SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

| In the Matter of the |) APPLICATION NO. B-1705.01r |
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| Application of Champion Homes |) |
| of Hastings, LLC, Hastings, |) |
| seeking to establish its rates |) ORDER GRANTING RATES ON |
| and charges subject to the |) EMERGENCY BASIS |
| Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. |) |
| Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3. |) |
| |) ENTERED: April 12, 2022 |

BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 9, 2022, Champion Homes of Hastings, LLC ("Applicant"), Hastings, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its rates by establishing a round trip transportation rate. Emergency action is requested.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

Applicant is a Nebraska Limited Liability Company with its principal business address in Hastings, Nebraska. Applicant was granted authority under Application No. B-1705 to transport passengers and their baggage that are clients of Champion Homes of Hastings, LLC, between points in Adams 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 yes.

Applicant is seeking to amend and replace its existing rates previously granted under Rate Docket BR-603.¹ Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-304.01 states that the Commission 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. Applicant is not seeking to lower its rates for ambulatory and wheelchair one-way trips, mileage, wait time, or attendant/escort fees, so no Commission approval is necessary to implement these charges. However, the proposed rates for a round trip is new and will be considered pursuant to § 75-304.01. A review of Applicant's proposed rates finds that the proposed rates are not lower than those rates utilized by common

¹ Application No. BR-603/B-1705 In the Matter of Champion Homes of Hastings, LLC, Hastings, 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 Emergency Basis (entered December 15, 2020).

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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 needs to incorporate these proposed rates to alleviate some of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. 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 April 12, 2022. Applicant's complete list of approved rates and charges are attached to this Order as Appendix A. 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.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Champion Homes of Hastings, LLC, Hastings, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its rates for its services effective April 12, 2022, attached hereto as Appendix A.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that public notice of this action be published in $\underline{\text{The Daily Record}}$, Omaha, Nebraska, pursuant to the provisions of Section 75-121 and Commission Rules.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this $12^{\rm th}$ day of April, 2022.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

ATTEST:

Executive Director

Nebraska Public Service Commission Prescribed Rates and Charges Subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3

APPENDIX A RATES AND CHARGES

| Description | <u>Rates</u> | |
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| Non-emergency Transportation Mileage | \$2.00/mile | |
| Non-emergency Transportation Mileage- Wheelchair | \$2.00/mile | |
| Non-emergency Transportation Encounter/Trip (one-way) | \$25.00 | |
| Non-emergency Transportation Encounter/Trip (round trip) | \$50.00 | |
| Non-Emergency Transportation Wheelchair Van (one-way) | \$46.00 | |
| Non-Emergency Transportation Wheelchair Van (round | \$92.00 | |
| trip) | | |
| Attendant/Escort Fee (one-way) | \$5.65 | |
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| Wait Time | \$12.50/hour | |
| (wait time for patient to finish non-emergency | | |
| appointment) | | |
| BR-603/B-1705 Effective December 15, 2020; BR-595/B-1705 Effective February 17, 2021; B-1705.01r Effectiv | | |

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