

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) APPLICATION NO. BR-278
Prescription of Reasonable Rates)
and Charges for Motor Carriers) GRANTED ON AN EMERGENCY
Passengers and Property for Hire) BASIS
subject to the Provisions of)
Neb. Rev. Stat. (Reissue 1996),) ENTERED: JULY 9, 2002
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On June 11, 2002, Charles A. Ward, dba Panda Transportation, Valentine, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to establish van rates for its use as follows:

Description	Proposed Rates
A. Trips within Valentine	\$10/trip
B. Trips between Valentine and locations within twenty (20) miles of Valentine	\$25/trip
C. Trips exceeding twenty (20) miles of Valentine	\$ 1/mile
D. After hours fee (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.) (See Note 1)	\$18.00
E. Holidays (See Note 1)	\$18.00
F. Meals (See Note 2)	\$ 5.50
G. Per each additional Passengers (See Note 3)	\$0.20/mile
H. Escort/Matron (See Note 3)	\$0.25/mile

Note 1: After hour and holiday rates are in addition to the rates set forth in A, B, & C above.

Note 2: Applicable for trips exceeding 20 miles of Valentine and occurring at normal mealtime.

Note 3: Applicable for trips exceeding 20 mile of Valentine

Emergency is requested

Applicant is certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1580. The Certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers, including the transportation of Health and Human Services clients and prisoners in open class service by van between points in Sheridan, Cherry, Keya Paha,

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Brown, and Rock counties, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes. RESTRICTION: Service for trips originating in Adams and Hall counties is not authorized.

According to the Applicant, the proposed rates are based on projected income and expenses. 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 authority to provide van service within its defined area. The proposed rates are competitive with other carriers providing a similar service with like equipment. The application is filed in compliance 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 July 12, 2002.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective July 12, 2002, Charles A. Ward, dba Panda Transportation, Valentine, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to establish van rates for its use as follows:

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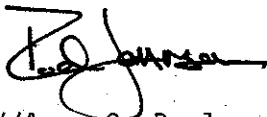
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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that public notice of this action be published in The Dally Record, Omaha, Nebraska pursuant to the provisions of Section 75-121, R.R.S. 1996, and the Commission's rules.

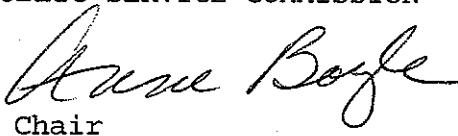
MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 9th day of July, 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

//s//Anne C. Boyle


Chair

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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