

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) Application No. BR-607/B-1966
Application of Mojo Mobility,)
LLC, Omaha, seeking to)
establish its rates and) ORDER GRANTING RATES ON
charges subject to the) AN EMERGENCY BASIS
Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.)
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.) Entered: May 11, 2021

BY THE COMMISSION:

On April 29, 2021, Mojo Mobility, LLC ("Applicant"), Omaha, filed an application for authority to amend its rates for use in its operations as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Wheelchair Base	\$45.00/trip	\$55.00/trip
Rate/Loading Fee		
Wheelchair Mileage Rate	\$2.75/mile	\$3.50/mile
Ambulatory Base	\$25.00/trip	\$45.00/trip
Rate/Loading Fee		
Ambulatory Mileage Rate	\$2.25/mile	\$3.00/mile
No Show or Cancelation at the Door: Ambulatory	N/A	\$45.00
No Show or Cancelation at the Door: Wheelchair	N/A	\$55

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 limited liability company with its principal address in Omaha, Nebraska. Applicant is a permitted contract carrier that holds Permit No. B-1966. The permit authorizes Applicant to provide transportation to passengers by van and sedan in open class service between points in Thurston, Dakota, Cuming, Burt, Dodge, Washington, Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders, Cass, Otoe, Butler, Colfax, Lancaster, and Seward counties over irregular routes pursuant to contracts with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services ("NDHHS"), a Medicaid managed care organization under contract with NDHHS, or another agent working on behalf of NDHHS. HHS Designation is yes. The authority was granted on August 27, 2019.

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Applicant is seeking to amend all its existing rates previously granted under Rate Docket No. BR-573.¹ Under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-304.01, the Commission shall prescribe a contract carrier's minimum rates, fares, and charges. 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. As Applicant is not seeking to lower its current rates, no approval from the Commission is necessary to begin implementing the ambulatory and wheelchair base rate/loading fee and mileage. However, the proposed rates for no-show or cancelation of the trip at the door are new rates to be considered pursuant to § 75-304.01. Upon review, the proposed rates are not lower than similar charges utilized by common carriers for the same transportation and are reasonable.

In applications such as these, the Commission must find that an emergency situation exists. In its request, Applicant states that the number of overall trips has declined while at the same time Applicant has had an increase in no-show or cancelation of trips at the door since the beginning of the pandemic resulting in a strain on its finances. Applicant would like to be placed in a position to implement these rates as soon as possible to help mitigate any financial difficulties. 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 May 11, 2021. No reduction shall be made in any of these charges except after ten (10) days' notice of the proposed change with the Commission. The notice should state the changes and when the changes will take effect.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Mojo Mobility, LLC, Omaha, Nebraska be, and is

¹ See Application BR-573/B-1966 *In the Matter of the Application of Mojo Mobility, LLC, Omaha, seeking to establish 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 October 8, 2019).

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hereby, authorized to amend its rates for its services effective May 11, 2021 as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Rates</u>
Wheelchair Base Rate/Loading Fee	\$55.00/trip
Wheelchair Mileage Rate	\$3.50/mile
Ambulatory Base Rate/Loading Fee	\$45.00/trip
Ambulatory Mileage Rate	\$3.00/mile

No Show or Cancelation at the Door: \$45.00
Ambulatory
No Show or Cancelation at the Door: \$55
Wheelchair

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 11th day of May, 2021.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Rod Johnson
Crystal Brader
Mary Kadden
Tim Schram

Don Wooten
Chair

ATTEST:

Michael S. Hyatt
Executive Director