

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Prescription of)	APPLICATION NO. BR-269
Reasonable Rates and Charges for Motor)	
Carriers Passengers and Property for Hire)	GRANTED
Subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.)	
(Reissue 1996), Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.)	ENTERED: JANUARY 8, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On October 18, 2001, MAVM Ventures, Inc., dba A & B Shuttle, Omaha, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its zone rates to and from Eppley Airfield, establish zone rates between points within the Omaha metropolitan area, amend its van charter service rates, and redefine its rate zones as follows:

I. Van Shuttle Service between Eppley Airfield and:
(Subject to Notes 1 - 7)

Zone	One Passenger	Two thru four Passenger	Five or More Pass
1	\$12.00	\$18.00	Charter Fare
2	\$16.00	\$24.00	
3	\$20.00	\$30.00	
4	\$24.00	\$36.00	

Note 1: Passengers originating or terminating outside of Zone 4 will be charged the Charter Rate.

Note 2: Baggage charge in excess of two pieces of stowed baggage and one piece of carry on baggage per person will be assessed a rate of \$2.00 per piece.

Note 3: Passengers departing Eppley Airfield, scheduled or non-scheduled, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. will be assessed an additional \$10.00 plus an additional \$12.00 per hour (\$3.00 per quarter hour) while waiting for the passenger to arrive. Hourly charges are based on the quarter hour rounded to the nearest quarter hour. Fractions of a quarter hour will be disposed of as follows:

A. If greater than 7.5 minutes, increase to the next quarter hour.

B. If less than 7.5 minutes, reduce to the previous quarter hour.

Note 4: Passengers making a reservation less than eight (8) hours prior to the requested pick up time will be charged one and one-half (1.5) times the standard Zone Rate.

Note 5: Passengers requesting exclusive use of the van will be charged twice the standard Zone Rate.

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Note 7: Passengers traveling with a pet will be charged \$10.00 per pet.

II Van Shuttle Service between Zones Exclusive of Eppley Airfield:
(Subject to Notes 1 - 6)

Description	Rate
A. Within a zone	\$12.00/1 - 4 persons
C. From one zone to another zone	\$12.00 plus \$4.00 for each zone entered including the destination zone
D. Passengers requiring a wheelchair van, within a zone	\$22.00/1 - 4 persons
E. Passengers requiring a wheelchair van from one zone to another zone	\$22.00 plus \$4.00 for each zone entered including the destination zone.

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III Van Charter Rates:
(Subject to Notes 1, 2 & 3)

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IV Description of Zone Boundaries:

- Zone 1: On the north -- Ames Ave., as extended from 60th Street east to the Missouri River; on the west -- 60th Street, as extended from F Street to Ames Ave.; on the south -- F Street, as extended from 60th Street east to the Missouri River; and on the east -- the Missouri River.
- Zone 2: On the north -- Ida Street, as extended from 120th Street east to the Missouri River; on the west -- 120th Street as extended from Harrison Street to Ida Street; on the south -- Harrison Street, as extended from 120th Street east to the Missouri River; and on the east -- the Missouri River.
- Zone 3: On the north -- Rainwood Road, as extended from 168th Street east to the Missouri River; on the west -- 168th Street, as extended from Nebraska Highway 370 to Rainwood Road; on the south -- Nebraska Highway 370, as extended from 168th Street east to the Missouri River; and on the east -- the Missouri River.
- Zone 4: On the north -- Douglas/Washington county line, as extended from 216th Street east to the Missouri River; on the west -- 216th Street, as extended from Fairview Road to the Douglas/Washington county line; on the south -- Fairview Road, as extended from 216th Street east to the Missouri River; and on the east -- the Missouri River.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1558. The Certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers and their baggage by chauffeur-driven motor home between points in Douglas, Sarpy, and Lancaster counties, on the one hand, and on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes. Supplement 1 authorizes the transportation of passengers and their baggage by chauffeur-driven van between points in Douglas, Sarpy, and Lancaster counties over irregular routes.

Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on October 31, 2001, pursuant to the Commission's rules. The application was not protested.

According to the Applicant, the amendment to its rates is necessary to offset the increased cost of insurance, rent, advertising, and payroll. Since purchasing the company in late August 2001, three vans of a five van fleet have been replaced. Many of the trips consist of one individual per van at \$12 per trip. The duration of these trips is 45 to 60 minutes. Vehicle operating costs, wages and administrative costs exceed the average per trip revenue. The current rate structure, which assesses a per person rate, prevents larger families from utilizing the shuttle service. The current rates are insufficient to maintain profitability and to remain in service. Passengers utilizing the shuttle are satisfied with the services received, and they are repeat customers.

Although the A & B Shuttle authority has been in existence for several years, the Applicant recently acquired this authority. The proposed individual rates are an increase averaging 17.5%, while the proposed multiple passenger rates are a reduction averaging 18%. The Applicant further seeks to redefine the rate zones through a reduction in the number of zones and expanding the territory within the redefined zones. Applicant also seeks to establish rates for transporting passengers within a zone and between zones. Currently, Applicant only has rates on file to transport passengers between the airport and the various rate zones and rates for charter service. The proposed rates are lower than the current taxi rates for the same distance; however, shuttle van rates historically are lower than taxi rates. Shuttle van rates are based on the presumption that multiples of fares will utilize the same vehicle.

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.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that MAVM Ventures, Inc., dba A & B Shuttle, Omaha, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its zone rates to and from Eppley Airfield, establish zone rates between points within the Omaha metropolitan area, amend its van charter service rates, and redefine its rate zones as follows:

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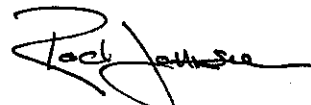
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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 8th day of January, 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

//s//Anne C. Boyle
 //s//Frank E. Landis


 Chair

ATTEST:


 Executive Director