

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the	)	APPLICATION NO. BR-286
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: MAY 13, 2003
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.		

BY THE COMMISSION:

### OPINION AND FINDINGS

On April 29, 2003, Caring Network, Inc. Omaha, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to establish van rates for its use as follows:

Description	Proposed Rates
A. Standard Service	
1. Ambulatory client - one-way	\$13.50/trip
2. Non-ambulatory client - one-way	31.50/trip
B. Escort Service	
1. Ambulatory client	\$13.50/hour plus standard service rate "A 1" above
2. Non-ambulatory client	\$31.50/hour plus standard service rate "A 2" above

Note 1: Hours of operation are from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Monday through Friday.

Note 2: Services required on weekends, holidays and between  
7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. require a minimum of 24 hour  
advanced notice.

Emergency action is requested.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1597. The certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers in Nebraska intrastate commerce to provide open class service by van between points in Douglas, Sarpy and Dodge counties over irregular routes. To include the transportation of clients of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

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According to the Applicant, the proposed rates are based on vehicle costs, depreciation, administration, insurance and other expenses related to operating a transportation business. The proposed rates are believed to be sufficient to produce a reasonable profit and still maintain a quality service.

Applicant recently received authority to transport passenger's for-hire as an open class provider. The rates proposed are competitive with the rates on file for other open class carriers offering similar services. The application is filed in compliance with Sections 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 May 16, 2003.

## ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective May 16, 2003, Caring Network, Inc. Omaha, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to establish van rates for its use as follows:

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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 Sections 75-121, R.R.S. 1996 and the Commission's Rules.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2003.

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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Lowell Johnson*  
*Frank E. Landis*

ATTEST:

*Anne C. Boyle*  
Chair  
*Ady Pollock*  
Executive Director

*Lowell Johnson*

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