

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) APPLICATION NO. BR-589/B-1994
Application of SNP Consulting)
Services, Elkhorn, seeking to) ORDER GRANTING RATES ON
establish its rates and charges) AN EMERGENCY BASIS
subject to the Provisions of)
Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75,)
Articles 1 and 3.) ENTERED: September 29, 2020

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On September 16, 2020, SNP Consulting Services ("Applicant"), Elkhorn, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to establish its rates as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Ambulatory Rates:	
First 5 miles	\$16.95
Each additional mile	\$1.50/mi
Wheelchair Rates:	
First 5 miles	\$40.00
Each additional mile	\$2.95/mi

Emergency action is requested.

Applicant was granted authority under Application No. B-1994 to transport passengers as a contract carrier in Nebraska Intrastate Commerce by van in open class between points in Douglas and Sarpy counties over irregular routes, pursuant to a contract with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, a Medicaid-managed care organization under contract with NDHHS, or another agent working on behalf of NDHHS. The following restrictions apply: maximum of two vans, one of which may be wheelchair accessible and service must both originate and terminate within Douglas or Sarpy counties only. The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS designation is yes.

Applicant is seeking to establish its initial published rates for use in its operations. The proposed rates will be the rates that Applicant will use pursuant to its contract services with NDHHS through its managed care organizations and transportation brokers. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-304.01 states that the Commission

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shall prescribe minimum rates, fares and charges for contract carriers. Contract carriers shall not demand, charge or collect less compensation for transportation than the charges to be made by common carriers for the same transportation. Upon review, Applicant's proposed rates are not lower than those rates utilized by common carriers providing the same type of transportation and are 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 fulfilling its contract 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 September 29, 2020. No reduction shall be made in any such charge except after ten (10) days' notice of the proposed change to the Commission. The notice should state the changes and when the change will take effect.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that SNP Consulting Services, Elkhorn, Nebraska be, and it is hereby, authorized to establish its rates for its services effective September 29, 2020, as follows:

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 29th day of September, 2020.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Rock Johnson
Crystal Hender
Tim Schram
Dee Watson

Mary Kadden
Chair

ATTEST:

Michael S. Hyatt
Executive Director