

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) APPLICATION NO. BR-285
Prescription of Reasonable Rates)
and Charges for Motor Carriers) GRANTED
Passengers and Property for Hire)
subject to the Provisions of) ENTERED: August 12, 2003
Neb. Rev. Stat. (Reissue 1996),)
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On April 15, 2003, Prime Consultants, Inc., dba Goodwill Medical Transportation, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska filed an application for authority to amend its van rates and to establish weekend and after 5:00 p.m. rates for its use as follows:

Description (See Note)	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
I. Standard Rates:		
A. Ambulatory passenger		
1. One-way	\$13.00	\$18.00
2. Round-trip	26.00	36.00
B. Wheelchair passenger		
1. One-way	\$30.00	\$38.00
2. Round-trip	60.00	76.00
II. Weekend and after 5:00 p.m. rates (New)		
A. Ambulatory passenger		
1. One-way		\$20.00
2. Round-trip		40.00
B. Wheelchair passenger		
1. One-way		\$40.00
2. Round-trip		80.00

Note: Rates are per person

Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record. Omaha, Nebraska, on April 17, 2003, pursuant to the Commission rules. There were no protests filed.

The Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1555. The certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers in open class service by passenger van between points in Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington counties over irregular routes.

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According to the Applicant, the proposed rate increases are necessary to cover the increasing cost of insurance, fuel, vehicle maintenance, driver compensation, and other operating expenses. The increase requested for weekend and after 5:00 p.m. service is deemed necessary to provide adequate compensation for the drivers. The retention of good drivers is important to provide a professional, courteous service to our clientele.

Applicant has been in operation since October 2001. In support of the application, the Applicant provided financial data for its first full year of operation. The financial data reveals gross income of \$96,407; however, after expenses, the balance at the end of the year was \$3,532. Applicant is operating three vans. The proposed rates are competitive with other van operators operating in the Omaha metropolitan area.

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 Prime Consultants, Inc., dba Goodwill Medical Transportation, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its van rates and to establish weekend and after 5:00 p.m. rates for its use as follows:

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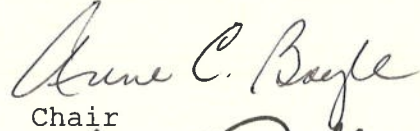
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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 12th day of August, 2003.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:


Chair

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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