

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application ) APPLICATION NO. BR-563/  
of Golden Plains Services, Inc., ) B-1829  
d/b/a GPS Transportation, Inc., )  
Lincoln, seeking to establish )  
its rates and charges subject to ) GRANTED ON AN  
the Provisions of Neb. Rev. ) EMERGENCY BASIS  
Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and )  
3. )  
) ENTERED: June 25, 2019

BY THE COMMISSION:

On June 14, 2019, Golden Plains Services Transportation, Inc., d/b/a GPS Transportation ("Applicant"), Lincoln, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its rates for its use in its operations as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
Lincoln to Lincoln/Omaha to Omaha:	
A. Ambulatory	\$17.65/person
B. Wheelchair	\$41.65/person
All Other Trips:	
0-5 miles	
A. Ambulatory	\$8.43/person
B. Wheelchair	\$41.35/person
Each Additional Mile (ambulatory, wheelchair)	\$1.65/mile

Emergency action is requested.

O P I N I O N   A N D   F I N D I N G S

Applicant is a certificated carrier, which holds Certificate Number B-1829. The certificate authorizes transporting passengers in open class service between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes in sedans, vans, and station wagons with the following restrictions: the transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized; the transportation of passengers and their baggage point-to-point in Lancaster County is not authorized; the transportation services of passengers and their baggage by sedan or station wagon originating from point-to-point within any territory where a taxicab company holds a certificate or permit is not authorized. The Certificate also states that the Commission expressly reserves the right to further restrict the authority with respect to sedans and stations wagons, on its own motion or the motion of another, in the event that a carrier which meets all the requirements of Article 75, Chapter 3, of the Nebraska

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Revised Statutes and all applicable Commission rules and regulations thereunder, offers taxi services in territories unserved as of November 26, 2002. HHS Designation is yes.

Applicant's proposed rate application seeks to eliminate all rates currently in use in Applicant's operations, to be replaced with the proposed rates above. The proposed rates are lower than Applicant's current rates, and would include a flat per-person rate for trips wholly within Lincoln and Omaha. Those trips not wholly within Lincoln or Omaha would include a per-person base rate for the first five miles and \$1.65 for each mile thereafter.

Applicant is seeking the proposed rate change in anticipation of the new provider agreements it has entered into to provide non-emergency medical transportation ("NEMT") for the managed care organizations ("MCO") that will administer NEMT services for the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. The new provider agreements will be in effect July 1, 2019. The proposed rate is in line with past reimbursement amounts Applicant has received for such services, and is a reasonable rate in comparison to other companies providing similar services. The Commission finds that the proposed rate is reasonable.

In applications such as these, the Commission must find that an emergency situation exists. Such a situation exists in this application, as Applicant should be placed in a position to begin utilizing the new rate for both its general transportation and NEMT services. Therefore, the Commission finds that an emergency basis exists that allows the Commission to grant the application on an emergency basis.

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 June 25, 2019.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Golden Plains Services Transportation, Inc., d/b/a GPS Transportation, Lincoln, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its rates for its services on an emergency basis effective June 25, 2019 as follows:

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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 and Commission Rules.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.


NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:











Chair

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director