

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)	Application No. B-1923
of Norton Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a)	
Heartland Party Bus, Omaha,)	
seeking authority as a common)	
carrier in Nebraska intrastate)	
commerce in the transportation of)	
passengers by bus to all points)	GRANTED
in Nebraska over irregular)	
routes. RESTRICTIONS: The)	
transportation of railroad crews)	
and their baggage is not)	
authorized. HHS Designation: No.)	Entered: March 1, 2016

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

By application filed December 21, 2015, Norton Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a Heartland Party Bus (Applicant), Omaha, seeks to operate as a common carrier of passengers by motor vehicle as follows:

CERTIFICATE SOUGHT

Transportation of passengers by bus in special party and charter service between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes. RESTRICTION: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: No.

Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, on January 20, 2016. Because no protests were filed, Application B-1923 will be processed pursuant to Commission Rule of Modified Procedure.

The Commission's authority over common carriers in charter service is governed in part by federal law, which restricts States from enacting or enforcing any law, rule, regulation, standard, or other provision having the force and effect of law relating to the authority to provide intrastate or interstate charter bus transportation.¹ Federal law further provides that States are not restricted from exercising safety regulatory authority with respect to motor vehicles, and may regulate motor carriers with regard to minimum amounts of financial responsibility relating to insurance requirements and self-insurance authorization.²

¹ 49 U.S.C. § 14501.

² *Id.*

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

1. Applicant is able to properly conform to applicable provisions of NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 75-301 to 75-322 (Supp. 2015), and the requirements, Rules and Regulations of the Commission thereunder.
2. Upon compliance with NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 75-305 (fees), 75-307 (insurance), and 75-308 (rates) (Supp. 2015), and with the Rules and Regulations of the Commission, a Certificate of Compliance should be issued as proposed:

CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZED

SERVICE AND TERRITORY AUTHORIZED:

Transportation of passengers by bus in special party and charter service between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes. RESTRICTION: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: No.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. B-1923 be, and it is hereby, granted; and that upon compliance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Order, a Certificate of Compliance shall be issued to Norton Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a Heartland Party Bus, Omaha, in Application No. B-1923, authorizing the operations set forth in the foregoing findings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Applicant shall not be issued the Certificate of Compliance authorized by the Commission unless and until Applicant has fully complied, within ninety (90) days from the effective date of this Order, with NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 75-305 (fees), 75-307 (insurance), and 75-308 (rates) (Supp. 2015), 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 Compliance is issued.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the operations authorized herein shall be subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations which

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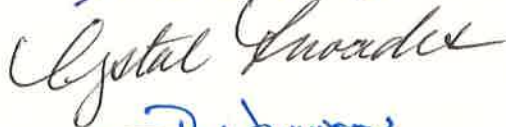

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have been, or may hereafter be prescribed by the Commission.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 1st day of March, 2016.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Tim Schram



Chairman

ATTEST:



Executive Director