

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the	)	APPLICATION NO. BR-253
Prescription of Reasonable	)	
Rates and Charges for Motor	)	GRANTED
Carriers Passengers and	)	
Property for Hire Subject to	)	
the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.	)	ENTERED: AUGUST 15, 2000
(Reissue 1996), Chapter 75,	)	
Articles 1 and 3.	)	

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On June 14, 2000, I-80 Eppeley Express, Kearney, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its regular route and charter bus service rates as follows:

- A. Increase its one-way regular route fares \$3.00
- B. Increase its charter bus service rates an average of 5.5%

Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on June 15, 2000, pursuant to the Commission's rules. The application is unopposed.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1192. Supplement 4 to its certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers and their baggage over regular routes via the Interstate Highway System between Eppeley Airfield near Omaha and Kearney serving intermediate points at Kearney, Grand Island, Hastings, York, Lincoln and Omaha interchanges; and passengers and their baggage over irregular route between points in Nebraska.

Applicant states that the proposed rates are necessary to cover operational costs (i.e. equipment, fuel, maintenance, labor, etc.), insurance and other incidentals. The proposed rates are compensatory and competitive with other bus companies providing similar services and operating similar type equipment. The proposed charter rates are currently in use on the interstate.

In the last eight months, the consumer price index has increased approximately 5.1%. During this same time frame, diesel fuel prices have increased 10.6% and gasoline prices have increased approximately 18%. The proposed regular route fares and charter fares are within the industry guidelines, and they are competitive with other intrastate carriers operating similar type equipment.

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Upon consideration of the application and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the application should be granted effective August 25, 2000.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective August 25, 2000, I-80 Eppeley Express, Kearney, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its regular route and charter bus service rates as follows:

A. Increase its one-way regular route fares \$3.00

B. Charter Service:

Seat Cap.	Per Live Mile	Per Deadhead Mile	First 5 Hrs or less	Each Add'l Hour
37-48	\$2.52	\$1.58	\$315.00	\$63.00
14-36	2.05	1.26	237.00	48.00
13 or Less	1.21	1.05	132.00	27.00

MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska, this 15th day of August, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Lowell Johnson*

*Carl Johnson*

//s//Frank E. Landis  
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

*Frank E. Landis*  
Chairman

ATTESTS:

*John Burian*  
Deputy Director