### BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application ) APPLICATION NO. B-1597 of Caring Network, Inc., Omaha, seeking to extend its authority ) as a common carrier of passengers ) GRANTED in open class service between ) points in Cass County and between ) points in Douglas and Sarpy ) counties over irregular routes. ) ENTERED: MARCH 16, 2004 RESTRICTION: The transportation ) of railroad train crews and their ) baggage is not authorized.

BY THE COMMISSION:

# OPINION AND FINDINGS

By application filed June 27, 2003, Caring Network, Inc., Omaha, 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 by van in open class service between points in Cass County and between points in Cass County and points in Douglas and Sarpy counties over irregular routes. To include the transportation of Health and Human Services clientele and their subcontractors thereof. RESTRICTION: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized.

Notice of the application was published in the Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on July 1, 2003, pursuant to the rules of the Commission.

Because the protests were withdrawn, Application B-1597, Supplement 1, was processed pursuant to Rule 018.03 of the rules of procedure of the Commission.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 proposed service, and to conform to the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat., sections 75-301 to 75-322.04, (Reissue 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 following extent:

## CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZED

SERVICE AND TERRITORY AUTHORIZED:
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between points in Cass County and between points in Cass
County and points in Douglas and Sarpy counties over
irregular routes. To include the transportation of Health
and Human Services clientele and their subcontractors
thereof. RESTRICTION: The transportation of railroad train
crews and their baggage is not authorized.

3. The application for authority should be granted.

#### ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application B-1597, Supplement 1, 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 Caring Network, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska, Application B-1597, Supplement 1, 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), 75-307 (insurance), and 75-308 (rates) (Reissue 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 the operations authorized herein shall be subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations which have been, or may hereafter be prescribed by the Commission.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this  $16^{\rm th}$  day of March, 2004.

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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

ATTEST:

//s//Frank Landis
//s//Gerald L. Vap