

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) APPLICATION NO. BR-335
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 2003),) ENTERED: MAY 13, 2008
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPININON AND FINDINGS

On April 10, 2008, MAVM Ventures, Inc., d/b/a A & B Shuttle, Omaha, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its open class rates for its use as follows:

Description	Current		Proposed Rates	
	One	Two/more	One	Two/more
Zone 1	\$15	\$19	\$16	\$20
Zone 2	\$17	\$23	\$18	\$24
Zone 3	\$23	\$29	\$24	\$30
Zone 4	\$27	\$35	\$28	\$36
Zone 5	\$31	\$41	\$32	\$42

Charter Rates \$40/hour \$42/hour

The above current rates include an approved surcharge for gasoline charges above \$2.95 per gallon. The Proposed rates are as set forth without any surcharge being applicable.

Emergency action is requested.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1558. The certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers and their baggage by chauffer-driven motor home between points in Douglas, Sarpy, and Lancaster counties, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes. Supplement 1 authorizes the transportation of passengers and their baggage by chauffer-driven van between points in Douglas, Sarpy and Lancaster counties over irregular routes.

The Applicant last received a rate increase in May of 2006. At that time, the price of gasoline had reached

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nearly \$2.90 per gallon. As of the time of this order, the price of gasoline is at or above \$3.60 per gallon. This is an increase of twenty-four percent. Much of the increase has occurred in the last few months.

The price of gasoline alone has increased twenty-four percent since the last granting of an increase for the Applicant in May of 2006. This increase in gasoline costs has also has an effect on other costs for the Applicant including maintenance costs. Increases of costs of this magnitude have a major negative effect on the operations of companies such as the Applicant.

The adjustments made in the proposed rates, at current gasoline cost levels, amount to an increase in the rates for the Applicant of between two and seven percent. The proposed rates incorporate the gasoline surcharge approved by the Commission in May of 2006 into the rates charged. The Charter rate request amounts to a five percent increase.

The increases proposed are reasonable under the circumstances. The cost of gasoline has risen greatly in the immediate past, and it does not appear that it will decrease in the near future. The Commission finds that the increase in the cost of gasoline does constitute an emergency situation that justifies the granting of the Application on an emergency basis. The Commission does reserve the ability to revisit the approved rates on its own motion if the price of gasoline retreats significantly in the future. A major factor in our approval of the rates is the current high cost of gasoline and the surcharge that has now been placed in the rates. If gasoline costs were to subside then the rates may need to be reconsidered.

The rates proposed are reasonable for the service provided. The application is filed in compliance with Sections 75-308 (Rates) R.R.S. 2007 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, 2008.

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ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that, effective May 16, 2008, MAVM Ventures, Inc., d/b/a A & B Shuttle, Omaha, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its open class rates for its use as follows:

Description	Rates	
	One	Two/more Passengers
Zone 1	\$16	\$20
Zone 2	\$18	\$24
Zone 3	\$24	\$30
Zone 4	\$28	\$36
Zone 5	\$32	\$42

Charter Rates \$42/hour

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service that notice of this amendment to their rates be conspicuously displayed within each vehicle.

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. 2007, and the Commissions Rules.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 13th day of May, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Shirley L. Up

Chair

Red [unclear]
Tom Schram

ATTEST:

Theresa [unclear]

Executive Director

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