In the Matter of the

Prescription of Reasonable
Rates and Charges for Motor
Carriers Passengers and
Property for Hire subject to
the Provisions of Neb. Rev.
Stat. (Reissue 2003), Chapter
75, Articles 1 and 3.

APPLICATION NO. BR-387

GRANTED AS AMENDED ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS

EMERGENCY BASIS

ENTERED: MAY 3, 2011

BY THE COMMISSION:

## OPININON AND FINDINGS

On April 19, 2011, Champion Homes of Hastings, LLC, Hastings, Hastings, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its rates for its use in its operations as follows:

	Proposed
Description	Rates
One way trip	\$7.65
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Round Trip	\$11.44

Emergency action is requested.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate Number B-1705. The certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers and their baggage that are clients of Champion Homes of Hastings, LLC, between points in Adams County, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes HHS Designation: Yes. Transportation of Railroad Train Crews: No

The Applicant represents to the Commission that the proposed rate is based upon a new contract that it has signed with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. The contract, which is for non-emergency medical transportation for the Department, will take effect on May 1, 2011. The Applicant provides transportation of passengers who are clients of its services home in Hastings.

On April 26, 2011, the Commission entered an order granting the application on an emergency basis. Subsequent

to that order, the Applicant, Gary Barrera, contacted the Commission to discuss the order. Mr. Barrera stated that the application was not clear as to his intent regarding round trip charges. The application requested in increase in the one-way trip pursuant to a contract signed with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. round trip charge was made mention of the in He had thought that the round trip charge application. would be increased to \$15.30, or twice the amount of the one-way trip charge. Mr. Barrera requested that the application be amended to reflect his intended increase in the round trip charge as well as the increase in the oneway charge as set forth in the original application.

The Commission finds that the requested increase in the round-trip rate is reasonable pursuant to contract signed with the Department. In applications such as these, the Commission must find that an emergency situation exists. Such a situation exists in this application as amended as the Applicant cannot charge the Department the new contract rate until such time as the Commission approves the proposed rate. The Commission finds that the Applicant will be disadvantaged as to the new contract if the application is denied on an emergency basis.

This order relates only to the increase in the round-trip charges. The granting on an emergency basis on April 26, 2011, shall remain in full force and effect as to the one way charge of \$7.65 that took effect on April 29, 2011.

Upon consideration of the application and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the application as amended should be granted on an emergency basis effective May 6, 2011.

## ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective May 6, 2011, Champion Homes of Hastings, L.L.C., Hastings, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend rates for its use as follows:

Description	Rates
One way trip	\$7.65
Round Trip	\$15.30

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that public notice of this action be published in the <u>Daily Record</u>, Omaha, Nebraska, pursuant to the provisions of Section 75-121. R.R.S. 2003, and the Commissions Rules.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 3rd day of May, 2011.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST

Executive Director

//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Tim Schram