

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Prescription) APPLICATION NO. BR-297
of Reasonable Rates and Charges)
for Motor Carriers Passengers and) GRANTED
Property for Hire Subject to the)
Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.) ENTERED: November 3, 2004
(Reissue 1996), Chapter 75,)
Articles 1 and 3.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On August 2, 2004, The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to raise its rates for its use as follows:

Description	(See Notes)	Rate
A.	Between Eppley Airfield, Omaha, And Lied Conference Center, Nebraska City	\$20.00
B.	Between Lincoln Airport, Lincoln And Lied Conference Center, Nebraska City	\$20.00

Note: Transportation rates are per person one-way.

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

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1606. The certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers by van, between points in Otoe County and between points within said county, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska under continuing contracts with the Lied Conference Center. The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized, and transportation passengers shall only be registered guests at the Lied Conference Center.

According to the Applicant, they have experienced significant increases in gasoline costs and in the maintenance of its fleet. 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.

The Commission is aware of the general nature of the increase in costs for providers such as the Foundation, especially in the area of gasoline costs. The Commission also notes that the Applicant has not had an increase in its rates since January of 2000. The Commission hopes the Applicant will come before it more frequently and ask for more moderate increases in the future.

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The proposed rates are similar to rates on file for other carriers 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 November 13, 2004, The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to establish van rates for its use as follows:

Description (See Notes)	Rate
A. Between Eppley Airfield, Omaha, And Lied Conference Center, Nebraska City	\$20.00
B. Between Lincoln Airport, Lincoln And Lied Conference Center, Nebraska City	\$20.00

Note: Transportation rates are per person, one-way.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 3rd day of November, 2004.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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