

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) Application No. B-1861.01r
Application of Nebraska Metro)
Transportation, d/b/a Metro)
Sedan & Limousine Services,) ORDER AMENDING RATES ON
Omaha, seeking to establish) EMERGENCY BASIS
its rates and charges subject)
to the Provisions of Neb. Rev.)
Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1)
and 3.) Entered: October 19, 2021

BY THE COMMISSION:

On October 13, 2021, Nebraska Metro Transportation, LLC d/b/a Metro Sedan & Limousine Services ("Applicant"), Omaha, filed an application for authority to amend its rates by eliminating all discounted rates from its previously granted rates and to amend its remaining rates.

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 business address in Omaha, Nebraska. Applicant is a certificated carrier that holds Certificate B-1861 and is authorized to provide transportation to passengers by limousine within and between several Nebraska counties over irregular routes. HHS Designation is no.

On September 14, 2021, the Commission entered an Order finding that differential and discounted rates not enumerated under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-126 must be eliminated from the published rates of certificated carriers.¹ Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-126 states that a common carrier shall not charge, demand, collect, or receive more or less compensation for any services rendered than what it charges, demands, collects, or receives from anyone for rendering the same services. The statute allows carriers to perform services for free or at a reduced rate for the following groups:

(a) The United States, the State of Nebraska, or any governmental subdivision;

¹ See Docket No. MR-1025/PI-238 *In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate the use of differential rates and charges by motor carriers providing intrastate passenger transportation services, Order Issuing Findings and Compliance Deadline* (Entered: September 14, 2021).

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- (b) The employees, both present and retired, of the common carrier;
- (c) Any person when the object is to provide disaster relief;
- (d) Any person who transports property for charitable purposes;
- (e) Ministers and others giving their entire time to religious or charitable work;
- (f) Any person who is legally blind or visually handicapped.

Applicant is seeking to amend its existing rates most recently granted under Rate Docket BR-500.² Applicant currently provides discounted rates for family, friends, and military. Such discounts are not allowed under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-126. Applicant also proposes changes to its existing rates by incorporating transfer point-based rates and eliminating rates for buses and stretch limousines. Applicant is also adding the ground transportation fee assessed for all pick-ups and drop-offs at Omaha Eppley Airfield. 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.

Pursuant to the Commission's September 14, 2021 Order, applications filed prior to October 14, 2021, by certificated carriers seeking to amend their published rates to eliminate a differential or discounted rate will be considered on an emergency basis to facilitate a carrier's ability to quickly utilize the new rates.³ Applicant filed its application prior to the deadline. 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 October 19, 2021.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Nebraska Metro Transportation d/b/a Metro Sedan & Limousine Services, Omaha, Nebraska, be, and is hereby, authorized

² See Docket BR-500/B-1861 *In the Matter of Nebraska Metro Transportation, LLC, Omaha, seeking authority to amend its rates and charges subject to the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.*, Granted (Entered July 16, 2016).

³ See *supra* note 1, at 6.

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to amend its rates for its services effective October 19, 2021 as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Rate</u>
One-Hour Airport or Point-to-Point Transfers	
Sedan	\$80.00
SUV	\$100.00
Van	\$180.00
 Elkhorn/LaVista/Gretna/Bennington/Vicinity Airport or Point-to-Point Transfers 90-minute minimum, flat rate	
Sedan	\$96.00
SUV	\$108.00
Van	\$180.00
 Omaha to Lincoln/Lincoln to Omaha Airport Transfers or Transfers; 2.25-hour minimum, flat rate	
Sedan	\$144.00
SUV	\$180.00
Van	\$200.00
 Open Ended Reservation; 2-hour minimum, per hour	
Sedan	\$64.00
SUV	\$80.00
Van	\$90.00
 Other Charges	
Omaha Eppley Airfield fee	\$2.75
Service Fee	5%
Fuel Surcharge	10%
High Demand or Special Events	2-10 hour minimum
Early Bird or Late Fee	
Wait Time, Unforeseen Delay, Additional Time	15-minute increments added to rate

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED 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.

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 19th day of October, 2021.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Rob Johnson
Crystal Brander
Mary Kiddy
Tim Schram

Don Watson
Chair

ATTEST:

Shanice Khutson
Deputy Director