

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the)	APPLICATION NO. BR-315
Prescription of Reasonable Rates)	
and Charges for Motor Carriers)	GRANTED AS AMENDED ON AN
Passengers and Property for Hire)	EMERGENCY BASIS
subject to the Provisions of)	
Neb. Rev. Stat. (Reissue 1996),)	ENTERED: May 2, 2006
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.)	

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPININON AND FINDINGS

On April 26, 2006, Midwest Special Services, Inc., Curtis, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its open class rates for its use as follows:

Description	Current	Proposed
I. From point-to-point of delivery, per person	\$1.23/mile	\$1.33/mile
II. One-way trips two miles or less per person	\$5.50	\$5.95
III. One way trips two to Ten miles per person	\$15.00	\$16.25

Emergency action is requested.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1351. The certificate authorizes the transportation of prisoners between points in Nebraska over irregular routes. Supplement 1 authorizes (A) the transportation of medical patients in need of supervised assistance between points in Nebraska over irregular routes; and (B) transportation of passengers and their baggage between points in Nebraska over irregular routes under continuing contracts with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. Supplement 2 authorizes the transportation of passengers and their baggage in vans or sport utility vehicles rates at fifteen (15) passengers or less . . . between points in Nebraska over irregular routes. Supplements 1 and 2 to its authority carry restrictions.

The Applicant is requesting that it be allowed to raise its rates on an average of just over eight percent. According to the Applicant, the proposed increase in rates are due to the recent increases in the cost of gasoline. The Applicant was last previously granted an increase in March of 2005. At that time, the cost of gasoline had reached just over \$2.00 per gallon. As

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of the time of this order, the cost of gasoline is at or near \$2.90 per gallon. This is an increase of forty-five percent in just over one year.

The Commission is aware of the substantial increase in the cost of gasoline in the past few weeks. It is aware that the size of the increase negatively impacts on providers such as the Applicant. The Commission finds that an emergency situation exists due to the size of the increase in gasoline costs have incurred and the short time period that it occurred in.

The amount of the increase requested by the Applicant is reasonable under the circumstances. The application is filed in compliance with Sections 75-308 (Rates) and 75-121 (Emergency Rate Orders) R.R.S. 2003 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 May 5, 2006.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective May 5, 2006, Midwest Special Services, Inc., Curtis, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to establish open class rates for its use as follows:

Description	Rates
I. From point-to-point of delivery, per person	\$1.33 per mile
II. One-way trips two miles or less per person	\$5.95
III. One way trips two to Fifteen miles per person	\$16.25

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 Section 75-121. R.R.S. 2004, and the Commission's rules.

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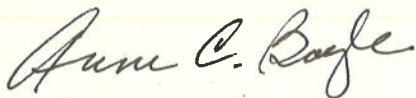
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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 2nd day of May,
2006.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:


Chairman

ATTEST:



Executive Director

//s// Lowell C. Johnson

//s// Frank E. Landis