

The Philadelphia Parking Authority
Taxicab and Limousine Division

In Re: Petition for Fuel Surcharge	Petition No. _____ PPA Hack No.: H-102361
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Petition For Fuel Surcharge

I Petitioner, Taxi Workers Alliance of Pennsylvania by its President, Ronald Blount, am requesting an emergency fuel surcharge on behalf of our memberships, who all are certified PPA taxicab drivers. The Taxi Workers Alliance of Pennsylvania, (TWA-PA) was incorporated in the State of Pennsylvania in May 2005. TWA-PA is an advocacy organization seeking to improve the working conditions of low-income taxicab drivers in the city of Philadelphia.

1. We request an emergency fuel surcharge of \$1.00 per trip when the price of regular unleaded gasoline reach the price of \$3.50 per gallon and \$1.50 per trip to and from Philadelphia International Airport, when the price of regular unleaded gasoline reaches \$3.50 per gallon.
2. We request an emergency fuel surcharge of \$1.50 per trip when the price of regular unleaded gasoline reach the price of \$4.00 per gallon and \$2.00 per trip to and from Philadelphia International Airport, when the price of regular unleaded gasoline reaches \$4.00 per gallon. Every \$0.50 increment increase of regular unleaded gasoline afterwards will result in a \$0.50 increase in the fuel surcharge for both the regular fare and airport flat rate.
3. The ability of taxicab drivers to earn a living is being jeopardized. According to AAA, the price of regular unleaded gasoline in the Philadelphia region was \$3.57 a year ago, \$3.67 a month ago, and \$3.87 as of today. The price of fuel is expected to rise until late August of this year. Act 94 of 2004 has set provisions for this emergency:

§ 5703 of the Act- (f) Temporary rates.--The authority may, in any proceeding involving the rates of a taxicab or limousine service, after reasonable notice and hearing and, if the public interest requires, immediately fix, determine and prescribe temporary rates to be charged by a taxicab... (g) Fair return.--In fixing any rate of a taxicab or limousine service engaged exclusively as a common carrier by motor vehicle, the authority may fix the fair return by relating the fair and reasonable operating expenses, depreciation, taxes and other costs of furnishing service to operating revenues.

Furthermore, under the Authority regulations, § 1003.11, drivers can petition the PPA for relief in times of unexpected expenses. If granted, drivers will be able to maintain their present earnings and continue to operate without the fear of fuel eating away at their profits.

4. If approved, the emergency fuel surcharge will not cause any public harm. The taxi industry will operate as normal, as most people are fully aware that fuel prices are rising. People understand that high fuel prices are out of drivers' control and that drivers are usually at the bottom rung of the economic ladder. Philadelphians are aware that any fuel surcharge is only temporary and will recede when fuel prices decrease. The Authority as well as VTS should not incur any extra expenses in implementing the fuel surcharge.

Respectfully submitted;



VERIFICATION

I, **Ronald Blount**, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct (or are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief) and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Date: 3/28/12

'Signature:'



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Philadelphia (PA only)	Regular	Mid	Premium
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Current	\$3.865	\$3.986	\$4.111
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	\$3.857	\$3.978	\$4.100
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Week Ago	\$3.820	\$3.941	\$4.062
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Month Ago	\$3.749	\$3.867	\$3.985
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Year Ago	\$3.564	\$3.674	\$3.791
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Highest Recorded Average Price:			

Regular Unl. \$4.155 6/20/2008

Dsl. \$5.024 6/18/2008

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Ronald Blount, hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document upon the parties listed below, in accordance with the requirements of § 1001.52 (relating to service by a party).

James R. Ney *via hand-delivery*
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