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STATE OF NEVADA



TAXICAB AUTHORITY

State of Nevada Taxicab Authority Trip Charge History

Inception of Taxicab Authority 1969
Trip Charge \$. 05 cents per trip

Amended by Legislature 1977
Trip Charge \$. 10 cents per trip

Amended by Legislature 1987
Trip Charge \$. 15 cents per trip

***Letters in Support of SB 288
from the Cab Company owners
of
Clark County, Nevada***

A N.L.V. CAB COMPANY

ABC UNION CAB COMPANY

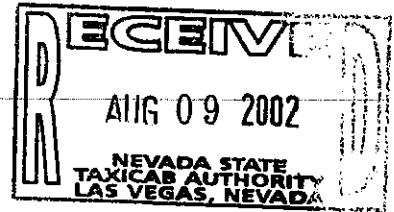
ACE CAB COMPANY

VEGAS WESTERN CAB COMPANY

VIRGIN VALLEY CAB

5010 S. Valley View Boulevard

Las Vegas, Nevada 89118



August 8, 2002

Taxicab Authority
John R Plunkett, III, Administrator
1785 E Sahara Avenue
Suite 200
Las Vegas Nv 89104

Dear Mr. Plunkett,

I understand the Taxicab Authority has submitted a Bill Draft Request (BDR) seeking to increase the current .15 cent per trip charge to .20 cents per trip.

The Frias Companies, ABC Union Cab Company, Ace Cab Company, A-NLV Cab Company, Vegas-Western Cab Company, and Virgin Valley Cab Company, support the Taxicab Authority's BDR request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles Frias".

Charles Frias
Owner



Yellow Checker Star
TRANSPORTATION

July 18, 2002

John Plunkett III
Administrator
State of Nevada Taxicab Authority
1785 E. Sahara Ave. Suite 200
Las Vegas, NV 89104

Dear Mr. Plunkett,

There have been discussions throughout the industry the past few months regarding the need for additional funds to be provided to the Taxicab Authority.

Yellow-Checker-Star Cab Companies are well aware of the budget crunch the Taxicab Authority is facing and of the possibility that the senior ride program is at risk.

Please be advised that our directors voted to support a \$.05 cent per trip charge increase for Taxicab Authority funding.

This would make the current TA trip charge \$.20 cents a trip.

Our action was taken on April 15th at our monthly directors meeting.

Sincerely,

Milton Schwartz

Whittlesea & Bell

1900 Industrial Road / Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 / (702) 382-7060 / Fax (702) 382-4601

August 7, 2002

John Plunkett, Administrator
Taxicab Authority
Suite 200
1785 East Sahara
Las Vegas, NV 89104

Dear Mr. Plunkett:

This letter is in response to your July 29, 2002 correspondence. I reviewed the Taxicab Authority's ("TA") Bill Draft Request ("BDR") amending NRS 706.8826, which would allow the TA to receive a 20¢ trip charge versus the 15¢ trip charge, and an increase in application/renewal fees to hold a TA permit.

After a thorough review of the TA's budget, it appears quite obvious the TA needs increased revenue to recover from the industry fallout after September 11 and continue to operate in a manner that properly regulates our industry. Whittlesea Blue Cab and Henderson Taxi concur fully with your request and will support the BDR.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,
WHITTLESEA-BELL



Brent Bell
Chief Operating Officer

BELL DEVELOPMENT CO.



WELLS FARGO INSURANCE CO.



HENDERSON TAXI



BELL CAB



LEASING AND MAINTENANCE



ORGANIZATIONAL LAW FIRM



WHITTLESEA BLUE CAB CO.

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WHITTLESEA BLUE CAB CO.

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Governor

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Memorandum

To: Sydney Wickliffe, Director of the Nevada Department of Business & Industry
From: John R. Plunkett III, Administrator
CC:
Date: July 31, 2002
Re: Proposed Bill Draft Request (BDR) from Taxicab Authority

On July 31, 2002, John R. Plunkett III, Administrator for the Nevada Taxicab Authority, had a conversation with Herb Tobman, owner of Western Cab Company. During this conversation, the Taxicab Authority's proposed Bill Draft Request (BDR) for the 2003 Nevada Legislature was discussed. Mr. Tobman advised that as the owner and spokesman of Western Cab Company, he fully supports the proposed increase in trip charge from 15 cents per trip to 20 cents per trip.



Desert Cab, Inc

August 27, 2002

John Plunkett, Administrator
State of Nevada
Taxicab Authority
1785 East Sahara, Suite 200
Las Vegas, Nevada 89158

Dear Mr.Plunkett:

I am writing in response to your proposed increase of the tripcharge tax paid by the cab companies to fund the operations of the Taxicab Authority and our regulation.

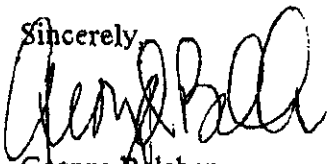
As you are aware we have requested rate increases twice since the September 11th tragedy and subsequent economic slowdown in order to cover ever increasing costs. Your proposed increase would cost Desert Cab approximately \$80,000.00 on an annual basis. I appreciate your dilemma in trying to run an agency in these challenging times. I propose that since legislative approval is necessary to adopt this increase that we change some other fees currently being charged to the cab companies in order to lessen the bite of the proposed 33% increase. We currently have to pay \$100.00 per medallion on an annual basis as well as \$10.00 per medallion for temporary and special event medallions. These charges cost Desert Cab approximately \$10,000.00 a year and are a bookkeeping nightmare. Perhaps you would consider eliminating these fees and bookkeeping as a compromise in these tough times.

Mr. Plunkett I want you to understand that I do support your much needed increase I am just trying to avoid going backwards after getting our much needed increase.

I believe the Taxicab Authority provides a much needed and healthy regulation of the taxi industry in Clark County. Both the Authority and the companies depend on each other for continued prosperity and I look forward to working with you and the agency not only at the legislature but into the future.

I thank you for soliciting my thoughts on the proposed increase and hope that you feel free to get my thoughts on any future changes you might be considering at the Authority.

Sincerely,



George Balaban
President

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JASON A. AWAD & ASSOCIATES

A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
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August 22, 2002

Ms. Kathalie Koche
Budget Office
State of Nevada Dept.
of Business and Industry
1785 E. Sahara Avenue, Suite 200
Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

Re: Fee Increase by the Taxicab Authority

Dear Ms. Koche:


This letter shall serve to acknowledge Lucky Cab Company's receipt of a copy of the "BDR" request made by the Taxicab Authority and the memorandum submitted by Mr. Plunkett, Administrator for the Taxicab Authority, requesting an increase in the per trip charge fee from \$.15 cents to \$.20 cents.

We are also aware of the fact that the Taxicab Authority has sustained a short-fall in revenues as a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack. Given these circumstances, Lucky Cab fully supports the TA's request for a fee increase and we believe the same is needed to enable the agency to continue to perform its duties and obligations to the industry and the public.

If you have any questions with respect to this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

JASON A. AWAD & ASSOCIATES.

By 
JASON A. AWAD, ESQ.
Owner of Lucky Cab Co.

JAA:ja

cc: Mr. John R. Plunkett
Administrator

Boulder Cab Inc. dba 
Deluxe Taxicab Service

July 26, 2002

John R. Plunkett III
Administrator
State of Nevada Taxicab Authority
1785 East Sahara, Suite 200
Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

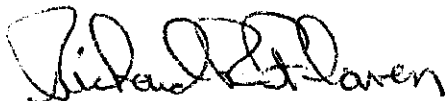
Dear Mr. Plunkett:

Deluxe TaxiCab Service is aware of the increasing costs to the transportation industry as a whole. We also understand that future budget cuts could adversely affect the State of Nevada Taxicab Authority.

The State of Nevada Taxicab Authority provides a necessary service to our industry. Budget cuts that affect them could lower the standards that we are accustomed to. Deluxe TaxiCab Service is in support of raising the trip charges from fifteen cents to twenty cents that are payable to the State of Nevada Taxicab Authority monthly.

If you should have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at (702) 567-0090.

Very truly yours,



Richard R. Flaven
President

RRF:saj

A Cab, LLC
Serving West and North Las Vegas
Established 2000
1901 South 16th Street
Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

John R Plunkett III, Administrator
Department of Business and Industry
Taxicab Authority
1785 East Sahara Avenue, Suite 200
Las Vegas, NV 89104

August 5, 2002

Re: Trip Charge Increase

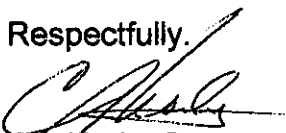
Dear Mr. Plunkett:

Regarding the proposed increase of the Trip Charge from the current \$.15 per ride to \$.20 per ride, A Cab is in support of Taxicab Authority's request. The management and staff of A Cab appreciate the hard work and vigilance of the TA, with its huge State mandate and small staff and budget funding. The proposed five-cent tax increase will have little financial effect upon the bottom line of our company and pales when considering the huge impact on the TA budget.

If this month's July, 2002 Trip Charge Return were to be filed using the new rate of \$.20, per trip, the difference for our company would be \$795.70. We are willing to bear this tax increase to insure the continued watchful eye, protection, education, and many other duties of your agency that we Taxi Companies have come to expect and rely upon.

I take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for your willingness to respond and guide us through these lean months of the last year and voice my personal appreciation of your leadership and dedication that has changed your agency so much for the better since your arrival last year. Good luck and please keep up the fine work.

Respectfully,


Jay Nady, Owner
A Cab, LLC

Clark County, Nevada

History of Taxicab Rate Charges

RATE INCREASE

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Following are the taxicab rates in Clark County, Nevada beginning in 1971.

1/27/1971	Drop for first 1/5 mile	\$.50	
	Each additional 1/5 mile	.10	
	Waiting time, per hour	5.00	
	Each passenger over three	.20	each
	McCarran Airport fee	.20	
8/15/1973	Drop for first 1/6 mile	\$.65	
	Each additional 1/6 mile	.10	
	Waiting time, per hour	7.20	
	Each passenger over three	.20	each
	McCarran Airport fee	.20	
8/20/1975	Drop for first 1/4 mile	\$.75	
	Each additional 1/4 mile	.20	
	Waiting time, per hour	10.00	
	Each passenger over three	.20	each
	McCarran Airport fee	.20	
5/29/1979	Drop for first 1/4 mile	\$.85	
	Each additional 1/4 mile	.20	
	Waiting time, per hour	10.00	
	Each passenger over three	.20	each
	McCarran Airport fee	.20	
8/10/1979	Drop for first 1/5 mile	\$.75	
	Each additional 1/5 mile	.20	
	Waiting time, per hour	10.00	
	Each passenger over three	.20	each
	McCarran Airport fee	.20	
4/1/1980	Drop for first 1/5 mile	\$.95	
	Each additional 1/5 mile	.20	
	Waiting time, per hour	10.00	
	Each passenger over three	.20	each
	McCarran Airport fee	.20	
10/5/1981	Drop for first 1/6 mile	\$ 1.40	
	Each additional 1/6 mile	.20	
	Waiting time, per hour	12.00	
	Each passenger over three	.20	each
	McCarran Airport fee	.20	

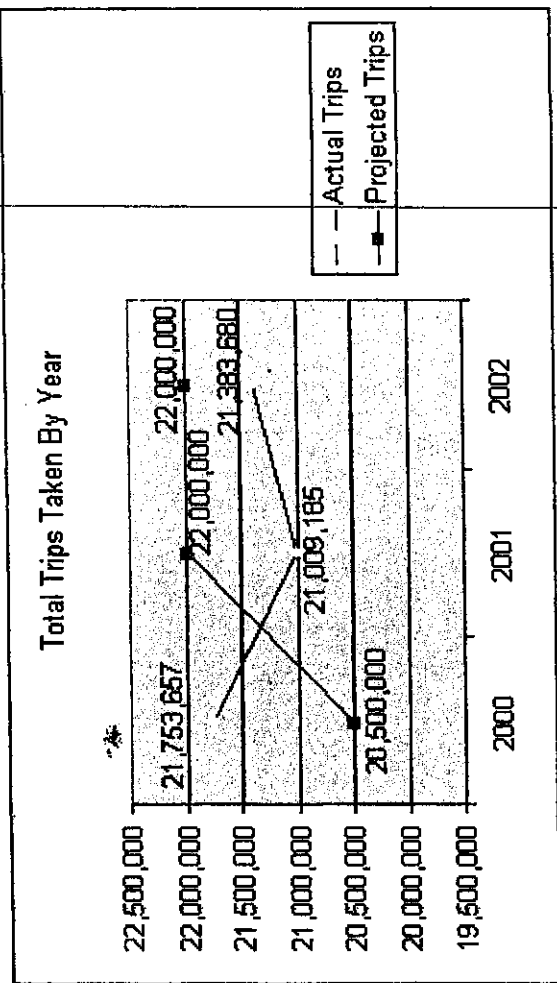
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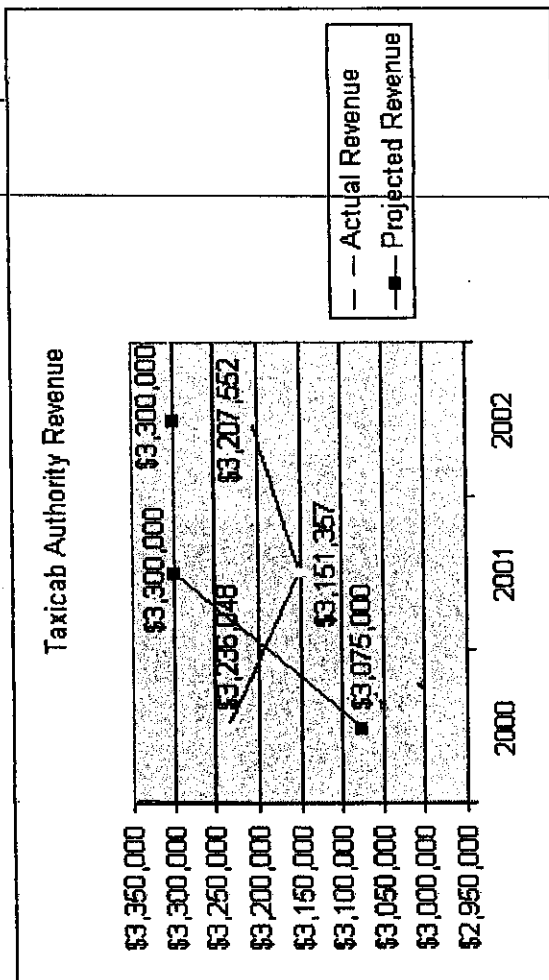
4/11/1985	Drop for first 1/7 mile	\$1.70
	Each additional 1/7 mile	.20
	Waiting time, per hour	18.00
	Each passenger over three	.20 each
	McCarran Airport fee	.20
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11/1/1988	McCarran Airport fee increased an additional 40 cents	.60
7/1/1991	Drop for first 1/7 mile	\$2.20
	Each additional 1/7 mile	.20
	Waiting time, per hour	18.00
	per minute	.30
	McCarran Airport fee	.60
1/7/1992	McCarran airport fee increased an additional .60	\$1.20
3/8/1993	Drop for first 1/5th mile	\$2.20
	Each additional 1/5th mile	.30
	Waiting time, per hour	18.00
	per minute	.30
	McCarran airport fee	1.20
2/22/1997	Drop for first 1/5th mile	\$2.20
	Each additional 1/5th mile	.30
	Waiting time, per hour	21.00
	per minute	.35
	McCarran Airport fee	1.20
02/26/2000	Drop for first 1/8th mile	\$2.20
	Each additional 1/8th mile	0.20
	Waiting time, per hour	21.00
	per minute	0.35
	McCarran Airport fee	1.20
4/30/2001	Drop for first 1/17th mile	2.20
	Each additional 1/17th mile	.10
	Waiting time, per hour	21.00
	per minute	.35
	McCarran Airport fee	1.20
2/1/2002	Drop for first 1/9 mile	2.30
	Each additional 1/9 th mile	0.20
	Waiting time, per hour	22.00
	McCarran Airport fee	1.20
8/1/2002	Drop for first 1/9 mile	2.70
	Each additional 1/9 th mile	0.20
	Waiting time, per hour	22.00
	McCarran Airport fee	1.20

	2000	2001	2002
Actual Trips	21,753,657	21,009,185	21,383,680
Projected Trips	20,500,000	22,000,000	22,000,000

Graph #1



Graph #2



	2000	2001	2002
Actual Revenue	\$3,236,048	\$3,151,357	\$3,207,552
Projected Revenue	\$3,075,000	\$3,300,000	\$3,300,000

TAXICAB AUTHORITY

JOSEPH A. DAHLIA
ACTING ADMINISTRATOR

The Taxicab Authority (TA) consists of five part-time members appointed for three-year terms by the Governor and a full-time Administrator appointed by the Director of the Department of Business and Industry. The Administrator is responsible for managing two distinct functions within the TA: law enforcement, including the Hearings Division, and the licensing function. In matters wherein the decision of the Administrator is appealed, that being licensing or violations, the Taxicab Authority Board conducts hearings and makes final decisions.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:	NRS 706.882-885
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES:	60 FTE/2002
TELEPHONE:	LAS VEGAS: 702.486.6532
WEB SITE ADDRESS:	http://www.taxi.state.nv.us

AGENCY KEY OBJECTIVES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The Authority's goals are the continued welfare of the traveling public, the taxicab drivers and the taxicab companies operating within the jurisdiction of the Taxicab Authority. These goals are accomplished through regulations requiring background checks of potential taxicab drivers, the quarterly safety inspection of taxicabs, the allocations of permanent and temporary medallions, and the investigation of passenger complaints. The Agency employs 25 field investigators who patrol the area of jurisdiction to ensure the taxicabs are being operated safely and in accordance with the appropriate statutes and regulations. There are 11 Airport Control Officers who patrol McCarran International Airport exclusively.

KEY OBJECTIVES:

To reduce, as a percentage, the number of taxicab accidents, taxicab robberies, and customer complaints through our Driver Awareness Program, Driver Safety Training and aggressive patrol activities during the next biennium.

Key Accomplishments:

- During the year 2002, the Authority increasingly investigated passenger complaints, conducted more quarterly safety inspections of taxicabs, and prosecuted driver violations more aggressively.
- Notices of Violation issued to taxicab drivers increased 62 percent to total 4,630 and response to taxicab accidents by our investigators totaled 3,870, an increase of 17 percent.
- The allocation of medallions was increased by 5 percent to better serve the riding public, and fares were increased by 17 percent.
- The Board issued a new Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to a taxicab company restricted to only operate west of Interstate 15 in order to service the outlying areas.