## SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

### BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Tender	) Application No. B-2041.01r
Advocates, LLC, d/b/a Tender	)
Advocates, Burwell, seeking to	)
establish its rates and	) ORDER GRANTING RATES
charges subject to the	)
Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.	)
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.	) Entered: May 24, 2022

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

On September 14, 2021, Tender Advocates, LLC d/b/a Tender Advocates ("Applicant"), Burwell, filed an application for authority to establish its rates and charges for its new authority.

Notice of the application was published in <a href="The Daily Record">The Daily Record</a>, Omaha, on March 22, 2022. No protests were filed.

#### OPINION AND FINDINGS

Applicant is a Nebraska Limited Liability Company with its principal business address in Burwell, Nebraska. Applicant is a contract carrier authorized to provide transportation to passengers by ambulance in open class service between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes, pursuant to a contract 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. Applicant was granted its permit of authority on February 1, 2022.

Applicant is seeking to establish its initial rates and charges to be used pursuant to its contracted services with NDHHS. 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. A review of Applicant's proposed rates show that the proposed rates are not lower than similar charges utilized by common carriers for the same transportation and 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 29, 2022. The complete list of approved rates and charges are attached as Appendix A. No reduction shall be made in any of these charges

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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 Tender Advocates, LLC d/b/a Tender Advocates, Burwell, Nebraska, be, and is hereby, authorized to establish its rates for its services effective May 29, 2022, as shown in Appendix A.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this  $24^{\rm th}$  day of May, 2022.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director

# RATES AND CHARGES

Description

Non-emergency medical transport via ambulance- one way Mileage

<u>Rates</u> \$141.50

\$5.83/mile

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