, 2007	2. <u>BUREAU AGENDA NO.</u> NOV-2007-TSM-0275*
3. <u>BUREAU:</u> Transportation & Safety	
4. <u>SECTION(S):</u> M. C. S. & E.	5. <u>PUBLIC MEETING DATE:</u>
6. <u>APPROVED BY:</u> Director: Hoffman: 3-3846 Mgr/Spvr: Keezel: 3-5010 Legal Review:	November 29, 2007
7. <u>PERSONS IN CHARGE:</u> Bingaman 3-5946	9. <u>EFFECTIVE DATE OF FILING:</u> December 3, 2007
8. <u>DOCKET NO.:</u> A-00101102 R-00072763	

- 10. (a) **CAPTION** (abbreviate if more than 4 lines)
- (b) **Short summary of history & facts, documents & briefs**
- (c) **Recommendation**

(a) **READING METRO TAXI CAB, INC., READING, BERKS COUNTY  
INCREASE IN RATES**

(b) Reading Metro Taxi Cab, Inc. (carrier) furnishes service upon call or demand in Berks County, as more thoroughly described in the Commission Order granting authority at A-00101102. Carrier has filed Tariff Call or Demand Pa. PUC No. 7, financial records, and other documents in support of its request on June 19, 2007. Carrier was notified that, in accordance with 66 Pa. C.S. §1308(d), the tariffs would be suspended for a period which was not to exceed seven months from June 28, 2007. Upon review of the tariff, discrepancies were discovered and the carrier was asked to make corrections and resubmit the tariff. The corrected tariff was received on November 1, 2007. The request is certified to the Commission for its decision without an oral hearing. The record consists of the proposed tariff, financial records, and other data in support of the request. Carrier's current rates have been in effect since July 19, 1996. The carrier proposes an increase in total revenues of \$116,044, of which \$21,737 would be derived from call or demand service. The proposed rate increase is to cover increases in insurance premiums, depreciation, and payment of drivers, as well as other personnel. There are currently no outstanding fines or assessments.

(c) The Bureau recommends that Tariff Call or Demand Pa. PUC No. 7 be approved to become effective on December 3, 2007.

Order Doc. No. 682245

Cal. Sheet Doc. No. 682247

11. **MOTION BY:** Commissioner Chm. Holland

Commissioner Christy - Yes  
 Commissioner Pizzingrilli - Yes  
 Commissioner

**SECONDED:** Commissioner Cawley

**CONTENT OF MOTION:** Staff recommendation adopted.



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
P.O. BOX 3265, HARRISBURG, PA 17105-3265

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November 29, 2007

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READING METRO TAXI CAB INC  
615 ELM STREET  
READING PA 19601

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
V.  
READING METRO TAXI CAB INC

DOCUMENT  
FOLDER

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to advise you that the Commission in Public Meeting on **November 29, 2007** adopted an Order in the above entitled proceeding.

An Order has been enclosed for your records.

Very truly yours,

James J. McNulty  
Secretary

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Cert. Mail

**PENNSYLVANIA  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265**

**Public Meeting held November 29, 2007**

**Commissioners Present:**

**Wendell F. Holland, Chairman  
James H. Cawley, Vice-Chairman  
Tyrone J. Christy  
Kim Pizzingrilli**

**Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission**

**v.**

**A-00101102  
R-00072763**

**Reading Metro Taxi Cab, Inc.**

**ORDER**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

Reading Metro Taxi Cab, Inc. (carrier) furnishes service upon call or demand in Berks County, as more thoroughly described in the Commission Order granting authority at A-00101102.

Carrier has filed Tariff Call or Demand Pa. PUC No. 7, financial records, and other documents in support of its request on June 19, 2007. Carrier was notified that, in accordance with 66 Pa. C.S. §1308(d), the tariffs would be suspended for a period which was not to exceed seven months from June 28, 2007. Upon review of the tariff, discrepancies were discovered and the carrier was asked to make corrections and resubmit the tariff. The corrected tariff was received on November 1, 2007. The request is certified to the Commission for its decision without an oral hearing. The record consists of the proposed tariff, financial records, and other data in support of the request.

**DISCUSSION**

The carrier proposes an increase in total revenues of \$116,044, of which \$21,737 would be derived from call or demand service. The proposed rate increase is to cover increases in insurance premiums, depreciation, and payment of drivers, as well as other personnel.

Carrier's increase in revenues will be generated by increasing its metered rates as well as charges to other sources of revenue. Carrier's current rates have been in effect since July 19, 1996. The current and proposed rates are as follows:

**CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES**

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
<b>Flag Drop – First 1/7<sup>th</sup> Mile</b>	\$1.80	\$2.50	39%
<b>Each Additional 1/7<sup>th</sup> Mile</b>	\$ .20	\$ .23	15%
<b>Waiting Time/Each Minute</b>	\$ .20	\$ .40	100%

Carrier's call or demand revenue for the twelve months ending April 30, 2007 was \$97,578. Carrier has calculated that the increase will produce additional PUC revenues of \$21,737. The increased revenues were determined as follows:

**ESTIMATED EFFECT OF PROPOSED RATE INCREASE ON REVENUES**

**STATISTICS (5/1/06 – 4/30/07)**

Total PUC Regulated Trips	16,511
Total Miles	
From Flag Drops (16,511 ÷ 7)	2,359
Additional Miles	<u>48,470</u>
Total	50,829

**PROJECTED REVENUE – PROPOSED RATES**

Flag drop	@	16,511 X \$2.50	\$ 41,278
Additional Miles	@	48,470 X 7 X \$.23	<u>\$ 78,037</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>			\$119,315

**REVENUE – CURRENT RATES**

Flag drop	@	16,511 X \$1.80	\$ 29,720
Additional Miles	@	48,470 X 7 X \$.20	<u>\$ 67,858</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>			\$ 97,578

**REVENUE INCREASE**

Projected Revenue – Proposed Rates	\$119,315
Revenue – Current Rates	<u>\$ 97,578</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 21,737

Carrier submitted detailed financial records and other supporting data in support of its request. There are currently no outstanding fines or assessments.

**INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING APRIL 30, 2007**  
**CARRIER PROJECTED TOTALS**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Projections w/Adjustments</u>
<b><u>Operating Revenues:</u></b>			
Call or Demand	\$ 97,578	\$ 21,737	\$ 119,315
Other Revenue	801,968	94,307	896,275
<b><u>Total Revenue:</u></b>	<b>\$899,546</b>	<b>\$116,044</b>	<b>\$1,015,590</b>
<b><u>Operating Expenses:</u></b>			
Officers' Salaries	\$ 77,343		\$ 77,343
Officers' Expenses	122,034		122,034
Non-officers' Salaries	376,229	\$ 18,812	395,041
Payroll Taxes	47,219		47,219
Employee Benefits	56,031		56,031
Maintenance	154,161		154,161
Insurance	24,308	2,500	26,808
Occupancy Costs	41,461		41,461
Office Expenses	14,895		14,895
Taxes & Assessments	2,627		2,627
Transportation	43,026	14,843	57,869
Depreciation		1,500	1,500
<b><u>Total Expenses:</u></b>	<b>\$959,334</b>	<b>\$ 37,655</b>	<b>\$996,989</b>
<b><u>Operating Income (Loss):</u></b>	<b>(\$ 59,788)</b>	<b>\$ 78,389</b>	<b>\$ 18,601</b>
<b><u>Operating Ratio:</u></b>	<b>107%</b>		<b>98%</b>

**COMPANY CLAIMED ADJUSTMENTS TO OPERATING EXPENSES**

Non-officers' Salaries expense – carrier projects a total increase \$18,812 resulting from increased salaries which have gone into effect. Carrier has documented these increases to support this projection.

Insurance expense – carrier projects a total increase of \$2,500 resulting from increased premiums for insurance. Carrier has documented these increases to support this projection.

Transportation expense – carrier projects a total increase of \$14,843 for payments to drivers resulting from the increase. The carrier has documented these increases to support this projection.

Depreciation expense – carrier projects a total increase of \$1,500 resulting from the addition of another vehicle to the fleet. Carrier has documented these increases to support this projection.

### ANALYSIS

A total increase in revenues of \$116,044, of which \$21,737 would be derived from call or demand service. The proposed rate increase is to cover increases in insurance premiums, depreciation, and payment of drivers, as well as other personnel. The increase would reduce the carrier's operating ratio from 107% to 98%. The proposed increase in revenues will be generated increasing its metered rates, as well as an increase in carrier's other sources of revenue, such as dispatch and repair services for carrier's sister companies. The current and proposed rates are as follows:

### CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES

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<b>Waiting Time/Each Minute</b>	\$ .20	\$ .40	100%
<b>Average Trip of Three Miles</b>	\$5.80	\$7.10	22.4%

The current rates have been in effect since July 19, 1996. The carrier has no outstanding fines or assessments.

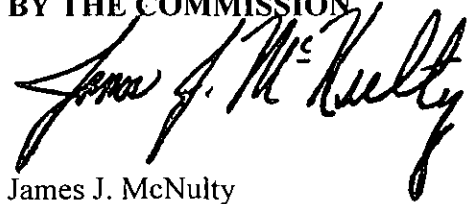
### CONCLUSION

We have determined that Reading Metro Taxi Cab, Inc. has submitted the documentary justification to support the proposed revenue increase of \$62,442 and that the increase is not of an excessive amount based on the resulting operating ratio of 98%. It is our opinion that the increase will be sufficient to provide safe, dependable and continuous service to the public: THEREFORE,

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That Tariff Call or Demand Pa. PUC No. 7 is approved to become effective December 3, 2007.
2. That a copy of this order be served upon the carrier.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



James J. McNulty  
Secretary

(SEAL)

**ORDER ADOPTED: November 29, 2007**

**ORDER ENTERED: NOV 29 2007**

2. Article Number



7160 3901 9843 2282 6320

3. Service Type **CERTIFIED MAIL**

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

1. Article Addressed to:

Reading Metro Taxi  
Car Inc  
A-00101102 et al O.

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

A. Received by (Please Print Clearly)

*Romulo Lopez*

B. Date of Delivery

*11-30-07*

C. Signature

X

*[Signature]*

Agent  
 Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?  
If YES, enter delivery address below:

Yes  
 No

