

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Down the Hatch, Inc. d/b/a Down the Hatch, Lincoln, seeking to establish its rates and charges subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.) APPLICATION NO. BR-593/B-1778
)
) ORDER GRANTING RATES ON EMERGENCY BASIS
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)
) ENTERED: February 2, 2021

BY THE COMMISSION:

On January 25, 2021, Down the Hatch, Inc. d/b/a Down the Hatch ("Applicant"), Lincoln, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its rates as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
1998 Bus	\$175/hour	No Change
2001 International Bus	\$175/hour	Eliminate
2007 Chevy C5500	n/a	\$195/hour

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 Nebraska corporation with its principal business address in Lincoln, Nebraska. Applicant was granted authority under Application No. B-1778 to transport passengers as a common carrier by bus in charter and special party between points in Lancaster County, 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. HHS designation is no.

Applicant is seeking to amend and replace its existing rates previously granted under Rate Docket BR-527.¹ Applicant is seeking to amend its rates due to a change in vehicles that Applicant is planning to use for its business. Applicant will not longer offer service with its 2001 International Bus and will add a 2007 Chevy C5500 to its fleet. The proposed rate for the new bus is a twenty dollar (\$20) increase from its previous rate. A review of Applicant's proposed rates in comparison to rates offered by similar carriers for similar services finds that the proposed rates are reasonable.

¹ Application No. BR-527 *In the Matter of Down The Hatch, Inc. d/b/a Down the Hatch, Lincoln, seeking to amend its rates and charges subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3, Order Granting Rates On An Emergency Basis* (entered March 28, 2017).

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In applications such as these, the Commission must find that an emergency situation exists. Such a situation exists in this application, as Applicant wants to begin to use the new vehicle as soon as possible and it cannot begin to charge the proposed rate until the Commission approves the application. The Commission therefore 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 February 2, 2021.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Down the Hatch, Inc. d/b/a Down the Hatch, Lincoln, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its rates for its services effective February 2, 2021, as follows:

Description

1998 Bus

2007 Chevy C5500

Rates

\$175/hour





\$195/hour

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that public notice of this action be published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, pursuant to the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-121 and Commission Rules.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 2nd day of February, 2021.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



Chair

ATTEST:



Executive Director