

**BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Prescription of	)	APPLICATION NO. BR-267
Reasonable Rates and Charges for Motor	)	
Carriers Passengers and Property for Hire	)	GRANTED ON AN EMERGENCY
Subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.	)	BASIS
(Reissue 1996), Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.	)	
	)	ENTERED: October 30, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

**OPINION AND FINDINGS**

On October 9, 2001, Hope Transportation, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to establish van rates for its use as follows:

Description (See Notes)	Proposed	
	One Way	Round Trip
1. Non-Medical Transportation	\$13.00	\$26.00
2. Medical Transportation	\$13.00	\$26.00
3. Medical Escort	\$13.00	\$26.00

Note 1: Transportation rates are per person.

Note 2: The medical escort rate is in addition to the transportation rate and applies when a person other than the driver is required to escort a passenger.

Emergency action is requested.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1557. The certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers in open class service by passenger van between points in Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties, including the transportation of clients of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), services under contract with DHHS, and other similar state and federal agencies.

According to the Applicant, the proposed rates are based on expenses and are competitive with other passenger carriers in the area operating similar type equipment. The proposed rates are necessary to cover the cost of insurance, fuel, and vehicle maintenance. The proposed rates are believed to be sufficient to produce a reasonable profit and still maintain a quality service.

Applicant recently received its authority as a common carrier to provide a van service in Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington counties. The proposed rates are competitive with other carriers providing a similar service with like equipment. The application is filed in compliance

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with Section 75-308 (Rates) and 75-121 (Emergency rate orders), R.R.S. 1996 and the Commission rules.

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 on an emergency basis effective November 2, 2001.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective November 2, 2001, Hope Transportation, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to establish van rates for its use as follows:

Description	(See Notes)	One Way	Round Trip
4.	Non-Medical Transportation	\$13.00	\$26.00
5.	Medical Transportation	\$13.00	\$26.00
6.	Medical Escort	\$13.00	\$26.00

Note 1: Transportation rates are per person.

Note 2: The medical escort rate is in addition to the transportation rate and applies when a person other than the driver is required to escort a passenger.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that public notice of this action be published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska pursuant to the provisions of Section 75-121, R.R.S. 1996, and the Commission's rules.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2001.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Lowell D. Benson*  
*Gerald L. Vay*  
*Aune C. Boyle*

*Frank E. Landis*  
 Chairman

ATTEST:

*Ed S. Pollan*  
 Executive Director

*Frank E. Landis*

//s//Frank E. Landis