

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) Application No. B-1983.01r
Application of Samuel Safe)
Ride (SSR), LLC, Omaha,)
seeking to establish its rates) ORDER GRANTING RATES
and charges subject to the)
Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.)
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.) Entered: April 26, 2022

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 8, 2022, Samuel Safe Ride (SSR), LLC, ("Applicant"), Omaha, filed an application for authority to amend its rates. Notice of the Application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on March 11, 2022. No protests were filed.

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 place of business in Omaha, Nebraska. Applicant is a certificate carrier that holds Certificate B-1983 and is authorized as a common carrier to provide transportation to passengers by van and SUV between points in Douglas and Sarpy counties over irregular routes. HHS designation is yes.

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;
- (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;

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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- (e) Ministers and others giving their entire time to religious or charitable work;
- (f) Any person who is legally blind or visually handicapped.

Applicant seeks to amend its existing rates previously granted under Rate Docket BR-567/B-1983 in order to comply with the Commission's Order.² In its application, Applicant's base rate would be amended to no longer differentiate between ambulatory and wheelchair transportation services, and instead offer services for the first five miles at \$35.00 for all passengers for weekdays and weekends. Applicant's mileage fee after mile five would increase from \$2.00 to \$2.50. 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.

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 effective May 1, 2022. Samuel Safe Ride's complete list of approved rates and charges are attached in Appendix A.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Samuel Safe Ride (SSR), LLC, Omaha, be, and is hereby, authorized to amend its rates for its services effective May 1, 2022, as shown in Appendix A.

² See Docket BR-567/B-1983 *In the Matter of the Application of Samuel Safe Ride (SSR), LLC, Omaha, seeking to establish its rates and charges subject to the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.,* Granted on an Emergency Basis (Entered: August 27, 2019).

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 26th
day of April, 2022.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Rod Johnson
Crystal Swader
Mary Kadden
Tim Schram

Don Watson

Chair

ATTEST:

Thomas W. Golden
Executive Director

Rates and Charges

<u>Description</u>	<u>Rates</u>
Weekday/Weekend business hours: per person, 0-5 miles	\$35.00
Mileage after mile 5	\$2.50/mile
Wait Time	\$10.00/30 minutes
Attendant Fee	\$5.00/attendant

BR-567/B-1983 Effective August 27, 2019; B-1983.01r Effective April 26, 2022