

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Prescription) APPLICATION NO. BR-295
of Reasonable Rates and Charges)
for Motor Carriers Passengers and) GRANTED
Property for Hire Subject to the)
Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.) ENTERED: August 24, 2004
(Reissue 1996), Chapter 75,)
Articles 1 and 3.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On April 8, 2004, Hope Transportation, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to raise its rates for its use as follows:

Description	(See Notes)	Proposed	
		One Way	Round Trip
1. Wheelchair Transportation		\$35.00	\$65.00
2. Non-Wheelchair Transportation		\$18.00	\$36.00
3. Wheelchair weekend and holiday Transportation			
		\$40.00	\$75.00
4. Non-wheelchair weekend/holiday Transportation			
		\$20.00	\$40.00

Note: Transportation rates are per person.

Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 22, 2004, pursuant to the Commission's rules. The application was not protested.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1557. The certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers in open class service by passenger van between points in Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties, including the transportation of clients of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), services under contract with DHHS, and other similar state and federal agencies.

According to the Applicant, the proposed rates are based on expenses and are competitive with other passenger carriers in the area operating similar type equipment. The applicant has experienced significant increases in gasoline and maintenance of its fleet. The applicant has also provided raises for its employees. The proposed rates are necessary to cover these increased costs. The proposed rates are believed to be sufficient to produce a reasonable profit and still maintain a quality service.

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

APPLICATION NO. BR-295

PAGE TWO

The proposed rates are similar to rates on file for other carriers in the metropolitan Omaha area that are providing similar services. The application is filed in compliance with Section 75-308 (Rates) 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.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective August 10, 2004, Hope Transportation, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to establish van rates for its use as follows:


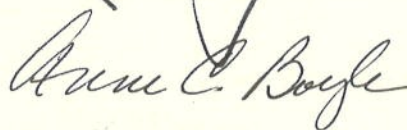
Description	(See Notes)	One Way	Round Trip
1.	Wheelchair Transportation	\$35.00	\$65.00
2.	Non-Wheelchair Transportation	\$18.00	\$36.00
3.	Wheelchair weekend and holiday Transportation	\$40.00	\$75.00
4.	Non-wheelchair weekend/holiday	\$20.00	\$40.00

Note: Transportation rates are per person.

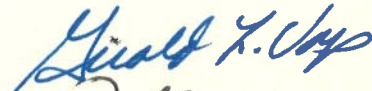
MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 24th day of August, 2004.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman



ATTEST:


Executive Director

//s// Frank E. Landis

//s// Gerald L. Vap