

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) APPLICATION NO. BR-303
Prescription of Reasonable Rates)
and Charges for Motor Carriers)
Passengers and Property for Hire) GRANTED ON AN EMERGENCY
subject to the Provisions of) BASIS
Neb. Rev. Stat. (Reissue 1996),)
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.)
ENTERED: APRIL 5, 2005

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On March 28, 2005, R & F Hobbies, Inc., dba Prince of the Road, Ravenna, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its non-charter individual passenger service rates as follows:

Description	Current	Proposed
I. Boarding Rates		
A. Each additional ambulatory Passenger within city Going to same destination (per boarding)	\$5.00	\$5.50
B. Each wheelchair passenger (per pickup)	\$20.00	\$11.00

Note 1: Parent(s), children or companion of client may accompany the client without charge.

Note 2: For services provided in weekends, holidays or between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., an additional \$20.00 will be assessed for each occasion.

II. Rural Mileage Rates

A. First Passenger	\$1.05	\$1.19
B. When more than one client Picked up at the same location And taken to the same Destination		
Additional per Passenger Rate	\$0.52	-----

Note 1: Subject to a minimum charge of \$26.25 per one-way trip.

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Note 2: Parent(s), children or companion of client may accompany client without charge.

Urban Rates:

A. Passenger within city limits (per one way)	\$16.00	\$17.60
B. Additional stops within city (per stop)	\$5.00	\$5.50
C. Additional person for escort Of passenger within city	-----	\$8.80

IV. Waiting Time Rates

A. First half-hour	No charge	No charge
B. Each additional ¼ hour	\$12.00	\$12.00

Miscellaneous Rates:

A. Additional person for escort Of passenger or an additional Driver to maintain legal driver Hour requirements For a rural trip (per mile)	\$0.30	\$0.33
B. Cancellation of trips: trips Authorized, either verbally or In writing will have no charge Assessed with a six (6) hour notice.		
C. Trips cancelled without notice or After the driver has arrived at point Of pick up will be charged the Full amount.		

Emergency action is requested.

In support of its application, the Applicant represents to the Commission that it has been somewhat over three years since its last rate application. During this time, fuel and other expenses, especially insurance, makes the rate increase necessary.

The rates proposed represent an increase of 10% in general. The rural mileage rate would rise 13% to have it match with the State of Nebraska Health and Human Services rates that became effective April 1, 2005. The wheelchair per passenger rate is proposed to be reduced 45%, and there is a new \$8.80 escort charge for urban trips. The proposed rates are competitive with its competition.

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In order to grant an application on an emergency basis, the applicant must show and the Commission must find that an emergency situation exists. The applicant represents to the Commission that it will be at a competitive disadvantage with regards to its Health and Human Services clients if the rate is not approved in light of the rate being raised by the Department of Health and Human Services to \$1.19 per mile effective April 1, 2005.

The Commission does find that the rates should be approved on an emergency basis due to the fact that the applicant will be at a disadvantage with regards to the Department of Health and Human Services if the rate increase is not granted.

Upon consideration of the application and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the application should be granted on an emergency basis effective April 6, 2005

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that R & R Hobbies, Inc., dba Prince of the Road, Ravenna, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its non-charter individual passenger service rates as per the attached rate schedule which by reference hereto becomes a part hereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that public notice of this action be published in the Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, pursuant to the provisions of Section 75-121, R.R.S. 2003, and the Commission rules.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 5th day of April, 2005.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING

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Chairman

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ATTEST:

Executive Director

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