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**MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION  
REGULATORY AFFAIRS (COMMERCIAL  
PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION)**

**Zone of Rate Freedom**

**Readoption with Amendments: N.J.A.C. 16:53D**

Proposed: April 17, 2017, at 49 N.J.R. 728(a).  
Adopted: October 12, 2017, by the Motor Vehicle Commission,  
Raymond P. Martinez, Chairman.  
Filed: October 27, 2017, as R.2017 d.206, **without change**.  
Authority: N.J.S.A. 27:1A-5, 27:1A-6, 48:2-21, and 48:4-2.20  
through 2.25.  
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November 20, 2017, Amendments.  
Expiration Date: October 27, 2024.

**Summary** of Public Comment and Agency Response:  
**No comments were received.**

**Federal Standards Statement**

A Federal standards analysis is not required because the rules readopted with amendments are dictated by State statutes and are not subject to Federal requirements or standards.

**Full text** of the readopted rules can be found in the New Jersey Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 16:53D.

**Full text** of the adopted amendments follows:

SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

16:53D-1.1 General provisions

(a) Any regular route autobus carrier operating within the State, which carrier seeks to revise its rates, fares, or charges in effect as of the

time of the promulgation of this rule, shall not be required to conform with N.J.A.C. 16:51-3.10, Tariff filings that do not propose increases in charges to customers, or 3.11, Tariff petitions that propose increases in charges to customers, provided the increase or decrease in the rate, fare, or charge, or the aggregate of increases and decreases in any single rate, fare, or charge is not more than the maximum percentage increase (10 percent for 2017) or decrease (10 percent for 2017), upgraded to the nearest \$.05.

1. For illustrative purposes, the following chart sets forth the 2017 percentage maximum for increases to particular rates, fares, or charges and the resultant amount as upgraded to the nearest \$.05:

<u>Present Fare</u>	<u>Percent of Increase</u>	<u>Increase Upgraded To Nearest \$.05</u>
\$2.00 or less	10.0%	\$.20
\$2.05-\$2.50	10.0%	\$.25
\$2.55 upward	10.0%	\$.30+

2. For illustrative purposes, the following chart sets forth the 2017 percentage maximum for decreases to particular rates, fares, or charges and the resultant amount as upgraded to the nearest \$.05:

<u>Present Fare</u>	<u>Percent of Decrease</u>	<u>Decrease Upgraded To Nearest \$.05</u>
\$.50 or less	10%	\$.05
\$.55 to \$1.00	10%	\$.10
\$1.05 upward	10%	\$.15+

3. (No change.)