BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. B-1512 the Public Service Commission, on) its own motion, to conduct an) ORDER OPENING DOCKET investigation into whether current) levels of liability insurance) required for the transportation) Entered: September 29, 1999 of passengers as required by the) Commission are sufficient and to) determine proper limits of) coverage.

BY THE COMMISSION:

In light of several serious personal injury accidents that have occurred in the state when persons were being transported by carriers having certificates of authority issued by the Commission, the Commission opens this docket for the purpose of examining current level of required coverage and to determine whether such limits are sufficient or whether such limits and levels should be amended.

This docket is therefore opened to investigate the following areas:

- 1) Review of current limits. The Commission shall determine the levels of liability insurance required by this Commission and by federal law. The Commission shall also gather information regarding the levels of coverage required by the state and by the federal government for the purpose of insuring against underinsured and uninsured motorists.
- 2) Sufficiency of coverage. The Commission shall collect data on typical costs of personal injury accidents, public opinion on the sufficiency of liability insurance coverage and other data as the Commission may see fit to make a determination on sufficiency of required insurance coverage for carriers certificated by the Commission.
- Pricing issues. The Commission shall investigate what prices for different levels of insurance coverage exist and whether amending levels of required insurance coverage would present an undue burden on transportation carriers.
- 4) Other issues. The Commission reserves the right to

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include any other issues which may be uncovered in its investigation under this docket which may be relevant to the issues of liability insurance coverage, uninsured/underinsured motorist insurance coverage, and appropriate levels of coverage that should be mandated by the Commission. The Commission may elect to hold a public hearing on these issues if it determines that such a hearing is necessary.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that an investigation be commenced on the above listed issues regarding levels of liability insurance required for certificated carriers.

MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska on this 29th day of September, 1999.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

ATTEST:

Deputy Director

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

//s//Lowell C. Johnson
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//s//Daniel G. Urwiller