BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the)	APPLICATION NO. BR-319
Prescription of Reasonable Rates)	
and Charges for Motor Carriers)	
Passengers and Property for Hire)	GRANTED AS MODIFIED ON
subject to the Provisions of)	AN EMERGENCY BASIS
Neb. Rev. Stat. (Reissue 2003),)	
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.)	
)	ENTERED: OCTOBER 24, 2006

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On August 21, 2006, R & F Hobbies, Inc., dba Prince of the Road, Ravenna, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its non-charter individual passenger service rates as follows:

Description		Current	Proposed
II. Rural Mileage	Rates		
A. First Passe: B. When more the Picked up as	_	\$1.215	\$1.335
And taken to Destination			
Additional per	Passenger Rate	\$0.52	n/c

Note 1: Subject to a minimum charge of \$26.25 per one-way trip.

Note 2: Parent(s), children or companion of client may accompany client without charge.

Urban Rates:

A.	Passenger within city limits	\$17.95	\$19.95
	(per one way)		
В.	Additional stops within city	\$5.50	n/c
	(per stop)		
С.	Additional person for escort		
	Of passenger within city	\$8.80	n/c

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Emergency action is requested.

In support of its application, the Applicant represents to the Commission that its last increase was in September of 2005. The state reimbursement rate is currently at \$0.445 per mile. The Department of Health and Human Services rate of reimbursement will rise to \$1.26 per mile on November 1, 2006. The applicant represents to the Commission that it will be at a disadvantage with regards to its Health and Human Services clients if the rate is not approved.

The applicant has also requested an increase in its urban passenger rates within city limits of eleven percent. The Commission granted an increase in this rate of under two percent in 2005. The Commission finds that an increase of five percent would be reasonable under the circumstances and therefore the rate approved should be \$18.95 per one-way trip.

In order to grant an application on an emergency basis, the applicant must show and the Commission must find that an emergency situation exists. The Commission does find that the rates should be approved as modified on an emergency basis due to the fact that the applicant would be at a disadvantage with regards to the Department of Health and Human Services if the rate increase is not granted as well as to cover the increased costs of fuel due to gasoline prices.

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 October 31, 2006.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service commission that R & R Hobbies, Inc., dba Prince of the Road, Ravenna, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its non-charter individual passenger service rates as per the attached rate schedule which by reference hereto becomes a part hereof.

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. 2003, and the Commission rules.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 24th day of October, 2006.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Executive Director

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING

ATTEST:

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//s// Lowell C. Johnson
//s// Frank E. Landis