BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

) APPLICATION NO. B-1441 In the Matter of the Application of R & F Hobbies, Inc., dba Prince of the Road, Ravenna, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation) GRANTED AS AMENDED of passengers and their baggage by passenger van, cutaway van, and handicapped equipped passenger and cutaway vans between points in Nebraska over irregular routes. RESTRICTION: The transportation of railroad train SEPTEMBER 3, 1997 ENTERED: crews and their baggage is not authorized.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

By application filed July 1, 1997, R & F Hobbies, Inc., dba Prince of the Road, Ravenna, Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as applicant, seeks a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate as a common carrier of passengers by motor vehicle as follows:

AUTHORITY SOUGHT

Transportation of passengers and their baggage by passenger van, cutaway van, and handicapped equipped passenger and cutaway vans between points in Nebraska over irregular routes. RESTRICTION: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized.

Notice of the application was published in <u>The Daily Record</u>, Omaha, Nebraska, on July 3, 1997, pursuant to the rules of the Commission.

A timely protest to the granting of this application was filed on August 1, 1997, by Husker Cabs, Lincoln. The protest was subsequently withdrawn on August 15, 1997.

Application B-1441 was then processed pursuant to Rule 018.03 of the rules of procedure of the Commission.

After due consideration of the evidence and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission is of the opinion and finds:

1. Applicant is fit, willing, and able properly to perform the service proposed and to conform to the provisions of Sections 75-301 to 75-322, R.R.S. 1996, and the requirements, rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

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2. The proposed intrastate service is or will be required by the present or future Public Convenience and Necessity to the following extent:

CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZED

SERVICE AND TERRITORY AUTHORIZED:

Transportation of passengers and their baggage by passenger van, and handicapped equipped passenger and cutaway vans between points in Nebraska over irregular routes. RESTRICTIONS: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. The transportation of passengers and their baggage point-to-point in Lancaster County is not authorized. The transportation services of passengers and their baggage originating within Lancaster County of groups of six (6) or less is not authorized.

The application should be granted.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application B-1441 be, and it is hereby, granted; and that upon compliance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Order, a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity shall be issued to R & F Hobbies, Inc., dba Prince of the Road, in Application B-1441, authorizing the operations set forth in the foregoing findings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall not be issued the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorized by the Commission unless and until applicant has fully complied, within a reasonable time from the effective date of this Order, with Sections 75-305 (fees), 75-307 (insurance), and 75-308 (rates), R.R.S. 1996, and with the rules and regulations of the Commission; and if upon expiration of such time applicant has not complied with such terms and conditions, this Order shall, after reasonable notice to applicant, be of no further force and effect.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall not conduct operations until a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is issued.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall render reasonably continuous and adequate service to the public pursuant to the authority authorized.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorized shall be subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations which have been, or may hereafter be, prescribed by the Commission.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 3rd day of September, 1997.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

Executive Director

//s//Rod Johnson //s//Frank E. Landis