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PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
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November 29, 2007

A-00121381
R-00072765

READING CHECKER CAB INC
615 ELM STREET
READING PA 19601

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
V.
READING CHECKER CAB INC

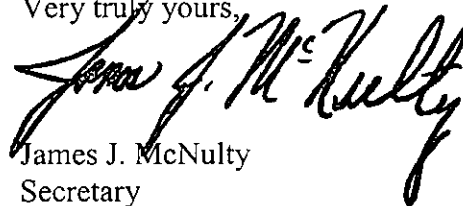
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To Whom It May Concern:

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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**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.

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Reading Checker Cab, Inc.

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

Reading Checker Cab, Inc. (carrier) furnishes service upon call or demand in Berks County, as more thoroughly described in the Commission Order granting authority at A-00121381.

Carrier has filed Tariff Call or Demand Pa. PUC No. 2, 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 \$62,442, all of which would be derived from call or demand service. The proposed rate increase is to cover increases in dispatch costs, repairs, insurance premiums, depreciation, and payment of drivers.

Carrier's increase in revenues will be generated by increasing its metered rates. Carrier's current rates have been in effect since June 17, 2005. The current and proposed rates are as follows:

CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES

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

Carrier's call or demand revenue for the twelve months ending April 30, 2007 was \$280,311. Carrier has calculated that the increase will produce additional PUC revenues of \$62,442. 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	47,430
Total Miles	
From Flag Drops (47,430 ÷ 7)	6,776
Additional Miles	<u>139,241</u>
Total	146,017

PROJECTED REVENUE – PROPOSED RATES

Flag drop	@	47,430 X \$2.50	\$ 118,575
Additional Miles	@	139,241 X 7 X \$.23	<u>\$ 224,178</u>
TOTAL			\$ 342,753

REVENUE – CURRENT RATES

Flag drop	@	47,430 X \$1.80	\$ 85,374
Additional Miles	@	139,241 X 7 X \$.20	\$ 194,937
TOTAL			\$ 280,311

REVENUE INCREASE

Projected Revenue – Proposed Rates	\$342,753
Revenue – Current Rates	<u>\$280,311</u>
TOTAL	\$ 62,442

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>
<u>Operating Revenues:</u>			
Call or Demand	\$280,311	\$62,442	\$342,753
<u>Total Revenue:</u>	\$280,311	\$62,442	\$342,753
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>			
Transportation	\$143,242	\$16,831	\$160,073
Maintenance	54,963	6,595	61,558
Insurance	18,860	6,695	25,555
Dispatch Service	52,000	6,240	58,240
Vehicle Licenses	555		555
Miscellaneous	19		19
Amortization	2,477		2,477
Depreciation		7,500	7,500
<u>Total Expenses:</u>	\$272,116	\$43,861	\$315,977
<u>Operating Income (Loss):</u>	\$ 8,195	\$18,581	\$ 26,776
<u>Operating Ratio:</u>	97%		92%

COMPANY CLAIMED ADJUSTMENTS TO OPERATING EXPENSES

Transportation expense – carrier projects a total increase of \$16,831 for payments to drivers resulting from the increase. The carrier has documented these increases to support this projection.

Maintenance expense – carrier projects a total increase \$6,595 resulting from increased prices in parts and labor for vehicle repair. Carrier has documented these increases to support this projection.

Insurance expense – carrier projects a total increase of \$6,695 resulting from increased premiums for insurance. Carrier has documented these increases to support this projection.

Dispatch Service expense – carrier projects a total increase of \$6,240 resulting from increased payments for dispatch service. Carrier has documented these increases to support this projection.

Depreciation expense – carrier projects a total increase of \$7,500 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 \$62,442 has been proposed by the carrier to cover increases in dispatch costs, repairs, insurance premiums, depreciation, and payment of drivers. The increase would reduce the carrier's operating ratio from 97% to 92%. The proposed increase in revenues will be generated increasing its metered rates. The current and proposed rates are as follows:

CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
Flag Drop – First 1/7th Mile	\$1.80	\$2.50	39%
Each Additional 1/7th Mile	\$.20	\$.23	15%
Waiting Time/Each Minute	\$.20	\$.40	100%
Average Trip of Three Miles	\$5.80	\$7.10	22.4%

The current rates have been in effect since June 17, 2005. The carrier has no outstanding fines or assessments.

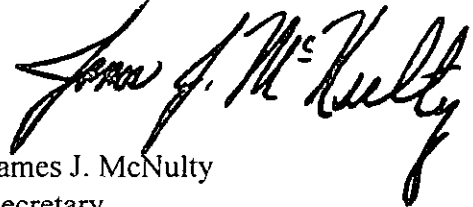
CONCLUSION

We have determined that Reading Checker 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 92%. 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. 2 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

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ORDER ADOPTED: November 29, 2007

ORDER ENTERED: NOV 29 2007