

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Prescription) APPLICATION NO. BR-306
Of Reasonable Rates and Charges for)
For Motor Carriers Passengers and)
Property for Hire Subject to the)
Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.) GRANTED
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3 (Reissue)
2003).)
) ENTERED: JUNE 6, 2006

BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 19, 2005, M & M Cole, Inc., dba Elite Coaches, North Platte, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its charter and special-party bus rates for its use in Nebraska intrastate service as follows:

Description	Current	Proposed
Per Live Mile	\$2.40	\$3.00
Per Deadhead Mile	\$1.85	\$2.00
Local Service per Hour	\$90	\$90
Minimum Daily Rate	4 hrs/\$360	5 hrs/\$450

The application was published on August 24, 2005. There were no protests to the application filed.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1493. The certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers in charter and special-party operations between points in Nebraska over irregular routes. The authority is restricted to busses with a seating capacity in excess of 25 passengers.

According to the applicant, the proposed rate increases are necessary due to the rising costs of fuel and insurance. The applicants insurance rates have increased approximately thirty-five percent in the past year. The price of diesel fuel has also increased more than \$1.00 per gallon since the current rates were approved by the Commission in March of 1999.

The rate increases as proposed by the applicant are twenty-five percent on the live mile rate, and eight percent on the Deadhead mile charge. The daily minimum would be raised by one hour. The Commission finds that the increases in the deadhead mile rate is reasonable, and that minimum daily charge should be allowed to increase.

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The Commission also finds that the twenty-five percent increase, while substantially more than the other proposed increases, is reasonable under the circumstances because of the rise in costs that have been experienced by carriers such as the applicant and the length of time since the applicants rates have been adjusted. The Commission urges the applicant to make more frequent applications to it for rate increases as the need may arise. This would allow for a better cash flow for the applicant as well as lessening the effect of increases on the general public.

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 effective June 16, 2006.

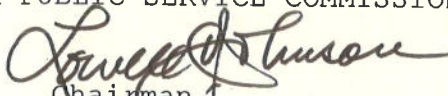
ORDER




IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective June 16, 2006, M & M Cole, Inc., dba Elite Coaches, North Platte, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its charter and special-party rates as follows:

MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska, this 6th day of June, 2006.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:


Chairman

ATTESTS:


Executive Director

//s// Lowell C. Johnson
//s// Frank E. Landis