

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS  
89 JEFFERSON BOULEVARD  
WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND 02888**

IN RE: Interim Rate Relief for  
Rhode Island Taxicab Industry  
Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-14-2.2

Docket No. 26-MC-88

WHEREAS: The Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (“Division”) is the public body of the State of Rhode Island charged with regulating taxicab vehicle operations pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-14-1 *et seq.*

WHEREAS: The Division acknowledges that metered rates of certified taxicab services in Rhode Island have not increased for at least twelve (12) years.

WHEREAS: The financial and competitive landscape in the taxicab industry has changed dramatically over that same time span due to regulatory and statutory amendments.

WHEREAS: Several individual taxicab companies have contacted the Division in recent weeks seeking approval to raise their metered rate structure to account for the increased operating costs, including vehicle purchase, vehicle maintenance, insurance premium and most importantly, fuel costs.

WHEREAS: The Division acknowledges that immediate rate relief is necessary for the taxicab industry.

WHEREAS: The Division finds the best approach to ensure the continued viability of Rhode Island's taxicab industry is to provide temporary rate relief on an interim basis, pending the Division's review to develop a reasonable, permanent uniform taxi rate within this Docket.

WHEREAS: The Division hereby establishes an interim set of rates to be effective from the date of the Division Order adopting the same, until the Division completes a thorough and comprehensive study ("the Study") of the taxicab industry within Rhode Island and establishes and adopts an adequate uniform rate design.

WHEREAS: The Division's Motor Carrier Section will devise a reasonable approach to determine a permanent tariff, resulting from the study, no later than December 31, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE, it is:

( **25661** ) **ORDERED:**

1) The Division hereby approves an **Interim Uniform Taxi Rate** for taxi services in the State of Rhode Island performed by certified taxicab companies as follows:

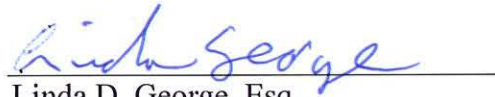
- Drop charge is \$4.00 for the first 1/10 mile and
- \$0.40 for each additional 1/10 mile thereafter
- \$40.00 per hour for waiting time

- 2) Certified taxicab companies must continue to adhere to 815-RICR-50-10 (“Rules and Regulations Governing the Transportation of Passengers via Taxicabs and Limited Public Motor Vehicles”), including but not limited to recalibration and sealing of taximeters, and vehicle lettering requirements.
- 3) EFFECTIVE DATE: This Interim Uniform Taxi Rate shall be effective as of the date signed by the Division Administrator.
- 4) TERMINATION: Upon the approval of a permanent Uniform Taxi Tariff by the Division Administrator, the Interim Uniform Taxi Rate approved herein shall be null and void.



Lisa F. Bortolotti  
Associate Administrator  
May 6, 2026

I hereby concur with and adopt the Motor Carriers’ Recommendation and hereby adopt the same.



Linda D. George, Esq.  
Administrator  
May 6, 2026