## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Platte County Ambulance Co., dba Midwest Medical Transport Co., Columbus, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of handicapped or incapacitated passengers between points in the state of Nebraska over irregular routes. RESTRICTION: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: Yes.

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ENTERED: NOVEMBER 13, 2013

## OPINION AND FINDINGS

By application filed June 28, 2013, Platte County Ambulance Co., dba Midwest Medical Transport Co., Columbus, Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as Applicant, seeks a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate as a common carrier of passengers by motor vehicles as follows:

## AUTHORITY SOUGHT

Transportation of handicapped or incapacitated passengers between points in the state of Nebraska over irregular routes. RESTRICTIONS: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. Wheelchair bound patients only. HHS Designation: Yes.

A timely protest to the granting of this application was filed on July 11, 2013, by Transport Plus of Lincoln, Inc. On November 6, 2013, a Joint Stipulation of Applicant and Protestant was filed with the Protestant withdrawing its protest if certain amendments were agreed to. Application No. B-1588, Supp. 2, 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:

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- 1. Applicant is fit, willing, and able properly to perform the service proposed and to conform to the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat., Sections 75-301 to 75-322.04, (Reissue 2003), and the requirements, rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.
- 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: COMMON: Transportation of handicapped or incapacitated passengers between points in the state of Nebraska over irregular routes. RESTRICTIONS: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. Applicant agrees not to charge less than \$36.00 for a one-way trip and \$70.00 for a round trip for carrying wheelchair bound passengers between points in the city of Lincoln over irregular routes. In connection with the Applicant's "Home for the Holidays Program," whereby for two days on and around Thanksgiving Day and for two days on or around Christmas Day, Applicant may not charge for the service described above.

## ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. B-1588, Supplement 2, be, and it is hereby granted as amended; 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 Platte County Ambulance Co., dba Midwest Medical Transport Co., Columbus, Nebraska, in Application No. B-1588, Supplement 2, 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 Neb. Rev. Stat., Sections 75-305 (fees), 75-207 (insurance), and 75-308 (rates), (Reissue 2003), 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.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Applicant shall not conduct the 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.

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  $13^{\rm th}$  day of November, 2013.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Acting Chair

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

ATTEST:

Executive Director

//s//Rod Johnson Steve Meradith