

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the ) APPLICATION NO. BR-284  
Prescription of Reasonable Rates )  
and Charges for Motor Carriers ) GRANTED  
Passengers and Property for Hire )  
subject to the Provisions of ) ENTERED: FEBRUARY 11, 2003  
Neb. Rev. Stat. (Reissue 1996), )  
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.

BY THE COMMISSION:

### OPINION AND FINDINGS

On December 13, 2002, Robert Bass, dba Upper Nile Staff, Omaha, Nebraska filed an application for authority to amend its van rates as follows:

Description	Proposed Rates
A. Standard Fare:	
1. One-way	\$18/trip
2. Round-trip	36/trip
B. Wheelchair:	
1. One-way	\$40/trip
2. Round-trip	80/trip

Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on December 17, 2002, pursuant to the Commission rules. There were no protests filed.

The Applicant is a certificated contract carrier which holds Permit B-1584. The permit authorizes the transportation of passengers by passenger van between points in Douglas and Sarpy counties under continuing contracts with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

Applicant acquired the authority in January 2003, through a transfer of authority. Although the rates for Upper Nile Staff. were approved in June 2002, the Applicant states that the amendment proposes to add rates for wheelchair bound passengers. The Applicant believes the proposed rates will be sufficient to cover its expenses (i.e. insurance, vehicle maintenance, fuel, etc.) and still produce a profit.

The proposed rates are competitive with the rates on file and approved for use by competing carriers operating similar type

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of vehicles. The proposed standard rates are the same as the rates approved for trips within Douglas County. The proposed standard rates would be used for ambulatory passengers within its authorized territory. The proposed wheelchair rates are new. The proposed wheelchair rates are consistent with its competitors rates.

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, Robert Bass, dba Upper Nile Staff, Omaha, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its van rates as follows:

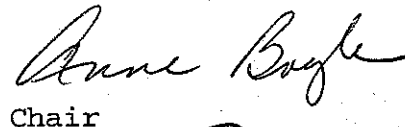
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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2003.

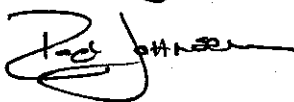
NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



  
Chair

ATTEST:



  
Executive Director

//s//Anne C. Boyle