

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) APPLICATION NO. BR-281
Prescription of Reasonable Rates)
and Charges for Motor Carriers) GRANTED
Passengers and Property for Hire)
subject to the Provisions of) ENTERED: SEPTEMBER 11, 2002
Neb. Rev. Stat. (Reissue 1996),)
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On September 4, 2002, Platte County Ambulance Co., dba Midwest Medical Transport Co., Columbus, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to establish transportation rates for handicapped or incapacitated passengers as follows:

| Description | Proposed Rates |
|--|----------------|
| 1. Base Rate (Trips up to ten miles from point of origin) | \$32/trip |
| 2. Rate in excess of ten miles | |
| a. Base Rate | \$32/trip |
| b. Plus a loaded mileage rate | 2.15/mile |
| 3. Holiday, weekends or before 7:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m. (Rate is in addition to the per trip rate or the per trip plus per loaded mile rate) | \$20 |
| 4. Waiting Time: | |
| a. First 15 minutes | No Charge |
| b. Each 15 minutes after free time (One person crew) | \$ 9.00 |
| c. Each 15 minutes after free time (Two person crew) | \$12.00 |
| 5. Extra attendant: | |
| a. Attendant | \$10/hour |
| b. EMT | \$15/hour |
| c. Paramedic | \$25/hour |
| 6. Oxygen Tank | \$28 |

Emergency action is requested.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1588. The Certificate authorizes the transportation of handicapped or incapacitated passengers between

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points in Columbus, Fremont, and Grand Island and between points in said cities, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes.

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 transportation services to the handicapped and incapacitated passengers. 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 September 14, 2002.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective September 14, 2002, Platte County Ambulance Co., dba Midwest Medical Transport Co., Columbus, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to establish transportation rates for handicapped or incapacitated passengers as follows:

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| d. Each 15 minutes after free time | |

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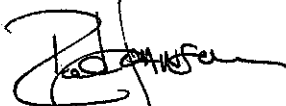
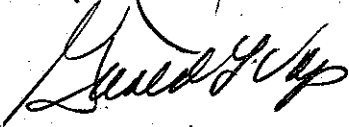
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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that public notice of this action be published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, pursuant to the provisions of Section 75-121, R.R.S. 1996, and the Commission's rules.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 11th day of September, 2002.

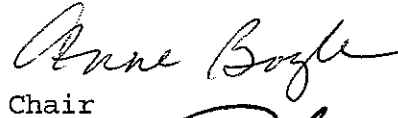
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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



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

ATTEST:



Chair



Executive Director

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