

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) APPLICATION NO. BR-430
Prescription of Reasonable Rates)
and Charges for Motor Carriers)
Passengers and Property for Hire) GRANTED ON AN EMERGENCY
Subject to the Provisions of) BASIS
Neb. Rev. Stat. (Reissue 2003),)
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.)
(Emerald Limousine)) ENTERED: AUGUST 27, 2013

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On August 8, 2013, Emerald Limousine, Inc., Crescent, Iowa, filed an application for authority to amend rates for its use in its operations as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<u>Trolley Rates:</u>	
Sunday through Thursday	\$125/HR
Friday and Saturday	\$150/HR
Sunday through Friday	2 HR minimum
Saturday	3 HR minimum
Split Fee	\$50

Daily Rate- After 6 hours at full price, option to go to \$99/HR for each additional hour

Weddings/Quincenerras:

First Hour	\$400
Each Additional Hour	\$150

Corporate / Affiliate Rate: \$125/HR

Holidays, Special Events (Husker game days, concerts)

Per Hour (3 hour minimum) \$150/hr

Holiday light tours (3 hr minimum) \$150/hr
(applies November 30 to January 2)

Prom bookings have a four hour minimum.

Homecoming bookings have a three hour minimum.

Surcharges:

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All runs are subject to a 5 percent and a fuel surcharge based on the following table when four (4) or more hours are booked:

\$3.00 - 3.25	9%
\$3.26 - 3.50	10%
\$3.51 - 3.75	11%
\$3.76 - 4.00	12%
\$4.01 - 4.25	13%
\$4.26 - 4.50	14%
\$4.51 - 4.75	15%

With every increase thereafter of \$0.25 the surcharge would increase by one percent.

Buy one hour get one hour free may be offered from January 1 to March 30 with a minimum of two hours booked.

Emergency action is requested.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate Number B-1769. The certificate allows the transportation of passengers by bus, statewide, over irregular routes intrastate Nebraska, and trolley, within a 250 mile radius of Omaha, Nebraska, over irregular routes. RESTRICTION: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: No.

The Applicant represents to the Commission that the proposed changes in its rates are based upon current market trends as well as the experience of the Applicant with its business bookings. The rates are anticipated to be competitive with other companies providing a similar service.

The Applicant is proposing that some of the rates have contracted minimum hour requirements, an increase in the Wedding package and the addition of Quincenerras to its service and an adjustment to its fuel surcharge. The adjustment in the fuel surcharge amounts to a two percent increase in the surcharge.

The Commission finds that the proposed rates are reasonable. They appear to be competitive with the rates as filed by other companies that the Applicant competes with and should be approved.

The Commission finds that any offers regarding a buy one hour get one hour free must be offered in advance and for a set time period. This time period may not be before January 1 or after March 30.

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In applications such as these, the Commission must find that an emergency situation exists. The Commission finds that such situation exists in this application as the Applicant should be placed in a position to apply its proposed rates in its operations so as to place itself in a competitive position.

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 September 13, 2013.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective September 28, 2013, Emerald Limousine, Inc., Crescent, Iowa be, and it is hereby, authorized to establish rates for the following vehicles its use as follows:

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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. 2008, and the Commission's Rules.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 27th day of August, 2013.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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