

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)	APPLICATION NO. BR-565/
of Unity Transportation)	B-1781
Services, Inc., Omaha, seeking)	
to establish its rates and)	GRANTED ON AN
charges subject to the)	EMERGENCY BASIS
Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.)	
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.)	
)	ENTRERED: July 30, 2019

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On July 18, 2019, Unity Transportation Services, Inc. ("Applicant"), Omaha, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its rates for its use in its operations as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Base Charges:		
One-way trip	\$25.00/first ten miles	\$16.50/first 5 miles
Round trip	\$50.00/first ten miles	\$33.00/first 5 miles
Additional mileage charge	\$1.50/mi.	No Change
One-way trip- wheelchair vehicle		\$30.00/first 5 miles
Round trip- wheelchair vehicle		\$60.00/first 5 miles
Additional mileage charge		\$2.50/mi.
Weekends and Holidays:		
One-way trip (first 5 miles)		\$24.75
Round trip (first 5 miles)		\$49.50
Additional mileage charge		\$1.50/mi.
One-way trip- wheelchair vehicle (first 5 miles)		\$41.00
Round trip- wheelchair vehicle (first 5 miles)		\$82.00
Additional mileage charge		\$2.50/mi.
Additional passenger charge (one way)	\$7.00	Eliminate
Additional passenger charge (round trip)	\$14.00	Eliminate
Idle/wait charge	\$12.00/15 mins.	Eliminate

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Emergency action is requested.

Applicant is a certificated carrier that holds Certificate Number B-1781. The certificate authorizes transporting passengers by van in open class service between points in Douglas, Sarpy, Lancaster, and Cass Counties on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes. The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized, and HHS Designation is yes.

Applicant's proposed rate application seeks to make adjustments to its rates to accommodate both private-pay trips and trips provided in conjunction as a Medicaid-approved transportation services provider with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. Applicant has signed new agreements to provide non-emergency medical transportation ("NEMT") for the managed care organizations ("MCO") administering NEMT services for the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. The new system became effective July 1, 2019. The proposed rates are reasonable in comparison to other companies providing similar services.

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 July 30, 2019.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Unity Transportation Services, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its rates for its services on an emergency basis effective July 30, 2019 as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Rates</u>
Base Charges:	
One-way trip (first 5 miles)	\$16.50
Round trip (first 5 miles)	\$33.00
Additional mileage charge	\$1.50/mi.

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One-way trip- wheelchair vehicle (first 5 miles)	\$30.00
Round trip- wheelchair vehicle (first 5 miles)	\$60.00
Additional mileage charge	\$2.50/mi.
Weekends and Holidays:	
One-way trip (first 5 miles)	\$24.75
Round trip (first 5 miles)	\$49.50
Additional mileage charge	\$1.50/mi.
One-way trip- wheelchair vehicle (first 5 miles)	\$41.00
Round trip- wheelchair vehicle (first 5 miles)	\$82.00
Additional mileage charge	\$2.50/mi.

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 30th day of July, 2019.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Capital Unwaded

Pat Davis

Don Williams

Tim Schram

Chair

Mary Riddle

ATTEST:

Miss R. H. H. H.

Executive Director